

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other." (Dt 4:39)

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading — For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:15)

Gospel — "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)

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,

As we near the month of June we have this year, the first weekend of June, the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi, the feast of the Most Holy Eucharist. To celebrate the gift of this Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass that Sunday and Benediction prior to the 10:30 Mass. I invite you to come for a few extra minutes of prayer and thanksgiving with the Lord.

June is also the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The first Friday of June is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and in honor of this feast we will have Mass that day at 7AM. Mass will be in Latin and then will follow a brief period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass with the traditional devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord is deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture, the teaching of the Fathers of the Church, and the writings and practices of many saints. This devotion crystalized most especially through the revelations of the Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Sister of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, in the 17th century. The revelations to St. Margaret Mary taught ways to venerate Our Lord's Sacred Heart and provide an avenue of approaching the Divine Mystery of our salvation, symbolized by the Heart of Christ. This avenue of approach is not apart from, but is in fact built upon the foundation of the Sacramental life, and is a devotion that is all about enhancing and increasing our devotion to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. Through increasing our love for Our Lord's Heart, which is open to us especially in the Holy Eucharist, we are drawn more deeply into His love and drawn by love away from sin and into the life of grace. Pope Pius XII taught "[I]t is clear that the revelations made to St. Margaret Mary brought nothing new into Catholic doctrine. Their importance lay in this that Christ Our Lord, exposing His Sacred Heart, wished in a quite extraordinary way to invite the minds of men to a contemplation of, and a devotion to, the mystery of God's merciful love for the human race. In this special manifestation Christ pointed to His Heart, with definite and repeated words, as the symbol by which men should be attracted to a knowledge and recognition of His love; and at the same time He established it as a sign or pledge of mercy and grace for the needs of the Church of our times."

Our Lord indeed continues to point us in the direction of His Heart. In His Heart we find our safe refuge from every evil and our hope in times of trouble.

Peace- Father Adam

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (From St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

- I. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.' Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of..... *(here name your request)* Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be to the Father...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

- II. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.' Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of..... *(here name your request)* Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be To the Father...

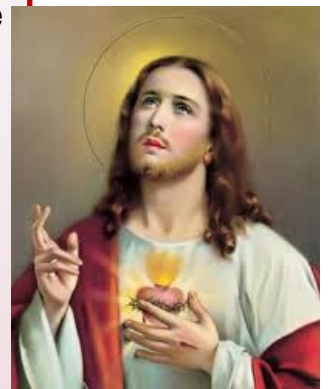
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

- III. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.' Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of... *(here name your request)* Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be to the Father...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

--Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.





Mass Intentions:

Sat 5/25	4:30 PM	John Stemetzki (Janice & Bill Tanzola)
Sun 5/26	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Jr. (Joanne Kochmaruk)
Mon 5/27	8:30 AM	Marsha Perna (Faith Anderjack)
Tues 5/28	6:30 PM	Mother Day Intentions
Wed 5/29	8:30 AM	Baker Family (Susan Baker)
Thu 5/30	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of St. Nicholas Parish
Fri 5/31	No Mass	
Sat 6/1	4:30 PM	People of the Parish.
Sun 6/2	8:30 AM	John Kinane (Christopher & Laura Kinane)
	10:30 AM	Tommy Pignataro (Tom & Lisa Pignataro)

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!



Blessed Mother Flowers

May 26 through June 1

In Memory of Ann Nester (Stephanie Ershen)



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.



Miraculous Medal Novena

The prayers of the Miraculous Medal Novena
are prayed publicly in our parish every
Wednesday after the evening Benediction at
6:30PM. We offer public praying of the
Miraculous Medal Novena as a perpetual novena of
prayer as a part of the spiritual life of our parish.
Please come and join together each Wednesday as
we pray this beautiful prayer as a weekly devotion.

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.

Paschal Candle

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



Week of May 26 to June 1

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Wednesday Adorers*

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



Make a Joyful Noise Kick-Off

With music, dance, video, and several surprise special guests, students, teachers, families, and friends invite you to Make A Joyful Noise for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Allentown! Join a community-wide, online celebration of Catholic School spirit by checking out the Make A Joyful Noise video showcase below then voting for your favorite student, teacher, and Catholic school community today!

Voting deadline is May 31. Make a Joyful Noise champions will be announced on June 1st. All donations go directly to the school that receives your votes so vote early and often. Visit: Make a Joyful Noise (weloveourcatholicschools.com) to watch and vote.



Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath Knights of Columbus Council Annual Trip to Yankee Stadium

Sacred Heart of Jesus Annual Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium is Thursday August 22. The game has a 1:05 pm start. Bus departs from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Bath, at 9:00am, with a return immediately following the game. Cost per person is \$117.00 - includes the bus, game ticket and refreshments provided by Knights of Columbus Council. Reservations: Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or (610) 390-8429.

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!



Daniel Sight and Sound Bus Trip

BUS Trip – **Sight & Sound Theater** – Featuring 'DANIEL', Lancaster PA

Saturday, July 20, 2024

3 pm Showtime

Tickets:

- ◆ Just Show (Self transportation) \$87 per adult; \$42 per child (3-12)
- ◆ Show and Bus* (Bus is not Handicap accessible) \$130 per adult; \$87 for ages 3-12

*Minimum of 30 bus seats need to be purchased in order to run the bus.

Departure Time: 11:15 am Arrive at St Nicholas. 11:30 am Leave St Nicholas Parking Lot -promptly.

Due to the greater cost of meals on weekends, **we will not be stopping for any meals**. Please pack your meals.

3 pm Show begins (Run time 2hr 30 mins).

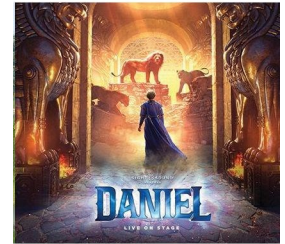
6 pm Leave Theater.

8 pm Return to St Nicholas Parking lot.

Online payment option is available on the St. Nicholas web site Events page. Check or Cash Payments: To register, include name, cell #, email address and # of tickets with your cash or check in an envelope placed in the collection basket marked 'Daniel-Sight/Sound'.

Checks should be made payable to: St Nicholas Catholic Church. For Questions Contact: Donna DeCesaris Call // Text 610-533-4739 email:

community@stnicholaswalnutport.org



Counting Our Blessings

5/12	Collection Envelopes	\$4,308.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Ascension Thursday	\$566.00
	School Support	\$208.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$290.00

Thank You!

Lector Ministry Schedule

	June 1-2	June 8-9
Sat 4:30 PM	Michael Semler	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Carl Litwin	Barbara Schmidt
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Niedzwiecki	Brianna Pereira



50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 50th Anniversary Committee met Saturday, May 18 to discuss topics including letters to go out to sponsors, and 50th Anniversary items such as various clothing items, Christmas tree ornaments, and car magnets that will be available for sale to all.

All families and children of the parish are invited to the 50th Anniversary Gala. The event is **business casual** at Woodstone on **November 17, 2024**. Information on tickets will be available in June.

The next planning meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 22 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

Keeping God's House Clean

Have a couple of hours each month to help keep the Lord's house clean?

St Nicholas cleaning crew is looking for volunteers.

You will work a team of dedicated parishioners on a pre-determined day.

Consider joining us!

Contact: Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716



May		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thu. 5/30	9:30 AM	Lisa & Tom Pignataro



SAVE THE DATE! VOLUNTEER DAYS AT POCONO RACEWAY

July 12-14, (rain date 15)

Come out to enjoy a day (or more) of fun and racing AND help the parish!

Free standing admission to the grandstands as duties permit.

ALL are welcome: individuals, families, relatives, friends. Participants must be 16+.

All earnings will go 50/50 to the parish and our Knights council's charities. We earn \$100 for each person-shift.

Details and sign-up sheets to follow at later date.

Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671, ascarsel@ptd.net

Self Defense Seminar at St. Nicholas

Saturday 29 June
from 10AM-Noon

In these troubled times, it's more important than ever to develop and sharpen the ability to defend yourself.



In this seminar you will learn:

- Observation Skills To Help Spot & Avoid a Dangerous Situation
- Visual Skills
- Tips for Avoiding a Situation
- What A Would Be Attacker Is Looking For
- Escaping Skills
- Development of Your Personal Weapons
- How to Deal with Certain Threatening Situations

Your instructor will be Kyoshi Jeff Driscoll, an internationally known martial arts teacher with over 30 years experience!

Open to people of all ages and physical ability.

Sign up today for early bird pricing of \$25 per person!

Email- community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let the parish office know.

Boy Scouts

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