

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



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.  
- Mk 9:7-8

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.  
(Ps 116)

**Second Reading** — He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

**Gospel** — Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."  
(Mk 9:7)

### Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107  
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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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

610-826-2354

### PREP:

Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month  
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

### BVMSN Credit Union:

484-272-2858

### Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
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### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC  
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## 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

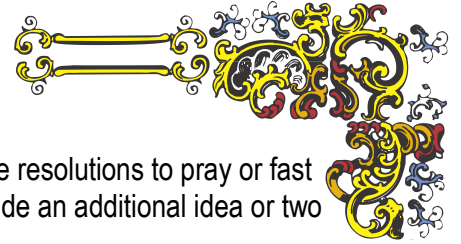
Benediction: 6:30 PM

### 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 observe this holy season of Lent, we may have already made some resolutions to pray or fast or perform other good works. I came across this article and found that it may provide an additional idea or two that you may find helpful to observing good Lenten prayer.

Peace- Father Adam

## A Resolution to Pray Always

by Patti Armstrong

It's free. It takes no extra time in your daily schedule. Even if you've already made a resolution, this one is practically effortless to add—a matter of seconds that you won't miss. And the benefits reach into eternity.

What is it? Take the open pockets in your life—waiting for the microwave, a red light, standing in line, waiting for someone to answer the phone, and so forth—and talk with Jesus. It can be just three seconds such as, *Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me*, or *Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything*. You can even make it just one second: *Praise you, Jesus!* Or have a word with him—whatever you want to say.

The moment of prayer can certainly be longer, but it doesn't have to be. No one can say they are too busy to connect with God during the day with this formula. Even if you add just a few seconds of communication several times during the day, you are drawing closer to God and opening yourself up to his gifts for you. By creating prayer triggers for this—moments that become habits to communicate with Jesus—it becomes automatic.

Writing this article, I realize I have plenty of pockets in my life I can still easily fill, but I also have a prayer trigger that has lasted around eight years. Whenever I water a geranium houseplant given to me on a birthday by a fellow parishioner who owns a greenhouse, I say a Hail Mary for him. It's an automatic reflex. A few years ago, when I told him he was getting all those Hail Marys, he started bringing me a poinsettia every Christmas. The first time, I laughed and said, "Okay, you get a second Hail Mary during watering." They keep coming every year now. By a conservative estimate, watering the plant twice a week and not even counting the poinsettia, he has gained well over 830 prayers.

What else are you doing during such times? Probably nothing. Or at least nothing that you can remember. Talking to Jesus instead is a beautiful thing. How beautiful?

St. Faustina would know, having communicated directly with Jesus through visions and been given the Divine Mercy devotion. In her Diary (146) she writes:

*A soul arms itself by prayer for all kinds of combat. In whatever state the soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul that is pure and beautiful must pray, or it will lose its beauty; a soul that is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul that is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer.*

Every saint filled their life with prayer. We may not be at the saint level, but we can find little places to start or to build on what we already do. Here are a few quotes for incentive:

- ✚ "Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself." - St. Jean-Marie Baptiste Vianney
- ✚ "Prayer is the only channel through which God's great graces and favors may flow into the soul; and if this be once closed, I know no other way he can communicate them." - St. Teresa of Jesus
- ✚ "He who prays most receives most." - St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

Prayer is about relationship, not just asking for things. It's a lesson for our children to stay in touch with Jesus throughout the day, so that they see him as a friend and companion and not a wish-fulfillment center.

The best part about making a resolution to fill in a few blank spots by talking with Jesus—not to exclude the Blessed Mother and angels and saints in conversations too—is that the payoff begins right away. And later, if you get off track, you won't have lost any money and can begin again immediately.



# Mass Intentions:

Sat 2/24	4:30 PM	Steven Poliquin (Art & Louise Mazza)
Sun 2/25	8:30 AM	Eleanor Alaimo (Altmiller Family)
	10:30 AM	Edward & Margaret Kochie (Peter & Joanne Kilpatrick)
Mon 2/26	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Tues 2/27	6:30 PM	Evangelization Team
Wed 2/28	8:30 AM	Core Group
Thu 2/29	8:30 AM	Rosary Group
Fri 3/1	No Mass	
Sat 3/2	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sun 3/3	8:30 AM	Frank Pecs (Gay Pecs)
	10:30 AM	Brian Kresge and Thomas Papay III (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  
Thank You!*

2/11	Collection	\$3,753.00
	Donations	\$385.00
	School	\$180.00
	Mother Theresa	\$47.50
	Preservation & Restoration	\$219.00
	Other	\$60.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,644.50</b>
	<b>January eGiving</b>	<b>\$2005.00</b>

## 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!



## Lector Ministry Schedule

	March 2-3	March 9-10
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Kate Holland	Steven Bertalan
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Brian Keefe	Jeanette Noakes
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Carl Litwin	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 February 25 to March 2

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
Edward Paar (Josephine Paar)  
St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of  
Wednesday Adorers*



## 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.



**It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey went live on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, and we need your help!**

### Please Read and Complete online!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b386tb>

**Or just go to the St. Nicholas website Events page and click on the link provided.**

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the Parish Vestibule.

We will have laptop computers available after Masses the weekend of March 2 + 3, 2024.

The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Adam Sedar and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!  
Father Adam Sedar

## Boy Scouts

**Boys Scouts** meet Thursdays at 7 PM in the social hall. For more information, please call Mike, 610-824-6556.

## Special Adoration & Confessions for Lent

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

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org) to embark on this journey of sharing, learning, and growing together!

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee braved the weather and held a planning meeting on Feb. 17.

All families and children of the parish are invited to this business casual event at Woodstone on November 17, 2024.

**The committee is seeking more volunteers for there is much work to be done:** decorating, centerpieces, fundraising, sponsorships, silent auction, program book, Church history presentation/slideshow, desserts.

The next planning meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 16 at 9:30am in the social hall.** Anyone interested in volunteering, please come to the next meeting or sign up in the porticos or email: [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto: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.



## 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 610-703-4943 or e: [fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

## Knights of Columbus Council # 4050 Corn Hole Tournament

**Save the Date:** Saturday, May 18, 2024  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

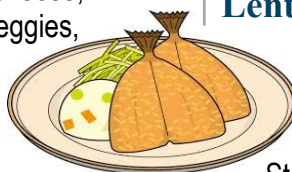
St. John the Baptist Social Hall  
Corner of Chestnut & Ruch Streets

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](http://KofC4050.org)



February		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 2/29	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst