

St. Nicholas
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Roman Catholic Church
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1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, 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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you." (Gn 9:8-10)

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading — It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

Gospel — He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

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,

As we enter into this great season of Lent please know I am praying for you and relying on your prayers so that we may all use this holy time to allow the Lord to enter more deeply into us and that we all may open our hearts ever wider to His abiding presence, especially in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We have many opportunities in our parish this Lent to assist us in this, and I pray our worship of the Lord in the Holy Eucharist will be at the center of it all. To that end I hope and pray that we can rededicate ourselves and therefore our parish to Eucharistic Adoration, especially our reverence before and after in Mass, expressed in our Holy Silence in His presence and in our weekly Wednesday day of Adoration. It is His presence in our midst and our humble acknowledgment of Him that brings fruitfulness to everything else we do.

And now we continue to look at the Church, specifically what we call the Office of Peter, the role of the Pope in the life of the Church. The Pope, as the successor to St. Peter, is the head of the college of bishops, that is the all the bishops of the whole world. But he is not merely the “first among equals”, as some like to suggest. To St Peter alone was given the keys to the kingdom and St. Peter alone, as his name given but the Lord suggests, was made by the Lord the “Rock”, the foundation of the true Church of Christ. The power to bind and to loose was given to the whole group of Apostles, but not apart from St. Peter as their head. The authority of the whole college of bishops and each individual bishop, depends upon their union with the successor of St. Peter. The Pope, therefore is the principle source and foundation of the unity of the whole Church, all the bishops and all faithful. Our bond with the Pope is through our bishop, who is in communion with him. The authority of each bishop in his own diocese to teach, govern and sanctify, is rooted in the bishop’s communion with the Pope. The ministry of St Peter, the ministry of the Pope, for which the Holy Spirit provides the charisms needed, is essentially to strengthen the faith of the Church, to clarify the truth of the Gospel and to be the source by which the Lord keeps His Church united. In the Lord’s plan and design for His Church, He provides through the Office of Peter, a visible means of uniting His Church and of keeping the faith and the worship life of His Church pure and true. For this role, this ministry it is necessary that the Pope have full and supreme authority, not only in matters of faith and morals, but also in matters of Church discipline and governance. While the Pope normally acts in such matters collegially, that is in consultation with the college of bishops, it is necessary that he can act on his own if needed. This makes perfect sense if the Church is to have the true and lasting unity that Our Lord desires for us. So, while the Pope is not infallible in His ordinary daily ministry, he does have the graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit to rely on. This is why it is important for every Catholic to pray daily for both our own bishop and for the Pope (and hopefully for us priests too!), because the Popes are not divine but are men invested with the awesome

responsibility of caring for the whole Church, a duty that cannot be fulfilled without the grace of God and an incredible openness to that grace.

Peace- Father Adam

Special Adoration and Confessions for Lent

- ✠ Saturday March 9: 3:30-4:30PM
- ✠ Sunday March 17: 9:30-10:30AM

Stations of the Cross:

Please join us for the praying of the Stations of the Cross 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.



Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7b-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48



Mass Intentions:

- 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)
- Mon 2/19 8:30 AM Agnes Lancsak
(Kay & Carl Niedzwiecki)
- Tues 2/20 6:30 PM Good Health - Sondra Magaw
(Roy & Linda Barankovich)
- Wed 2/21 8:30 AM Cathy May (Ellen Knoblach)
- Thu 2/22 8:30 AM Elizabeth Stemetzki
(Bill & Janice Tanzola)
- Fri 2/23 No Mass
- Sat 2/24 4:30 PM Steven Poliquin
(Art & Louise Mazza)
- Sun 2/25 8:30 AM Elanor Alaimo Meilinger
(Altmiller Family)
10:30 AM Edward & Margaret Kochie
(Peter & Joanne Kilpatrick)

Lector Ministry Schedule

February 24-25	
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	John McRoberts

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 18 to 24

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Walter Sr. & Stefania Hodor
(Walter Hodor)
Wednesday Adorers*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
Deceased Members of Hodor Family
(Walter Hodor)*

We Are Remembered 33rd Easter Mass Wednesday, April 3, 2024



The 33rd 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.

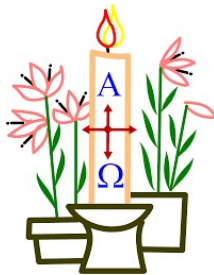
Monday, March 20, 2024 is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Today Newspaper.

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.

Paschal Candle Intentions

The Paschal candle is a rich symbol of our faith. It reaches its pinnacle at Easter. Each year during the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday night, a fire is kindled in a metal bowl, called a brazier (bray'-zhur). From the brazier comes a "new" and blessed fire that lights the Paschal candle which is carried in procession into the dark church. The "new" fire serves as an image of the Resurrection. The candle, which represents Christ himself, is placed on a special Paschal candle stand near the altar. Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle to recall the aromatic spices that were used to prepare Christ's body for the tomb, and the wounds in His hands, feet and side, which remained after His resurrection.



With our new tradition at St. Nicholas we are looking for a sponsor for our Paschal Candle. If you would like to remember a loved one in a very special way this Easter, consider sponsoring the cost of this year's Paschal Candle. It remains in the sanctuary and is lit for mass throughout the Easter season, baptisms, and funerals throughout the year. Call the rectory office for more information 610-767-3107.

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.

St. Nicholas Church Homemade EASTER CANDY, BAKED GOODS, & CRAFTS Sale

March 23: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. & March 24: 9 a.m. - Noon

Our Kitchen Team is busy once again making their beautiful and delicious Easter Candy!



- Filled Eggs • Bunnies • Lollipops • Crosses • Chips • Pretzels • Nuts and More!

Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-orders are recommended! To pre-order your candy, contact kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org for an order form.

All pre-orders are due by **March 17** and will be confirmed once received!



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 to embark on this journey of sharing, learning, and growing together!

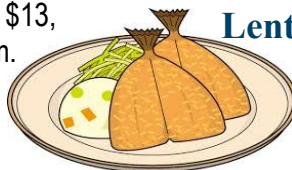
SEEKING 50th ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEERS

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



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.



February		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 2/22	9:30 AM	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro
Thurs. 2/29	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst

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.

Knights of Columbus Council # 4050 Corn Hole Tournament

Save the Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024
1st Annual K of C Corn Hole Tournament
Egypt Memorial Park

Check-in/practice begins at 11 am
Tournament Play: 12 noon – 7 pm
Prizes for top three teams

\$60 per team of 2 (max 48 teams)

– includes lunch & 2 drink tickets per team
– must be 16 yrs. or older to compete

Food, snacks and beverages available for purchase, Kids Corn Hole area, 50/50 and basket raffles.

Fun for the entire family!

For more information contact: John Fitzpatrick, (484) 201-9188 or jlfitzpatrick83@gmail.com



Lenten Fish Dinners

Knights of Columbus Council # 4050 will hold Lenten Fish Dinner 5:00PM to 7:00PM
March, 1, 8 and 15

St. John the Baptist Social Hall
Corner of Chestnut & Ruch Streets

Enjoy in or Carry Out

- ◆ Adult Baked Fish and Pierogi Dinners
- ◆ Child Baked Fish and Mac & Cheese Dinners

All proceeds support KOC Charity Funds

For Info & Menu contact KofC4050.org