

St. Nicholas  
50 Years as a Parish  
1974 - 2024



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:28-29

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

**Second Reading** — For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

**Gospel** — On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

## Mass Schedule:

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

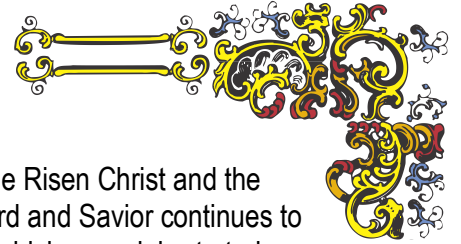
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

During the Easter Season we have the opportunity to renew our faith in the Risen Christ and the great gift of mercy that is at the very heart of Gospel. From His open heart Our Lord and Savior continues to offer us the forgiveness of sins and the new life of His grace. The Feast of Mercy which we celebrate today, on the octave day of Easter, helps to reveal the link between the Seasons of Lent and Easter and leads us to consider how the season of penance, Lent, leads us into the season of glory, Easter, and that as we conclude the Lenten sacrifices we are invited not to simply cease or drop our Lenten offerings but to let them lead us to take up new acts of prayer and charity, seeking to perform acts of simple mercy in gratitude for the great gift of forgiveness won for us on the Cross and confirmed in the glory of the new life offered by the Resurrection. Divine Mercy is twofold, forgiveness of sins and a new life in Christ. Our sins are not forgiven to leave us continue life alone, on our own, but to give us a new life in the grace of the Risen Christ. Having received this twofold gift of His Mercy, Our Lord then asks us to be disciples and apostles of His Mercy. Perhaps for the Season of Easter we might consider the ways in which we can make the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy a bigger part of our life as disciples.

Below is also another reflection of this Sunday of Divine Mercy which I invite you to read and consider. By this Feast of Mercy may Our Lord heal our wounds and help us to be agents of His healing mercy.

Peace- Father Adam

## **The Sunday of Divine Mercy** by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

The Gospel proclaimed on the Sunday after Easter is always the story of doubting Thomas (Lin 20:19-31). What convinces us about the boundless mercy of God are the wounds of his Risen Son.

Saint Faustina recounts an encounter with Jesus four days after professing her perpetual vows:

*After a moment, I saw the Lord, all covered with wounds; and he said to me, "Look at whom you have espoused." I understood the meaning of these words and answered the Lord, "Jesus, I love you more when I see you wounded and crushed with suffering like this than if I saw you in majesty." Jesus asked, "Why?" I replied, "Great majesty terrifies me, little nothing that I am, and your wounds draw me to your heart and tell me of your great love for me."*

One of our most difficult challenges is finding the courage to face those terrifying, lifelong wounds we scurry to keep buried inside us. They cripple us, discourage us, wrecking us with fear, with hopelessness that turns joy into a joke. But for once at Easter, we see ourselves as we are in the mirror of the wound-bearing Savior. And when mercy incarnate beckons, *Bring your hand and put it into my side*, those miraculous wounds free us from every sadness and despair. The wounds of Jesus woo us to the Great Love our heart was made for. Mercy, like every grace, always enters through a wound.

The Diary imparts another wise word about mercy:

*A magnificent building will never rise if we reject the insignificant bricks. God demands great purity of certain souls, and so he gives them a deeper knowledge of their own misery.*

So often we presume that our accomplishments, our merits, our greatness are the things that qualify us for, and catapult us into, sanctity. But divine mercy implores us to see: it is our littleness, our nothingness, our weakness, our powerlessness that God uses to create truly holy souls. The more we are aware of our own inability and insignificance, the better equipped we are to offer a precious, pure gift to divine mercy so that mercy can create something wondrous out of nothing. And nothing glorifies God more.

Saint Faustina learned this the hard way. One day a superior confronted her with the reprimand, "Get it out of your head, Sister, that the Lord Jesus might be communing in such an intimate way with such a miserable bundle of imperfections as you! Bear in mind that it is only with holy souls that the Lord Jesus communes in this way!"

See *Continued* in this bulletin . . .



# Mass Intentions:

- Sat 4/6 4:30 PM John Gallagher  
(Lorraine Gallagher and Family)
- Sun 4/7 8:30 AM Frank Pecs (Gay Pecs)  
10:30 AM People of the Parish
- Mon 4/8 8:30 AM Rodger Ladue (Kay Hanzl)
- Tues 4/9 6:30 PM Michael Patrick McCloskey  
(Thomas McCloskey)
- Wed 4/10 8:30 AM Bill Jenkins (Eileen Jenkins)
- Thu 4/11 7:00 PM Salvatore Collura  
(Bill & Janice Tanzola)
- Fri 4/12 No Mass
- Sat 4/13 8:00 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 4/14 8:30 AM Helen Anthony  
(Sylvia Yonalonus)  
10:30 AM Ed & Rose Muessig  
(Rosmary Ottman and Family)

