



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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### Parish Office and Religious Education:

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

### St. John Newman Regional School: (K-8)

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### PREP:

Grades K, 1, 2 Sun 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
Grades 3 - 8 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

### BVMSN Credit Union:

484-272-2858

### Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

**Second Reading** — It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

**Gospel** — "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

## Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30AM  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)

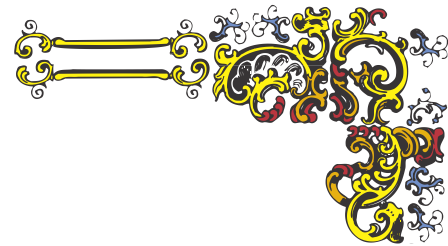
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM  
Benediction: 6:30 PM

### Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM  
Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM  
(other times by appointment)

# A Message from our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to announce to you that beginning this month, we will offer a monthly Holy Hour of prayer for those who have fallen away from the regular practice of the faith. This will be a Holy Hour of the St. Monica Ministry. As we already have Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday, this holy hour will take place from 6-7 PM on the third Wednesday of each month and will conclude our adoration for that week. The St. Monica Ministry has become active in our diocese for over a year now, and currently has a holy hour on the second Wednesday of each month at St. Theresa's parish in Hellertown. The St. Monica Ministry has become a national movement of dedicated laity and priests who gather regularly to pray before the Lord and through the intercession of St. Monica for the re-conversion of those who no longer regularly or faithfully practice the faith.

St. Monica is the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, who at age 29, during the fourth century, became immersed in a heretical sect, called Manichaeism, had a girlfriend with whom he had a son out of wedlock, and had abandoned his mother to set sail for Rome. His heartbroken mother found a way to Rome only to discover he was now in Milan. She caught up with him there, as eventually did her 17 years of prayer — when he was converted in the biggest of ways: eventually becoming a priest and bishop, a canonized saint and doctor of the Church and one of the greatest evangelizers in all of Christendom. St. Augustine himself gives much credit to his mother's relentless prayers as well as her sorrowful tears to being the agent of his conversion.

I invite you to come on 17 January from 6-7 PM for our first Holy Hour at which we will join together in praying for those who have abandoned the faith, especially those we all know and love. Through our prayers together we, with the help of St. Monica, will bring them before the Lord and implore His mercy and grace on their behalf. So often it is difficult to find the opportunities or the words to help bring our family members and friends back to the Lord and His Church. This hour of prayer is an opportunity we should not miss and something we can all do together and it is something that will help to bring the graces needed.

Peace- Father Adam



## RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this

program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy.

It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## St. Nicholas Church Soup Sale

January 20, 2024

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

QUART \$10

PINT \$5

Pre-orders Recommended

Walk-ins Welcome

### Choose from:

- \* Broccoli Cheddar
- \* Clam Chowder (white)
- \* Chicken Noodle
- \* Chili (beef)
- \* Creamy Potato
- \* Sausage Tortellini
- \* Stuffed Pepper

Other Soups Available but Limited

To pre-order email: [kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org)





# Mass Intentions:

- Sat 1/6 4:30 PM James Devlin  
(Stephaine & Edward Erschen)
- Sun 1/7 8:30 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Tommy Pignataro  
(Lisa Pignataro)
- Mon 1/8 8:30 AM St. Nicholas Memorial Society
- Tues 1/9 6:30 PM Steffie Mordawski  
(Daughter Steffie)
- Wed 1/10 8:30 AM Darla Bertalan (Cindy Saab)
- Thu 1/11 8:30 AM George Woytko (Mary Woytko)
- Fri 1/12 No Mass
- Sat 1/13 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 1/14 8:30 AM Helen Kluscarits  
(Theresa Taddeo)  
10:30 AM Richard Hoffman and Martha  
Papay (Joanne Kochmaruk)

## Parish Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday & Sunday: 30 minutes before Mass. Monday & Thursday: 9AM. Tuesday: 6PM. Wednesday & Fridays: 3PM (*immediately after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*).

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Every Wednesday & Friday at 3PM.

## Eucharist Adoration



Jesus still waits for us in the tabernacle.

Please spend time with our Lord, in Eucharistic Adoration.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday between 8:30AM and 6:30PM.

Adoration is powerful! Thank you to everyone who reaffirmed their commitment to spend at least 30 minutes with the Lord per month! Indeed, we are still seeking new (30-minute) commitments to our monthly Adoration schedule on any given Wednesday of the month (*between the hours of 09:30 to 6:30PM*) by signing the clipboards on the table in the vestibule.

## Counting Our Blessings

12/24- Collection	\$4,374.00
12/25 Donation	\$3,311.00
School	\$27.00
Christmas	\$23,882.00
Christmas Flowers	\$61.00
Preservation & Restoration	\$1,696.00
Other	\$45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,396.00</b>

# Thank You!

### Lector Ministry Schedule

	January 13-14	January 20-21
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Steven Bertalan	Bill Caserta
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Tony Fixl	Brian Keefe
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Carl Litwin	John McRoberts

### Tabernacle Candle Intentions

To reserve one of the Lamps for a weekly intention, donation is \$10.



### Altar Wine and Bread

You are able to reserve in your name the Altar Wine and Bread used throughout the week for all the Masses. Donation is \$20.



