

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



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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# TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

**Second Reading** — Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

**Gospel** — Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

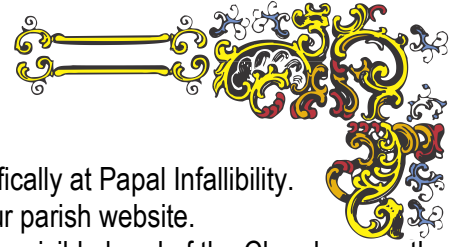
## Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
 Monday & Thursday: 8:30AM  
 Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)  
 Wednesday: 7:00 AM (Ash Wednesday)

**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 again with our series on the Church, this week looking specifically at Papal Infallibility.

If you missed the first two parts then please check out our previous bulletins on our parish website.

The Pope, as the successor of St. Peter is the Vicar of Christ on earth and so is the visible head of the Church on earth. One of the charisms, special gifts of the Holy Spirit, that are given to the Pope so that he can fulfill his duty as the Vicar of Christ, is that of infallibility. To summarize what we have already seen: this is a charism given to the whole Church, and one that can only be exercised in union with the Pope. But the Pope, by himself, may also use this charism. This charism applies only to matters necessary for salvation, that is, matters of faith and morals. When the Pope uses this charism, we say he is speaking "ex cathedra", or from the chair, meaning the Chair of Peter, the symbol of St. Peter's authority to teach in the name of Christ and on behalf of the whole Church.

To speak "ex cathedra", the Pope must clearly state his intention to use the gift of infallibility and clearly define what teaching of faith and morals he is pronouncing as the true teaching of the Church that is to be held by all the faithful. Without this express statement that the Pope is intending to use the charism of infallibility, a teaching of the Pope is not "ex cathedra" and therefore not an infallible declaration. Ex cathedra pronouncements are actually quite rare in the history of the Church. Most of the definitive teaching of the Church happen by way of the Ordinary Magisterium.

In looking at Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, we see the basis for our belief in Papal Infallibility. It is clear from the Gospels (Mt 16:18; Lk 22:31; Jn 21:15-17) that Our Lord made St. Peter the foundation of His Church, and gave to him the unique duty of strengthening the faith of his brothers, the other apostles, and made him the supreme pastor of the whole flock. St. Peter could not fulfill this task if he were subject to error when making a final decision on matters of faith and morality. There are examples of St. Peter exercising this role in the early Church, such as in Acts 1:15; 2:14; 15:7. The Church, from the beginning understood that what was entrusted to the Apostles was also entrusted to their successors. As St. Peter was personally given this charism by the Lord, it must also then be given to those in whom St. Peter and his ministry are perpetuated as the visible Head of the Church. The teaching primacy of the Pope is attested to from earliest times by the long list of Popes who condemned the early heresies that plagued the Church in the first several centuries. The Councils of Constantinople, Lyons and Florence proclaimed the primacy of the authority of the Pope, which in essence included infallibility and it was the First Vatican Council that finally defined it as a dogma of the Church.

The gift of infallibility is given to the Church to preserve the Faith in all its fullness and beauty so that we will not be confused about the truths that are necessary for our salvation. As we look at the charism of infallibility of the Pope, we see that while this gift is integral to the role of St. Peter in the Church, not everything, in fact not most things, a pope says are infallible. This Charism has been used sparingly by popes in the history of the Church. The teachings of the popes, in letters and homilies, talks and address, may over time, become part of the Ordinary Magisterium of the Church. The point here is that this happens over time and then only about matters of faith and morals. The opinions of popes on other matters, while valuable, are not only not infallible, they cannot become part of the Church's doctrine. In modern times, because of our modern means of communications, we get to see and hear much more from the Pope than in years past. This is a blessing in many ways, so long as we realize that when a pope is offering his opinion, it is valuable to us, but not necessarily one we to which we must hold fast.

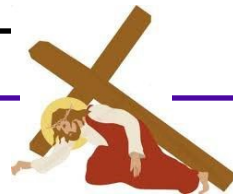
Next week we will look a little more at the role of St. Peter in the Church.

Peace- Father Adam

## **Stations of the Cross:**

Please join us for the praying of the Stations of the Cross weekly beginning Friday, February 16, 2024 and continuing two times per week during Lent:

**Every Wednesday** at 6:30PM (*with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*).



**Every Friday** at 3PM (*immediately after the praying of the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy when we pray for deceased members of St. Nicholas Parish*).

Note that on February 21 and March 20, **Stations will follow our monthly St. Monica Holy Hour** (6-7PM). On those two Wednesdays, Stations will be at 7PM.



# Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 2/12	8:30 AM	Lorraine Oriente (Theresa Taddeo)
Tues 2/13	6:30 PM	Brock Howard (Bonnie Howard)
Wed 2/14	7:00 AM	People of the Parish (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Thu 2/15	8:30 AM	Charlie Wagner (Family)
Fri 2/16	No Mass	
Sat 2/17	4:30 PM	John Gallagher (Lorraine Gallagher and Family)
Sun 2/18	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Mary Ellen Meixsell (Joanne Kochmaruk)

## Distribution of Ashes

### Ash Wednesday, February 14

- ✝ Holy Mass with the Distribution of Ashes - 7AM
- ✝ Adoration 9AM-6:30 PM
- ✝ Benediction followed by the Distribution of Ashes - 6:30PM



## 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!



## 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.

**Please Note: Office Will Be Closed . . .**

February 19 Presidents Day

### 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 11 to 17

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

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



## 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)



## We Are Remembered 33<sup>rd</sup> Easter Mass Wednesday, April 3, 2024



The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan "We Are Remembered" Ministry will be celebrated by Reverend Stanley Moczydlowski on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall.

