

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



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)

Second Reading — He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel — "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

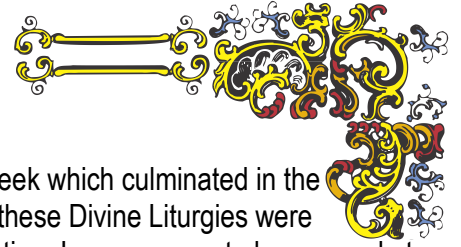
Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
 Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM
 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,

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful celebrations of Holy Week and Easter Week which culminated in the Feast of Divine Mercy last Sunday. Just reflecting back for a moment I found that these Divine Liturgies were once again renewing and uplifting and they certainly gave me much food for reflection. I never cease to be amazed at just how much God has given to us and how amazing His providence. Now we continue the celebration of the Easter Season. It is the quintessential season of joy.. It is said that joy comes from comprehension. The joy of Easter is first in comprehending that Jesus really rose from the dead, and then to comprehending the implications of His Resurrection, Ascension and the birth of His Church. In revisiting the mystery each year, we have the opportunity for our comprehension of it to deepen, thus increasing our joy in the Risen Lord. While Easter as a season does not have the characteristics of Lent, it is so good for us to not simply let that observance end now with nothing to take its place. A few ideas for "Eastertime": 1. Pray the Regina Caeli, the proper prayer to our Blessed Mother for Easter, perhaps add this prayer to family grace before meals and another time or two during the day, traditionally this prayer replaces the Angelus during the season of Easter, 2. Rededicate yourself to Eucharistic Adoration, if you are not a regular adorer, consider becoming one or at least resolve to stop in each week to visit with our Lord in the Eucharist, 3. Take some Easter Holy Water home and daily or weekly renew your baptismal promises privately and bless yourself with the Easter Water, 4. Since Easter is a festive season, keep some decorated eggs on the table throughout the season and perhaps have some festive food each Sunday of Easter, 5. Read each day or each week the Gospel accounts of the Risen Lord and the first several chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Those are just a few ideas, but the main point is

do something each day to observe this great season of joy.

Peace- Father Adam

Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven)

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
- R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

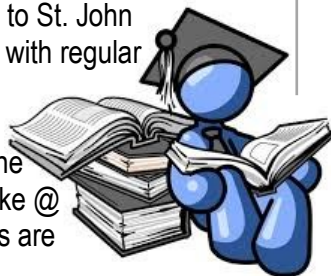


Saint Gregory's Easter Prayer

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

Father McElduff Scholarship

The Father McElduff Scholarship is available to all students in Grades 2-8 who will be attending a Catholic School in 2024-25. Preference is given to St. John Neumann School applicants and those with regular Mass attendance. To apply for the scholarship, stop by the church office for an application or download it from the website. You may also call Deacon Mike @ 610-767-3107. Scholarship applications are due May 10, 2024. Good luck!



Counting Our Blessings - Thank You!

3/31	Collection	\$2,981.00
	Easter	\$5,724.00
	Holy Thursday	\$622.00
	Good Friday	\$480.00
	Rice Bowl	\$73.00
	Donations	\$451.00
	School	\$12.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$122.00
	Total	\$10,465.00



Mass Intentions:

- Sat 4/13 4:30 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)
- Mon 4/15 8:30 AM Rodger Ladue (Kay Hanzl)
- Tues 4/16 6:30 PM Mark Lizotte (Semler Family)
- Wed 4/17 8:30 AM Artie Edwards (Theresa Taddeo)
- Thu 4/18 8:30 AM Margaret Kroboth (Jeanette Noakes)
- Fri 4/19 No Mass
- Sat 4/20 4:30 PM Janet & Lew Kern (Kate Holland)
- Sun 4/21 8:30 AM Jack Shaneberger (Ann Marie and Christine Shaneberger)
- 10:30 AM Agnes Lancsak (Joanne Kuchmaruk)

Lector Ministry Schedule		
	April 20-21	April 27-28
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling	Steve Bertalan
Sun 8:30 AM	Carl Litwin	Barbara Schmidt
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	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.

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 were lit in Memory of Al & Abby Wunderler (Hilda Steirer, Russ and Racheal Boyer)

Joe, Michele and Jason Steirer (Joe Steirer and Family)

Week of April 14 to 20

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of George Woytko (Mary Woytko and Susanne Amici) Christine Paar (Mom, Josephine Paar)

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

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group



We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area. For example: prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.

Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484.597.3685

Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.

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.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick, and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery.

Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!



Caring Cardmaking ♥♥♥

Our card making team at St. Nicks (caring cards) is in full swing. If you know of someone who is having surgery, is ill, is homebound or in a nursing home or hospice please contact us with their names and addresses so that we can get a card off to them.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 474-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to do stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.

St. Nicholas Church Pork & Saurkraut Dinner

Friday, April 26, 2024 4:30 PM—7:30 PM

Eat In: \$15

Take Out: \$16

Dinner Includes:

- ◆ Pork
- ◆ Saurkraut
- ◆ Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Apple Sauce
- ◆ Vegetable
- ◆ Roll
- ◆ Dessert
- ◆ Beverage



To reserve your dinner: email kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Walk-ins are welcome, but limited



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

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.



We Need Your Help!

If you or you know a parishioner that is homebound or is in or going into in a nursing home or personal care facility, please let us know by calling the Parish Office.



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.

50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 50th 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



April		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 4/18	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst
Thurs. 4/25	9:30 AM	Diane Turner, Bill Caserta, Lisa Pignataro



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.

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

Boy Scouts

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