### Blessed Mother or St. Joseph Flowers

Each arrangement is a donation of \$35. Stop by or call the parish office.



## Week of January 7 to 13

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Wednesday Adorers*

*St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of St. Nicholas Memorial Society*



## Knights of Columbus



**St. Nicholas Council #16656 A Star Award Council** has been recognized for their church and community service and outreach programs.

Men that are practicing Catholics and 18 years old are eligible to join.

Call the Parish Office for more information. **To make your registration** easier, you can join the K of C online at [kofc.org/JoinUs](http://kofc.org/JoinUs).

**K of C** General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:30 PM, Officers' Meeting 4th Wed @ 7:30PM.

## We Need Your Help!

If you or you know a parishioner that is homebound or is in or going into in a nursing home or personal care facility, please let us know by calling the Parish Office.

## Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail [dkine224@gmail.com](mailto:dkine224@gmail.com) with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our prayer list is now connected with Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a **Universal Prayer Chain**. This is a HUGE step for us because those on our prayer list will be having prayers said for them all over the world...Praise God!



**If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound** Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick, and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery.

Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!

## Winter Weather and Wednesday Adoration

In the case of winter storms, if Northampton School district is delayed, Adoration will begin at Noon, if school is canceled, Adoration will also be cancelled for the day. A Flock-note message will also be sent out.

Daily Mass will always be offered at the usual times regardless of weather.



## Boy Scouts

**Boys Scouts** meet Thursdays at 7 PM in the social hall. For more information, please call Mike, 610-824-6556.

## Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area. For example: prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.



Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484.597.3685

Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.

## BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Churches. We offer lower interest rate loans and financial counseling if you want to help clean up your credit. Your money is insured up to \$250,000.

For more information, call the credit union at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on Monday nights from 7pm-9pm. We are here for you.

## Caring Cardmaking ♥♥♥

Our card making team at St. Nicks (Caring Cards) is in full swing. If you know of someone who is having surgery, is ill, is homebound or in a nursing home or hospice please contact us with their names and addresses so that we can get a card off to them. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:30 in the social hall.



You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 464-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.

## St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let Deacon Mike in the parish office know.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

**Alcoholics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to do stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.

JANUARY		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 1/11	9:30 AM	Bill Caserta, Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin
Thurs. 1/18	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst
Thurs. 1/25	9:30 AM	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro

### Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

### Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM



**Knights of Columbus Council #16656**

## All You Can Eat Breakfast

**\$10 - Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■ 5 and Under Free**

Pancakes		Made to order Omelets
Sausage		Creamed Chip Beef
Home Fries		Ham
Coffee/Tea/Juice		Toast

**January 21, 2024  
8am - 12:00pm**

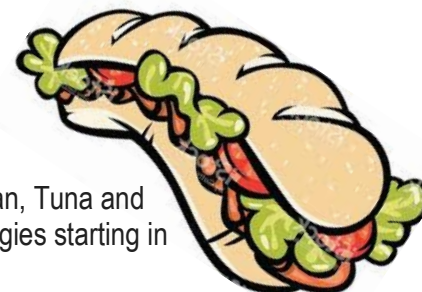
**In the St. Nicholas Social Hall**

### Bible Study Thursdays



The Bible begins with a wedding (Genesis 2:23-24) and ends with a wedding (Revelation 19:9; 21:9 22:17). Just as the number '7' represents "complete perfection", the number '666' represents a "complete falling short of perfection". Our Bible Study of the Book of Revelation is entering its final chapters: (1) the 7 letters of warning have been delivered to the 7 churches; (2) the judgments to come have been revealed through the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls; and (3) the great cosmic struggle between good and evil has been revealed. But how will this all play out? Please join us as Jesus Christ ushers in the three (3) pivotal events that occur in Chapter 19: **Thursdays at 6:30PM (01/04, 01/18, and 02/01/2024).**

### BOY SCOUT TROUP 62 HOAGIE SALE IS BACK!!!!



We will be selling Italian, Tuna and Veggie, and Ham Hoagies starting in January, 2024.

Orders are due by **Wednesday 1/10/2024**. Orders can be picked up Wednesday **evening 1/17/2024 around 7-7:30pm** at the Church Social Hall.

**ITALIAN HOAGIE** w/ Lettuce + Tomato - \$6.00 (9" rolls baked fresh from Vallos Bakery)

Here's what you get: Italian hoagies with Yellow Banana Peppers (medium to mild spice), Lettuce, tomatoes, and red shaved onions. Meats include Salami, Capicola (Hot Italian Ham), and Regular cooked ham. The cheese will be Provolone.

Italian Hoagie Order Options: with Onions + Peppers, Plain or without Onions + Peppers; with Onions only; with Peppers only.

**TUNA W/ CHEESE ON KAISER** - \$6.00

**HAM W/ CHEESE ON KAISER** - \$6.00

**VEGGIE HOAGIE W/ CHEESE NO MEAT, ONIONS + PEPPERS** - \$6.00 (Provolone and Cheddar Jack)

Included: Yellow Banana Peppers (medium to mild spice), Lettuce, tomatoes and red shaved onions.

**TO PLACE YOUR ORDER** via email to Andreas

Hassold, Leader: e: andreas.hassold@web.de or andreas.hassold@boschrexroth-us.com or call Mobile +1 484 619-1053.



Thank you for your Support!