

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



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:23-24)

**Gospel** — Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

### 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 - 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  
 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)

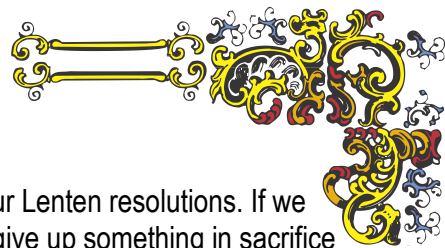
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

As we enter the third week of Lent it seems a good time for us to check our Lenten resolutions. If we have been made a personal commitment to the Lord to increase our prayer time, give up something in sacrifice or perform some extra works of kindness and charity, we might take a look at how we have been doing with that. If it has been going well then no need to do anything but continue. If we have been struggling then we might do well to take a look and see if we need a little "course correction". In navigating a ship at sea, just a minor correction of one degree will lead to many miles difference over time and make the difference in reaching the destination. So it is with our Lenten resolutions. In making a minor adjustment, by the time we reach Easter, we can be in a whole other place, spiritually speaking. Maybe our resolutions were too ambitious and we need to adjust them to be more realistic. Maybe our resolutions are just right, but we need to impose a little more self-discipline in doing what is needed to fulfill them. What have we let get in the way and how can we work around that? Maybe changing the time we are trying to fulfill these resolutions each day or adjusting our schedule or even placing them on our personal calendar. It is a good idea to write them down and keep track on a calendar of when they are fulfilled each day to help stay accountable. Whether it is a minor adjustment to the resolutions themselves or finding a way to be more intentional and disciplined about them, it is best to put the past few weeks aside, to not dwell on our failures but learn from them, and then start fresh. This is part of the beauty of the spiritual life, no matter where we are or have been, no matter our failings and even our sins, we can start fresh today. We still have a few more weeks of Lent and if we start our Lenten resolutions new today, when Easter comes we will find we are more ready than we thought we could be to receive the grace the Lord offers us on that most holy of days.

## Extra Confessions for Lent

### St. Nicholas

- Saturday 9 March **with Adoration** 3:30-4:30
- Tuesday 12 March 7:15PM (**3 Priests Available**)
- Sunday 17 March **with Adoration** 9:30-10:30
- Tuesday 19 March 5:30PM
- Monday 25 March 6-7PM
- Tuesday 26 March 5:30-6:30PM

### Confessions in our Neighboring Parishes (3 Priests Available)

- Sunday 10 March 3PM in Assumption BVM Slatington
- Monday 11 March 7PM in Sacred Heart Palmerton

And speaking of being ready for Easter, one of the things we should write down to resolve to do is make a thoughtful and good confession. Please note the extra opportunities available during Lent and take the time to go, seek the Lord, and be forgiven and renewed in the mercy of God.

Peace- Father Adam

## 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)



## Counting Our Blessings

2/18	Collection	\$3,142.00
	Donations	\$269.00
	School	\$45.00
	Ash Wednesday	\$661.00
	Other	\$91.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,208.00</b>

# Thank You!



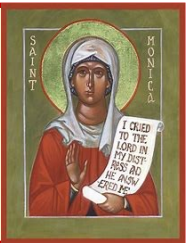
# Mass Intentions:

- Sat 3/2 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 3/3 8:30 AM Frank Pecsí (Gay Pecsí)  
10:30 AM Brian Kresge and Thomas Papay III (Joanne Kochmaruk)
- Mon 3/4 8:30 AM St Nicholas Memorial Society
- Tues 3/5 6:30 PM For Health Adriana Roman (Susanne Baker)
- Wed 3/6 8:30 AM Wednesday Adorers
- Thu 3/7 8:30 AM Holy Rosary Society
- Fri 3/8 No Mass
- Sat 3/9 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 3/10 8:30 AM Helen Anthony (Carol Thomas)  
10:30 AM Edward and Margaret Kochie (Joanne Kilpatrick)

## 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.

## Lector Ministry Schedule

	March 9-10	March 16-17
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Steven Bertalan	Bill Caserta
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Jeanette Noakes	Barbara Schmidt
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Brianna Pereira	John McRoberts

### 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 March 3 to 9

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Wednesday Adorers*

*St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

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



## 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 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.

## 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 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 electronically pre-order your candy, visit the St. Nicholas website Events page or pick up a paper order form in the portico.

All items listed on the order form are available as pre-orders. All pre-orders are due by **March 17** and will be confirmed once received!

Additional items available on sale days in limited quantities are: white chocolate items, peanut rolled eggs, mint patties, chocolate covered cashews, rocky road bark, other molded chocolates, and various flavors of glass/hard candy. Also new this year are handmade craft items and baked goods.

**We are looking forward to seeing you March 23 & 24!**



## Please Note: Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday March 7 through March 11.

We will reopen March 12.

## 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 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.

### Lenten Fish Dinners

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

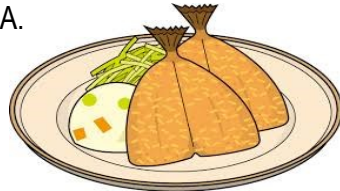
St. John the Baptist Social Hall  
Corner of Chestnut & Ruch Streets, Whitehall

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)



# Begins Next Sunday!



## 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).



### Cemetery Clean-Up

Please remove old decorations from your plot by March 10. Any Christmas decorations and/or unsightly items will be removed after March 10 in preparation for the Easter Season.

### BVMSN Credit Union Annual Meeting

The BVMSN Federal Credit Union annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 after the 4:30 mass. Cake and coffee will be served. No reservations needed.

### Mother Daughter Tea

Mothers and their daughters (ages 9-13) are invited to attend a **Mother Daughter Tea** on Sunday, April 28 from 1-4 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1046 W. Cedar St., Allentown!



Speakers will present on the beauty of God's gift of fertility, explain the physical and emotional changes girls experience, and share empowering tips on modesty, virtue, and personal style. The afternoon will feature lunch, games, and prizes. The cost is \$25.00 per family.

This event is being sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown's *NFP Task Force* in partnership with the *Bishop's Commission for Women*.

Registration is required by April 7. To register visit <https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407> or contact Kristin Osenbach at [kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org) for more information.