



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

**Second Reading** — For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

**Gospel** — Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

### Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107  
E-mail: [stnick11@ptd.net](mailto:stnick11@ptd.net)

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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

610-826-2354

### 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:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
Secretary for Youth Protection  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC  
Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

### 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 think it is beneficial every so often to review how it is that God has communicated with us and what that all means in relation to what we often call the teaching of the Church. We call God's speaking to humanity as Revelation. God first spoke to Adam and Eve and later to and through the Patriarchs and the Prophets of ancient Israel. Sometimes He spoke in a miraculous and wondrous fashion so that He was heard with their own ears, often He spoke through His angels, and often in interior inspirations, but these in such a profound way that it was clearly from God and not a self inspired message. Finally the perfect Revelation of God is in the person of His Son, Jesus, the Word of God Himself become flesh. In the Letter to the Hebrews we read "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son."

It is the Revelation of God through Our Lord Jesus that confirms the validity of all that came before, including the Scriptures of ancient Israel that make up our Old Testament in the Bible. Without Christ we would not know for certain any of that is true. Because of Christ we know that it is. St. John of the Cross teaches us: "In giving us His Son, His only Word (for He possesses no other), He spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word - and He has no more to say. . . because what He spoke before to the prophets in parts, He has now spoken all at once by giving us the All Who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending Him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty." Because there is nothing God can add after revealing Himself in His Son, for in Him has given us everything, there is no new public revelation after Christ. This revelation of God has been entrusted to His Church, through and in the Apostles. It is to the Apostles that Lord gives His authority to teach in His name and the command to instruct the faithful in all that He has given to them. The content of this revelation is all that is necessary to know, to believe, and to do, in order to live well in this life and to have eternal life with God in Heaven.

We call the teaching of Jesus Christ, preserved and handed on by the Apostles, the Apostolic Tradition. It was given by the Apostles in two ways, orally in their preaching and their teaching and in writing by the Apostles and those closely associated with them who under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit committed the Gospel message to writing. The Church continues to preserve and hand on this revelation, which we call the deposit of faith, or simply the faith, also in two ways, through Sacred Scripture, the inspired written word, and in Sacred Tradition, the consistent and inspired life, worship and doctrine of the Church.

So that the deposit of faith may be preserved and handed on the Apostles chose their successors and ordained them as bishops, giving to them the authority to interpret and teach the Gospel as well as to govern the Church. This teaching authority is called the Church's "Magisterium". This means that the authority and responsibility to interpret the Word of God, as it is given both in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, is entrusted to the bishops who are in communion with the successor of St. Peter, the Bishop of Rome. The Magisterium is not superior to Sacred Scripture or Sacred Tradition, but is the servant of these and is to only hand on what has been drawn from the one deposit of faith. The Magisterium is not a source of Divine Revelation and cannot create new doctrine, but is to explain and apply what has already been revealed. As our Catechism teaches: *The Church's Magisterium exercises the authority it holds from Christ to the fullest extent when it defines dogmas, that is, when it proposes truths contained in divine Revelation or also when it proposes in a definitive way truths having a necessary connection with them. There is an organic connection between our spiritual life and the dogmas. Dogmas are lights along the path of faith; they illuminate it and make it secure. Conversely, if our life is upright, our intellect and heart will be open to welcome the light shed by the dogmas of faith. The mutual connections between dogmas, and their coherence, can be found in the whole of the Revelation of the mystery of Christ. "In Catholic doctrine there exists an order or hierarchy of truths, since they vary in their relation to the foundation of the Christian faith."* (CCC 88-90)

Though the Magisterium has the role of teaching and authentically interpreting the deposit of faith, we should also understand the deposit of faith has been entrusted by the apostles to the whole Church and all the faithful share in handing on and professing the faith. The faithful have the charism to believe the authentic Word of God handed on by the Magisterium in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. When the People of God are steadfast in their fidelity to Christ and live and practice the faith in harmony with their holy pastors, the Church is fully alive and is most effective in her mission to bring Christ to the world.

