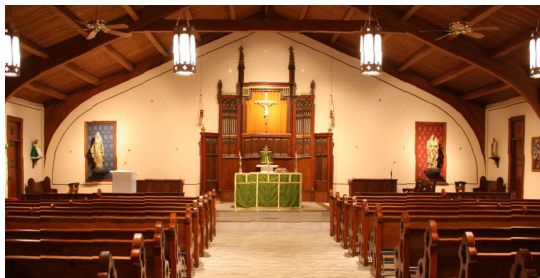


**St. Nicholas**  
**50** Years as a Parish  
 1974 - 2024



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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### PREP:

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

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

**Second Reading** — Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

**Gospel** — "It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

## 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 celebrate Father's Day, I offer my prayers and best wishes to all of our fathers. I pray especially that your hearts may be so untied with the Heart of Christ, who perfectly reveals God the Father, that when your children see you, they may always see a reflection of our heavenly Father, and may experience some of His love and Fatherly care for them in your love and fatherly care.

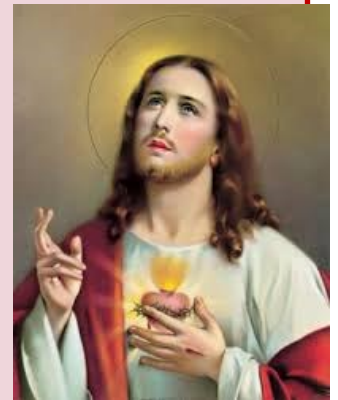
As we continue to reflect on the Sacred Heart this month, here we have a reflection by Father Bevil Bramwell that offers insight into what it means to be devoted to Our Lord's Sacred Heart.

Peace- Father Adam

## **The Sacred Heart** By Father Brevil Bramwell, O.M.I.

This devotion deserves much wider exposure because it gets to the core of the mystery of our redemption. The overflowing of God's love through the humanity of Jesus Christ, represented by the sacred heart of Jesus, is a mystery — which by definition means a reality that exceeds our ability to explain — but that shines brightly in our faith.

In his encyclical "On Devotion to the Sacred Heart" (*Haurietis aquas*), Pope Pius XII pointed to the moment in Jesus' life where he says: "If any man thirst, let him come to me, and let him drink he who believes in me. As the Scripture says: 'Out of his heart there shall flow rivers of living waters.' Now this He said of the Spirit which they should receive who believed in Him." (John 7:37-39) The pope specifically focused on the fact that Jesus describes himself as the source of living water, a symbol of the fountain of life that is the Holy Spirit.



This wondrous phenomenon has renewed importance just now because our current mood resembles the pessimistic and agitated mood in the 1950s during the Cold War when the encyclical was promulgated. The pandemic, the violent protests, and the social polarization are exerting pressure on us all. Yet in the midst of everything — even as many all over the world are dealing with serious illness and death — Christ stands as the infinite source of comfort, love, and peace.

The words that most touched me in the encyclical were Pius XII's use of a passage from Saint Paul: "Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

In other words, in their devotion to the Sacred Heart, the faithful are not living merely within their own limitations. The prayer to the Sacred Heart calls upon the Spirit of God, which moves us in ways we would not discover solely on our own: "the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings." (Romans 8:26)

So, whatever we are feeling because of what is happening around us, if we can gather ourselves enough to actually form a prayer in our hearts, God does the rest in his providential care. Or as Pius XII put it: "The Sacred Heart of Jesus shares in a most intimate way in the life of the Incarnate Word and has been thus assumed as a kind of instrument of the Divinity."

This is not just some pious thought or theological abstraction. The pope hearkens back to another specific moment in Jesus' life: "What is here written of the side of Christ, opened by the wound from the soldier, should also be said of the heart which was certainly reached by the stab of the lance, since the soldier pierced it precisely to make certain that Jesus Christ crucified was really dead."

What are the effects of the wounding of Jesus' sacred heart? It fired up the apostles and the martyrs to witness to their faith right to the end. It inspired the doctors of the Church with tireless zeal to teach the faith. It drove the

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## Mass Intentions:

Sat 6/15	4:30 PM	Margaret Krobath (Janice & Bill Tanzola)
Sun 6/16	8:30 AM	Frank Pecs (Gay Pecs)
	10:30 AM	Charles Lakovits (Daughters, Charlene and Nancy)
Mon 6/17	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Mary Woytko)
Tues 6/18	6:30 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Wed 6/19	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 6/20	8:30 AM	James Karmonick (Theresa Rice)
Fri 6/21	No mass	
Sat 6/22	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sun 6/23	8:30 AM	Dorothy Hummel (Joyce & Gary Hummel)
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Sr. (Joanne Kochmaruk)

### Lector Ministry Schedule

	June 22-23	June 29-30
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling	Steve Bertalan
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes	Anthony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	Sue Hankee	Carl Litwin



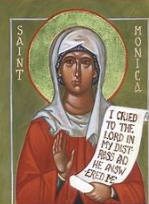
### Miraculous Medal Novena

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.

### 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.



### 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 June 16 to 22

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

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

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"confessors" to develop virtues both for themselves and as an example to others. It motivated virgins "to a free and joyful withdrawal from the pleasures of the senses and to the complete dedication of themselves to the love of their heavenly Spouse."

The marvelous focus of our adoration on the Sacred Heart shows it to be the source of divine love but also the example of all of the virtues. He is the living presence of our salvation radiating from the heart of the Church, which after all is his Body. (Romans 12:5)

That was the main point of the encyclical: because the wounded Sacred Heart achieves so much as its divine charity overflows into the world, it should be paid due honor. It is something far beyond anything that we can imagine: "The Heart of Christ is overflowing with love both human and divine and rich with the treasure of all graces which our Redeemer acquired by His life, sufferings, and death, it is, therefore, the enduring source of that charity which His Spirit pours forth on all the members of His Mystical Body."

As a result, we may be confident that there will be more apostles, martyrs, doctors, confessors, and virgins. This glorious tradition will continue until the end of time. Perhaps some of us may even be inspired to join their ranks.

## 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](mailto: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!

## Counting Our Blessings—Thank You!

6/2	Collection Envelopes	\$5,494.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Peter's Pence	\$25.00
	School Support	\$152.00
	Insurance Support	\$344.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$150.00

## Daniel Sight and Sound Bus Trip

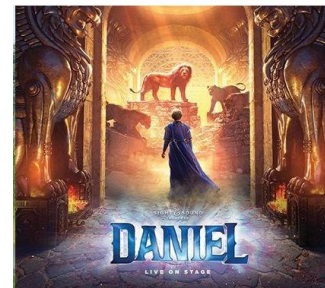
BUS Trip – **Sight & Sound Theater** – Featuring 'DANIEL', Lancaster PA

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



## 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.

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



The 50<sup>th</sup> 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**. Plans are being made for live band entertainment, silent auction, and of course, a delicious dinner. 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](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)



## 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](mailto:ascarsel@ptd.net)

## 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.

## 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! Go to the St. Nicholas website Events page to pay on-line.

Email- [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)