<b>Lector Ministry Schedule</b>		
	<b>April 13-14</b>	<b>April 20-21</b>
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Kate Holland	Paul Sparling
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Barbara Schmidt	Carl Litwin
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Sue Hankee	Brianna Pereira

## 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.

## Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of Tommy Pignataro  
(Donated by The Pignataro Family)



### 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 April 7 to 13

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Al & Abby Wunderler (Hilda Steirer, Russ and Racheal Boyer) Joe, Michele and Jason Steirer (Joe Steirer and Family)*

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

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Sister Faustina, truly humbled by this, prayed to Jesus, who responded, "Be at peace, my daughter. It is precisely through such misery that I want to show the power of my mercy." To believe in mercy is to withstand the seductive lies that would undermine our confidence in divine mercy. Jesus, I trust in you.

The Catholic author Georges Bernanos gives us priceless advice: "Yes, God's sweet mercy is within you. Don't ask her to explain herself, to justify herself. Don't bore her with endless chatter and discussions. Close the window, close the door, don't let anyone in. Allow His mercy to smile and pray within you. And when she weeps say nothing."

### The Corporal Works of Mercy

- ◆ To feed the hungry;
- ◆ To give drink to the thirsty;
- ◆ To clothe the naked;
- ◆ To harbour the harbourless;
- ◆ To visit the sick;
- ◆ To ransom the captive;
- ◆ To bury the dead.

### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ◆ To instruct the ignorant;
- ◆ To counsel the doubtful;
- ◆ To admonish sinners;
- ◆ To bear wrongs patiently;
- ◆ To forgive offences willingly;
- ◆ To comfort the afflicted;
- ◆ To pray for the living and the dead.

## 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](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org).



## BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas churches. Why join this credit union? We are a simple savings and loan established in 1960. We offer lower interest rate loans and financial counseling if you want to help clean up your credit. Your money is insured up to \$250,000.00. We are here for you. For more information call us at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on **Monday's** from **7-9pm**.

April		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 4/11	9:30 AM	Maribeth Ward, Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin
Thurs. 4/18	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst

## Iron Pigs Game

**Event Date:** June 21, 2024

**Event Time:** 7:05 game start

**Cost:** \$12 with \$2 ballpark credit for food or merchandise.



Join your fellow parishioners for a fun and relaxing evening at the Iron Pigs Game. Stay and enjoy the Fireworks after the game. 40 seats have been reserved in section 104.

Sign up sheets are available after masses from April 6 to May 19. Last day to sign up is May 19.

contact Carl Litwin 610-767-2624

e-mail [clitwin1@gmail.com](mailto:clitwin1@gmail.com)

## Plant & Book Swap

The St. Nicholas North of 50 Group will be holding a Plant & Book Swap on Tuesday, April 9 from 2-4PM.

Here's how it works: bring a plant, pick a plant; bring a book, pick a book. Bring 2, pick 2! Have an overgrown plant? Try propagating, it's easy and a fun way to share clippings too! And, of course, a treat to share is always appreciated.

Sign-up sheets will be in the church hall.

Contact: Ann Orsulak 610-392-1092

Lisa Pignataro 610-737-4716





## Bible Study Thursdays

Please join us for our new Bible Study, The Book of Psalms: The School of Prayer, which will begin on Thursday May 16, 2024 at 6:30PM: The Psalms are at the heart of the Bible and consist of prayers that help us to pray. The Psalms were inspired by the Holy Spirit and prayed by Jesus Christ, Himself (as well as our Blessed Mother). This Bible Study will be presented by Jeff Cavins in such a way as to help us to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God. Please join us to learn of the many ways that the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus. All (parishioners and non-parishioners) are welcome. Simply pre-order your Workbook now by contacting Deacon Mike. The cost is \$29.95 (computer access, if you prefer, will be a small, additional charge). This will be an eleven (11) week program held every other Thursday on the following dates (5/16, 5/30, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/08, 8/22, 09/05, 09/09, and 10/03/2024).

## BINGO!

Sacred Heart Church Palmerton is sponsoring a Cash Bingo on Sunday, April 14, at the Sacred Heart Social Hall. Doors open at 12 Noon; Bingo begins at 1:00 PM. \$20 per person; Specials \$5; Food, Refreshments, Bake Goods available for purchase. Call Sacred Heart Rectory for tickets at 610-826-2335. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Parish.

## Counting Our Blessings - Thank You!

3/17	Collection	\$2,891.00
	Easter Flowers	\$240.00
	Rice Bowl	\$90.00
	Donations	\$522.00
	School	\$51.00
	Other	\$105.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$135.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,034.00</b>

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met again Saturday, March 16.

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](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

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## 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](mailto:fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

For questions, please contact Marianne at 610-703-4943 or e: [fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

## This Weekend!

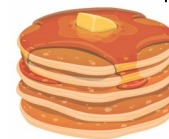


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## All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$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, April 7, 2024**  
**8am - 12:00pm**

**In the St. Nicholas Social Hall**