

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



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalms — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading — He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel — They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

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PREP:

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

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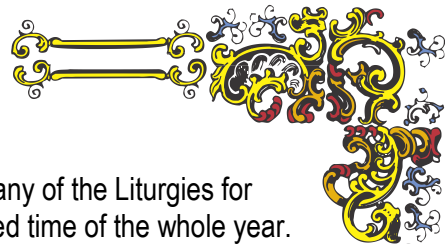
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Holy Week

- Monday:** Mass 8:30 AM,
 Confessions 6-7PM
- Tuesday:** Confessions 5:30-6:30PM
 Mass 6:30PM (Latin Mass)
- Wednesday:** Mass 8:30AM Adoration All Day
 Benediction & Stations 6:30PM
- Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM
 Private Adoration 8-10PM
 Holy Hour 10PM
- Good Friday:** Divine Office of Tenebrae 11AM
 Private Adoration 12-3PM
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3PM
- Holy Saturday:** Blessing of Easter Food 11AM
 Easter Vigil 8PM
- Easter Sunday:** Masses 8:30AM & 10:30AM

A Message from Our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter Holy Week 2024 I invite and encourage you to come to as many of the Liturgies for Holy Week as you can. These days are a blessed and sacred time, the most sacred time of the whole year. We cannot know the true joy of Easter without Holy Thursday and Good Friday and all that the events of those days mean. The whole Gospel is summed up and fulfilled in the events of these days, as Our Lord brings about the fulfillment of His mission. Our Lord had a very definitive reason for coming into this world and for doing everything that He did. If we look at the beginning of the gospel according to St. Mark, we see how the opening four phrases make the most sense in light of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord and how even at the beginning of His public ministry we have the shadow of the Cross. In reflecting on these four opening phrases from Mark, Father Gabriel Amorth says this:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe the Gospel. Analyzing them, we shall understand the sense of the Incarnation and the Resurrection of Jesus.

The first phrase tells us that the time for waiting is finished: from the moment when Jesus is born on earth, he becomes contemporaneously the center of all human history. Here is the substance of the second phrase: heaven, which had been closed because of sin, is now open, in virtue of the transfigured flesh of Christ in his Resurrection. By now his kingdom of justice and peace has definitely arrived. ... The doors of paradise have been thrown open, and the dazzling light of Christ, raised and living, includes the resting place of all the redeemed. The third phrase reveals to us that in order to enjoy eternal beatitude, we must change our way of thinking and therefore our life in a total and radical way. We have been called

to a continuous *metanoia*, a conversion, a reformulation of the priority of life, so that this reality can also be fully realized in our own existence. Finally, the fourth phrase tells us how to work this conversion: by living the Gospel. There we have all that is necessary. The Gospel, in turn, summarizes what Jesus commands his disciples: *love one another, even as I have loved you.*"

Our Lord has in fact loved us so fully and completely that he has given all He has to give. He would fulfill all on the Cross. He would conquer the kingdom of Satan on the Cross. He calls us to follow Him and share in the carrying of the Cross by repenting and living the Gospel, which means a kind of death to self, in which we return His love without holding anything back and in so doing become filled with His life.

Peace- Father Adam

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Mass Intentions:

- Sat 3/23 4:30 PM Kathryn Kunsman
(Wagner Family)
- Sun 3/24 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Richard Ottman
(Rosemary and Ottman Family)
- Mon 3/25 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- Tues 3/26 6:30 PM People of the Parish
- Wed 3/27 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- Thu 3/28 7:00 PM Rose & Baldo Mule
(Theresa Taddeo)
- Fri 3/29 No Mass
- Sat 3/30 8:00 PM Christine Paar (Josephine Paar)
- Sun 3/31 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Tommy Pignataro
(Tom & Lisa Pignataro)

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

3/10	Collection	\$3,523.00
	Easter Flowers	\$496.00
	Rice Bowl	\$90.00
	Donations	\$586.00
	School	\$145.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$285.00
	Total	\$5,125.00

Thank You!

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!



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 24 to 30

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Susan Johnson



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.

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.

The survey will close March 31.

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

50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 50th Anniversary Committee met again Saturday, March 16.

The finalization of the event ticket cost was the main topic of discussion. Watch for news coming shortly about this and how you can make your reservation.

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

The next planning meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 20 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

CYBERSECURITY PRESENTATION

Learn how to avoid computer scams and hacking, including ways to resolve these types of computer issues. The event will take place on **Sunday, April 14, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm** in the Social Hall of St. Nicholas Church.

Speakers will include a member of the Lehigh Township Police Force. This is a free event, and to register, you can look for the sign-up sheet in the portico or email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org.



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!

Pre-order is closed but **Walk-ins are Welcome!**

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. So come and see the wonderful things we have in store for you.

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



Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail dkine224@gmail.com with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our prayer list is now connected with Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a **Universal Prayer Chain**. This is a HUGE step for us because those on our prayer list will be having prayers said for them all over the world...Praise God!

If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

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!

Page Turners to Begin New Book



Why not join the Page Turners as we set sail into the depths of existential exploration with our next read: "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom? In this gripping tale, Albom

masterfully weaves together elements of mystery, morality, and human connection. Set adrift in a lifeboat after a tragic shipwreck, a diverse group of strangers is faced with profound questions about life, fate, and the essence of humanity. What would we do if God or someone claiming to be God answered our call? Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 2 at 7:15pm. Contact community@stnicholaswalnutport.org for more details.

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 for more information.



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.

The fundraising team needs your help in making the Purse Bingo a great success. **Please consider helping for a few hours at the Diamond Fire hall, baking a delicious goody, or simple hanging a flyer around the town to spread the word about this great event.** Sign up sheet are in the porticos or email us at fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

For questions, please contact Marianne at 610-703-4943 or e: fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

St. Nicholas Easter Egg Hunt

St. Nicholas will again be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children on Saturday, March 30, 2024, 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Children will be entered into the following age groups for the egg hunt: 1 year old and under; 2, 3, and 4 years old; 5, 6, and 7 years old; and 8 years old and older. Refreshments and prizes will be provided. Please use the sign-up sheets in the portico to register your child or email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org so we can plan for enough snacks and eggs. Anyone willing to provide snacks for this event or help out at the egg hunt should also contact the above email. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.



BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Churches. Your money is insured up to \$250,000. For more information, call the credit union at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on Monday nights from 7pm-9pm. We are here for you.