"We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one," says the ministry.

**Monday, March 20, 2024 is the deadline** to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Today Newspaper.

We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. "The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support."

To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052.

Include: Sponsor(s) name, Donation amount, Address, Phone number, Email and Name(s) of the deceased.

### Lector Ministry Schedule

	February 17-18	February 24-25
Sat 4:30 PM	Bill Caserta	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Litwin	John McRoberts

## Lenten Catechism and Lunch

Catechism and Lunch is a covered dish social with presentations by Father Adam and discussion from 12-1PM on the following Sundays. Come and join your pastor and fellow parishioners for an interesting and fun discussion of some timely topics chosen by you!

- ◆ Sunday February 18 - **Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy: An Antidote to the Culture of Death**

We will delve into the culture of our society today and explore the history and meaning of Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy and how these devotions are part of God's answer to our world today.

- ◆ Sunday February 25 - **The Power of Prayer and the Holy Eucharist**

How the Holy Eucharist and Adoration of the Lord are key to understand the power of prayer and our mission to transform the world.

- ◆ Sunday March 10 - **Death and the Life to Come**

Death is the inescapable reality. We explain what happens when we die and what happens after death.

- ◆ Sunday March 17- **The Crucifixion of Our Lord: The Physical and the Mystical**

The Cross of Christ stands at the center of history, we explore what happened to Our Lord physically and the mystical reality of His Cross.

# This Weekend!

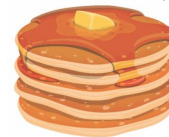


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## All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$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

# Counting Our Blessings

1/28	Collection	\$3,034.00
	Catholic Relief	\$453.00
	Donation	\$911.50
	School	\$12.00
	Redner's Tapes	\$140.37
	Preservation & Restoration	\$2626.00
	Other	\$13.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,189.87</b>

## Thank You!

### 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

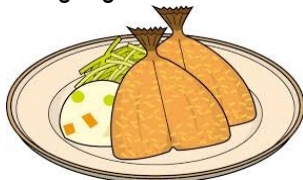
### Calling All Talents and Passions. Join Us in Sharing Your Gifts...

We believe our congregation is a treasure trove of diverse skills and passions waiting to be unveiled. Whether you're a seasoned musician, a budding artist, a culinary enthusiast, a skilled gardener, or someone with any other passion or hobby, we invite you to share it with others to create moments of joy, learning, and connection.

Let's ignite passions, inspire others, and make a difference through demonstrating your craft, leading a workshop, or sharing your expertise. To learn more sign up today in the porticos or email [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org) to embark on this journey of sharing, learning, and growing together!

### Friday Fish Dinners

Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart of Jesus in Bath will be sponsoring Friday Fish Dinners on Feb. 23, March 8 and 22, in their auditorium. Meatless soup, battered and baked white fish, mac and cheese, tater barrels, cole slaw, applesauce steamed veggies, rolls and butter, beverage and desserts. Adults \$13, Children 6-12 \$5, under 6 free. 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Stay for Stations of the Cross in the Church, 7:00 pm!  
117 Washington Street, Bath, PA.



### Bible Study Thursdays

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recently concluded Bible Study! When we began, we knew the "**Book of Revelation**" would be full of symbolism. In our final session, we learned of the profound symbolism which takes place at every Mass: A "new Jerusalem" (the new people of God, adorned as a bride, to meet her husband). Surrounded by a high wall having twelve gates (symbolizing the 12 tribes) and built upon twelve foundations (the 12 apostles of the Lamb) which emphasize the continuity between the old and new people of God, but now washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. The Holy City (the Church) is figured as a "cube", symbolizing perfection, with its measurements being multiplications of 12 and its twelve gates being made from a single pearl (hence, the "pearly gates"). Importantly, there is no temple in Heaven, but rather God, Himself, as the sole focus "in Communion with His People" with "His Real Presence" providing all necessary light. Blessed, indeed, are those "**who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**"

### 3rd Annual Designer Purse Bingo



Our 3rd Annual Designer Purse Bingo will be held Sunday, April 21st. Doors open at 11:30 am; bingo begins at 1 pm.

This event will be held at Diamond Fire Hall 101 Main St. Walnutport, PA.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by going to the Events page of the St. Nicholas website.

In support of this event, we are offering Sponsorship opportunities. You can advertise your Business Logo, In memory or donation. We have several sponsorship levels. For more information call or email the contact information below. We look forward to your support and attendance at this big fundraising event which benefits the St Nick's Parish.

For questions, please contact Marianne at 610-703-4942 or e: [fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

February		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 2/15	9:30 AM	Bill Caserta, Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin
Thurs. 2/22	9:30 AM	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro