

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



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.
 (Jb 7:4)

Psalms — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)

Second Reading — If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel — He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

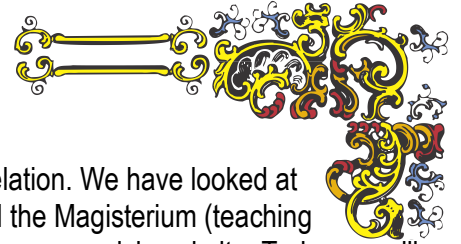
Mass Schedule:

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,

We continue this week with our series on the the Church and Divine Revelation. We have looked at the Deposit of Faith and it's three pillars of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium (teaching authority). If you missed that please check out our bulletin from two Sundays ago on our parish website. Today we will begin to look at papal infallibility, what it really means and what it does not mean. Many times this is not quite correctly understood and that misunderstanding leads to a weakening of people's faith. The word infallible means without error. First we must understand that the Deposit of Faith contained and transmitted through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition is infallible, as it is the Revelation of God Himself. But because we human beings for whom this Revelation is given, are by our nature, fallible, able to fall into error, it follows that the God provides a gift, what we call a charism, that ensures the right understanding and interpretation of His Revelation. Without this charism, or gift, given specifically through the action of the Holy Spirit, Divine Revelation might not do us much good, for left to ourselves we would easily misinterpret, misapply and misunderstand its true meaning. The charism of infallibility is therefore given to the Church as the Lord sends His Holy Spirit upon the Church. So, the first thing we see is that this charism is a gift to the whole Church and that it primarily resides in the Church's Magisterium, which has the responsibility of teaching and handing on the faith. This charism also resides in the People of God insofar as they are given the gift to believe what the Magisterium teaches. The Holy Spirit does not just give the gift of teaching, but also the complimentary gift of believing.

The charism of infallibility extends only as far as does the Deposit of Faith and those elements of doctrine related to it that are necessary for the Faith to be preserved, explained and observed. This defines the scope of the Church's charism of infallibility as to those matters of faith and morals that are contained in or related to the Deposit of Faith. This means that even many matters of Church life and discipline are beyond the scope of infallible teachings. To avoid confusion it is important for us to understand what is and what is not of the Faith, meaning what is and what is not essential for us to believe. Things that are part of the Deposit of Faith, are essential matters that are necessary for salvation and to these we must give the assent of our faith. These are timeless, unchanging and necessary truths and this is why we are required to believe them. If we have difficulty understanding them, it is incumbent upon us to recognize that the deficiency is in our understanding and not in the truth of the Faith itself. Since the charism to believe is given to the faithful, we can believe in all that Christ has revealed and all that is related to it, even if we never fully understand it all. Prayer and a little study is often all we need. The Church does not have the authority to change the Deposit of Faith, but rather has the authority and responsibility to teach it and to do so infallibly by way of explaining and applying these doctrines. This charism is a beautiful gift of God who desires to guide us to truth that leads to eternal life.

The Church does have the authority to change matters of Church practice and discipline, and when this happens, such changes and decisions are not infallible, for they are not within the scope of what that charism of infallibility may apply. We, as members of the faithful, must abide by such decisions though we are free to disagree with them, always in a respectful manner.

The Magisterium exercises the charism of infallibility in two ways, the first is called the ordinary magisterium and the second the extraordinary magisterium. As we will see, in both of these forms, ordinary and extraordinary, the role of the Pope, as successor to St. Peter is both crucial and necessary.

The Ordinary Magisterium is when the bishops, scattered over the whole world in their respective dioceses and in union with the Pope, teach the same truths on matters of faith and morals to the faithful. This extends not only over the whole world but also through time as well. In other words it means not only agreement in teaching that is happening contemporarily but also over the course of time. The agreement of the bishops can be seen and determined from various sources, such as catechisms they may issue, pastoral letters to their priests and people, prayers and prayer books they approve, and from resolutions of diocesan and local synods. While an individual bishop can be in error, the collegiate unity of the bishops in union with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, in teaching consistently on a matter of faith or morals constitutes the Ordinary Magisterium of the Church and is infallible.

The Extraordinary Magisterium is exercised in two ways, one is by a Council of the Church and the second is by the Pope himself when he teaches "ex-cathedra".

See Continued Message later in this bulletin . . .



Mass Intentions:

- 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)
- Mon 2/5 8:30 AM Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
- Tues 2/6 6:30 PM Joseph Mordawski
(Daughter Lorraine)
- Wed 2/7 8:30 AM Michael & Michele Nordozzi
(Tyler Davis)
- Thu 2/8 8:30 AM St Nicholas Memorial Society
- Fri 2/9 No Mass
- Sat 2/10 4:30 PM Gale Seiler (Keith & Iris Blöse)
- Sun 2/11 8:30 AM Helen Anthony (Trexler Family)
10:30 AM Brian Kresge and Richard
Hoffman (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

1/21	Collection	\$3,202.00
	Donation	\$143.00
	School	\$26.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$638.00
	Other	\$37.00
	Total	\$4,046.00

Thank You!

Lector Ministry Schedule

	February 10-11	February 17-18
Sat 4:30 PM	Steven Bertalan	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Barbara Schmidt	Tony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	Sue Hankee	Carl Litwin

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 February 4 to 10

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of St. Nicholas Memorial Society Wednesday Adorers

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Wednesday Adorers

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
6-7PM

We come together to pray for those who have fallen away from the Faith!



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 50th ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEERS

St Nicholas Church is celebrating our 50th 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 17th at 9:30 am in Social Hall. To submit your name + contact info to e: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org



Ever Ancient, Ever New: Lenten Practices for Our Modern Times



Join the School Sisters of St. Francis of Monocacy Manor, for the Lenten series, "Ever Ancient, Ever New: Lenten Practices for Our Modern Times," a three-part program lending contemporary relevance to the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Deepen your understanding of these age-old practices; explore meaningful, impactful actions in service to God's people and all of creation. Attend in person or via zoom. \$20/per session or \$50/full series

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.

Please Note: Office Will Be Closed . . .



February 14 Ash Wednesday
February 19 Presidents Day

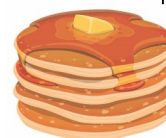


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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

... Continued Message

General or Ecumenical Councils of the Church (sometimes also called Universal Councils) may only be called for by the Pope. For their decrees to be authoritative, and when formulating and defining doctrine, be infallible, they must be ratified by the Pope. All the ruling bishops of the world must be invited and a representative number must also be in attendance.

The Pope himself can also use the charism of infallibility when he teaches what is called "ex-cathedra", which is a Latin term meaning "from the chair". "The chair" has long been a sign of teaching authority. In ancient times great teachers used to sit to teach. Our term cathedral comes from this word since in every cathedral the bishop has a "cathedra", a chair, which is the symbol of his teaching authority as part of the college of bishops, who are the successors to the Apostles. The Pope, has his cathedra in his cathedral, as Bishop of Rome. The pope is the only bishop who alone has the charism of infallibility. All the other bishops share in this charism in a collegial way, as group, and always and only when united with the successor of St. Peter, the Pope. Because the Pope is the only bishop who can exercise the charism of infallibility on his own, the term "ex-cathedra" is used for such a Papal teaching.

Next week we will continue to look specifically to look at this charism as it resides in the Pope, as Bishop of Rome.

Peace- Father Adam

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.

Valentine's Tea

The Saint Nicholas **North of 50 Group** will be hosting a Valentine's Tea on Tuesday, February 13 @ 2PM in the social hall. Bring a friend, and a **sweet treat**, if you like, and win a prize! Hope to see you there. Sign up sheets in the vestibule.

Contact: Ann Orsulak 610 392-0791
Lisa Pignataro 610 737-4716



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. See our website at: www.sercc.org. **Bring a friend!**



Steak Sandwich Sale

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



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 12th. 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.

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.*

For more information on session topics and registration: <https://www.schoolsistersosf.org/2024-lenten-series> or email Maryann Kearns mkearns@schoolsistersosf.org

February		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 2/9	9:30 AM	Tony Scarselletti, Maribeth Ward, Carl Niedzweicki
Thurs. 2/15	9:30 AM	Bill Caserta, Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin