

**St. Nicholas**  
**50** Roman Catholic Church  
 Years as a Parish  
**1974 - 2024**



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Pastor:** Rev. Adam C. Sedar, M.A., M.Div.  
**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla



### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

**Second Reading** — An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

### 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)

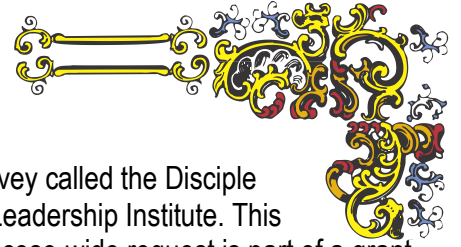
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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 am very excited to announce that we will participate in a parish-wide survey called the Disciple Maker Index Survey! The survey is about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This non-profit Catholic apostolate does leadership training and development. This diocese-wide request is part of a grant and will not cost our parish anything.

We are kindly asking for your participation!

We want as many parishioners as possible to complete a 10-15 minute survey. The survey will only be available from **February 14, 2024-March 31, 2024**, and will ask you to reflect on your spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow. For your convenience, we will also offer computer access on March 2-3, 2024, after Masses to complete the survey. That weekend we are also offering Coffee and Donuts. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The survey results will be invaluable to me and the Church community, as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. In a few weeks, the online option for completing the survey will be available as well as printed copies in the Portico.

I look forward to sharing the findings with you when the project is complete!

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Peace- Father Adam



## 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.



## The Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

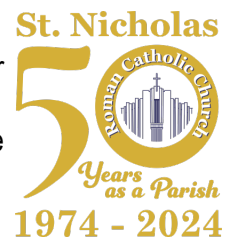


All adult parishioners (*both women and men*) are welcomed to join our next meeting which will be held on

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

## SEEKING 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEERS

St Nicholas Church is celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024. Father Sedar is happy to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime milestone in the form of a Gala. Bishop Alfred Schlert has been invited to the Gala and will be attending. We have secured Sunday, Nov 17, 2024, at Woodstone Country Club to celebrate our Anniversary. We are asking for Volunteers to form a social committee for planning and preparing in the areas of Church History presentation/slideshow, program book, Silent Auction, entertainment, photography, baked goods, and decorating. The First Gala meeting is Saturday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in Social Hall. To submit your name + contact info to e: [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)







# Mass Intentions:

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
Mon 1/29	8:30 AM	Kathy Grayek (Carl & Kay Niedzwiecki)
Tues 1/30	6:30 PM	For Health and well-being Will Howard (Bonnie Howard)
Wed 1/31	8:30 AM	Cliff Birch (Sue Hankee)
Thu 2/1	8:30 AM	Sylvia Taddeo (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 2/2	No Mass	
Sat 2/3	4:30 PM	Helen Anthony (Heiczinger Family)
Sun 2/4	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Jill Prandstatter (Christina Dormans)

<b>Lector Ministry Schedule</b>		
	<b>February 3-4</b>	<b>February 10-11</b>
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Kate Holland	Steven Bertalan
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Brian Keefe	Barbara Schmidt
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

## 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

1/14	Collection	\$4,386.00
	Donation	\$299.00
	School	\$219.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$429.00
	Other	\$123.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,456.00</b>

# Thank You!



### 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 28 to February 3

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of John Gallagher (Lorraine Gallagher) Wednesday Adorers*

*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.

## 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.

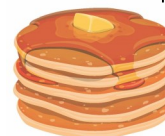


**Knights of Columbus Council #16656**

## 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**

## Yearly Contribution Statements

The yearly Contribution statements are available for pick up in the hall. They will not be mailed. If you need them for your tax records you will need to pick them up. Thank you for your contributions and continued 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.

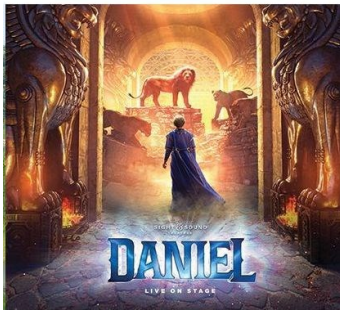
**Cost** \$130 per person includes bus and show. Bring a box lunch to eat on the way back. From the fiery furnace to the infamous den

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  
phone: 610-826-2335 email: shpmtn@ptd.net



## Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups

Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering **10 weeks** of aerobics on **Tuesday nights** (6:15 – 7:00 PM) from **February 27 to**

**April 30.** Classes are in St. Elizabeth's parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. The cost is only \$30.00 per person **for the**

**entire 10 weeks: This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.** Registration deadline is February 23 or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org). See our website at: [www.sercc.org](http://www.sercc.org). **Bring a friend!**



## Steak Sandwich Sale

St. Elizabeth Parish is sponsoring our famous Steak Sandwich Meal on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.



Steaks are \$12.50 each, and Cheese Steaks are \$13.50 each. This includes sauce, onions, pickles, and hot peppers - all on the side, along with a bag of chips.

**Orders are due by February 12<sup>th</sup>.** Pick-up is in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall, from 4 – 5:30 pm.

For more information or to place an order, stop by the parish office or see our parish website or Facebook for the order form. You can also contact Joan at 610-349-7791 or send an email to [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).

Orders can be dropped off at the parish office or, placed in the weekend collection basket or mailed to *Steak Sandwiches, St. Elizabeth Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052.*

## Basketball Tournaments for Girls and Boys

SJNRS is hosting 3 on 3 basketball tournaments for girls and boys in grades 4, 5, 6, and 7th. This is a combination of grades together but separate for boys vs girls.



The next tournament is scheduled for Sunday, February 4th with 2pm start time.

We would also like to host a few practices so the students can play together as a team prior to the tournaments.

Interested families please contact Carolyn Gowin 610-751-3744  
[carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com)

## Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

- Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
- Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Saturday: **St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**

