

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



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Psalms — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Second Reading — Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel — Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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,

Next weekend, April 27-28, we will welcome Father Michael Shea back to our parish. Father Shea was here a few months ago and is returning to help get us ready to celebrate the month of May, our Blessed Mother's month. Father Shea is a Vincentian Priest, who has been the Vice-Rector of the Miraculous Medal Shine in Philadelphia. Father will be here to preach about the Miraculous Medal and we will give our blessed medals to everyone that weekend. That week, on Wednesday May 1, we will begin the praying of the Miraculous Medal Novena after Benediction and continue that each week. The Miraculous Medal is a wonderful devotion and it has its origins in our Blessed Mother's apparition to St. Catherine Laboure. It is another great way for us to stay close to our Blessed Mother and to seek her powerful protection and intercession. The weekly praying of the Novena will be a fantastic addition to the public prayer of our parish family. Throughout the month of May we will highlight some of the history of this particular devotion. I hope you will take next weekend as an opportunity to consider how to personally observe May as Mary's special month.

Pope St. John Paul II taught us through his many writings, homilies, prayers and most of all his example, that devotion to our Blessed Mother is an essential part of the Christian life. Among his many words to us are these:

"Down the centuries Marian devotion has enjoyed an interrupted development. In addition to the traditional liturgical feasts dedicated to the Lord's Mother, there has been a flowering of countless expressions of piety, often approved and encouraged by the Church's Magisterium...As the liturgy and Christian piety demonstrate, the Church has always held devotion to Mary in high esteem, considering it inseparably linked to belief in Christ. It is in fact based on the Father's plan, the Saviour's will and the Paraclete's inspiration.

Having received salvation and grace from Christ, the Blessed Virgin is called to play an important role in humanity's redemption. Through Marian devotion Christians acknowledge the value of Mary's presence on their journey to salvation, having recourse to her for every kind of grace. They especially know that they can count on her motherly intercession to receive from the Lord everything necessary for growing in the divine life and for attaining eternal salvation. As the many titles attributed to the Blessed Virgin and the continual pilgrimages to Marian shrines attest, the trust of the faithful in Jesus' Mother spurs them to call upon her for their daily needs.

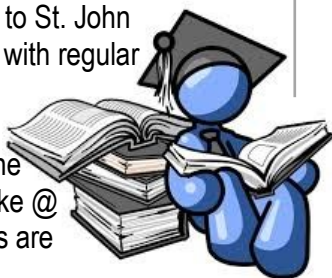
They are certain that her maternal heart cannot remain indifferent to the material and spiritual distress of her children...[D]evotion to Mary, by highlighting the human dimension of the Incarnation, helps us better to discern the face of a God who shares the joys and sufferings of humanity, the "God-with-us" whom she conceived as man in her most pure womb, gave birth to, cared for and followed with unspeakable love from his days in Nazareth and Bethlehem to those of the Cross and Resurrection."

This May, let's all renew our devotion to Mary, who is so devoted to us, who is for us ever clement, ever sweet and ever loving.

Peace- Father Adam

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!



4/7

Counting Our Blessings

Collection	\$3,147.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal Rebate	\$226.25
Donations	\$649.00
School	\$278.00
Other	\$98.00
Renovation & Preservation	\$1,009.00
Total	\$5,407.25

Thank You!



Mass Intentions:

- 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)
- Mon 4/22 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- Tues 4/23 6:30 PM Veronica Lenner (Semler Family)
- Wed 4/24 8:30 AM Tommy Pignataro (Lisa & Tom Pignataro)
- Thu 4/25 8:30 AM Sylvia & Joseph Taddeo (Theresa Taddeo)
- Fri 4/26 No Mass
- Sat 4/27 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 4/28 8:30 AM Leo & Mary McCloskey (Thomas McCloskey)
- 10:30 AM Edward Tanczos (Wife Mary and Family)

Lector Ministry Schedule		
	April 27-28	May 4-5
Sat 4:30 PM	Steve Bertalan	Michael Semler
Sun 8:30 AM	Barbara Schmidt	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	John McRoberts	Carl Litwin

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 21 to 27

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Stasia Lukasik (Sandra Bischof and Family) Wednesday Adorers

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

Knights of Columbus



St. Nicholas Council #16656 A Star Award Council has been recognized for their church and community service and outreach programs.

Men that are practicing Catholics and 18 years old are eligible to join.

Call the Parish Office for more information. **To make your registration** easier, you can join the K of C online at kofc.org/JoinUs.

K of C General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:30 PM,
Officers' Meeting 4th Wed @ 7:30PM.

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.

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.

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!



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

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.



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).

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



Mass with Bishop Schlert

All are welcomed to join Bishop Schlert for Daily Mass at Sacred Heart, Palmerton on Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 AM.

April		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
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.