Peace- Father Adam



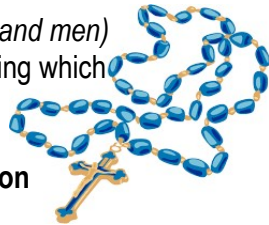
# Mass Intentions:

- Sat 1/20 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 1/21 8:30 AM Helen Anthony (BVMSN Credit Union)
- 10:30 AM Steven Poliquin (Dave & Mary FeKula)
- Mon 1/22 8:30 AM Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko)
- Tues 1/23 6:30 PM For Health and well-being Lucas Howard (Bonnie Howard)
- Wed 1/24 8:30 AM John Augustine (Joanne & Frank Augustine)
- Thu 1/25 8:30 AM Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)
- Fri 1/26 No Mass
- Sat 1/27 4:30 PM Janet & Lewis Kern (Kate Holland)
- Sun 1/28 8:30 AM Joan Edwards (Theresa Taddeo)
- 10:30 AM People of the Parish

## The Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

All adult parishioners (*both women and men*) are welcomed to join our next meeting which will be held on

**Wednesday February 07, 2023 at 6:30PM beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**



## 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.

### Lector Ministry Schedule

	January 27-28	February 3-4
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling	Kate Holland
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Niedzwiecki	Brianna Pereira

### 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 21 to 27

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of*

***Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)***  
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*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of*  
***Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)***

## 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.

## 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.

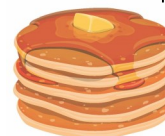


**Knights of Columbus Council #16656**

## All You Can Eat Breakfast

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

Pancakes  
Sausage  
Home Fries  
Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets  
Creamed Chip Beef  
Ham  
Toast

**Sunday, February 11, 2024  
8am - 12:00pm**

**In the St. Nicholas Social Hall**

JANUARY		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 1/25	9:30 AM	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro



### Match the Daily Number!

The Marian Catholic High School Blue & Gold Club is selling Lottery Calendars for the 2024 year.

Match the daily number on the 7 pm drawing. The cost is \$25.00.

To purchase a calendar please contact a school volunteer: Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921; Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037; Maria McGinley at 484-629-4997; or Erin Marek at Marian 570-467-3335; or even visit the facebook page; Blue and Gold Club.

The Blue & Gold Club raises funds for the school throughout the year and every child that attends Marian Catholic benefits from the work of the Blue & Gold Club.

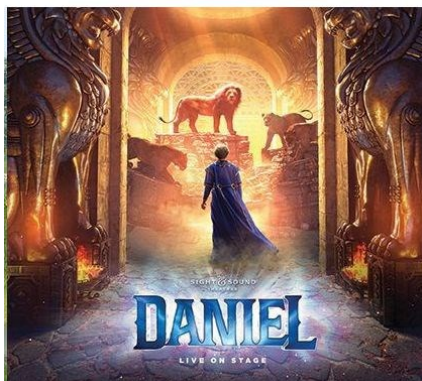
Thank you for your support!

### Sacred Heart Church Sight and Sound Trip for the presentation of 'Daniel'

**Bus trip to Sight and Sound** for the presentation of 'Daniel' on Saturday, April 13, 2024 for the 11:00 AM show.

The bus will leave Sacred Heart's parking lot at 8:00 AM and will return back by 4:30 PM.

**Cost** \$130 per person includes bus and show. Bring a box lunch to eat on the way back. From the fiery furnace to



the infamous den of lions, **DANIEL** is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life on stage.

Call 610-826-2335 Sacred Heart Rectory Office to reserve your seat.

Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church. Payment due at time of reservation.

**Contact:** Sacred Heart Church - Palmerton  
243 Lafayette Avenue - Palmerton PA 18071  
610-826-2335 [shpmtn@ptd.net](mailto:shpmtn@ptd.net)

### Bible Study Thursdays



Marriage is important for the binding and the supporting of human society, so, it is fitting that the Bible begins and ends with a wedding (from Genesis to Revelation).

Indeed, the entire Christian life is marked by "spousal imagery" (union with God) from Baptism to reception of the Eucharist: **having become a child of God and clothed in a wedding garment, First Communicants are admitted 'to the supper of the Lamb' and receive the food of 'New Life' (the body and blood of Christ).**

Therefore, just as Jesus performed his first miracle during a wedding feast at Cana, the Old Testament prophets portrayed God's relationship with Israel in nuptial terms to prepare the way for the New Covenant brought forth by Jesus Christ. **"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9).** Please join us for our 10<sup>th</sup> and final study session of the Book of Revelation on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM.

### St. Nicholas Church Soup Sale

January 20, 2024 10 AM - 1 PM

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)



### Observances the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week