

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Deacon Mike Kudla
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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
 The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
 "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Jb 38:11)

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)

Second Reading — So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

Gospel — They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:41)

Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107
 E-mail: stnick11@ptd.net

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

St. John Newman Regional School: (K-8)

610-826-2354

PREP:

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

BVMSN Credit Union:

484-272-2858

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA
 Secretary for Youth Protection
 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC
 Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

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

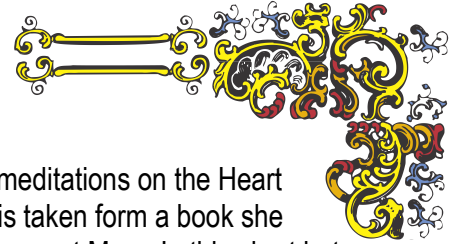
Confessions:

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,

All this month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart, we have been considering meditations on the Heart of Our Lord. The little mediation below is written by a French Visitandine nun and is taken from a book she wrote on Divine Love. It is noteworthy that she is of the same community as St. Margaret Mary. In this short but profound excerpt she beautifully explains the unity of devotion to the Sacred Heart, the Holy Eucharist and Divine Love. As Mother Louise says the image of the Lord's Heart is the organ and symbol of His love, and where we encounter this love most perfectly is in the Holy Eucharist. I think it is also worth mentioning that in the Eucharistic miracles where outward appearance of the Eucharistic bread also changes, revealing the appearance of flesh, that flesh, when examined is always heart tissue. This should be no surprise, for those miracles, like all miracles, are signs to us, signs we are meant to follow. Through the Holy Eucharist Our Lord leads us deeper and deeper into His own Heart, where we encounter the Love that is God.

Peace- Father Adam



Love, the Eucharist, and the Heart of Jesus

by MOTHER LOUISE MARGARET CLARET DE LA TOUCHE

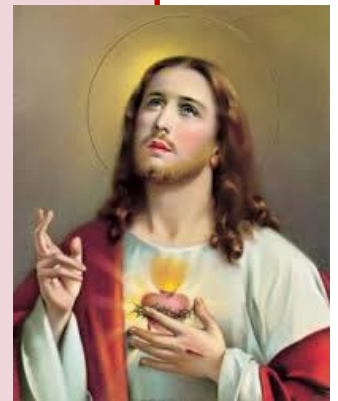
Devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and devotion to the Sacred Heart are not only two sister devotions; in reality they are only one and the same devotion.

They complete each other and develop each other; they blend so perfectly together that one cannot stand without the other, and their union is absolute. Not only can one of these devotions not be prejudicial to the other but, because they complete each other and perfect each other, they also reciprocally increase each other.

If we have devotion to the Sacred Heart, we will wish to find it, to adore it, to love it, to offer it our reparation and praise, and where shall we look for it but in the Blessed Eucharist where it is found eternally living? If we love this adorable Heart, we will wish to unite ourselves to it, for love seeks union; we will wish to warm our hearts by the ardour of this divine fire; but to reach the Sacred Heart, to take hold of it, to put it in contact with our own, what shall we do? Shall we scale heaven to bear away the Heart of Jesus who reigns triumphant in glory? There is no need to do so. We will go to the Blessed Eucharist, we will go to the tabernacle, we will take the white Host, and when we have enclosed it in our breast, we will feel the divine Heart truly beating beside our own.

Devotion to the divine Heart infallibly brings souls to the Blessed Eucharist, and faith in and devotion to the Blessed Eucharist necessarily lead souls to discover the mysteries of Infinite Love of which the divine Heart is the organ and the symbol. If we believe in the Blessed Eucharist, we believe in Love. It is the mystery of Love. But in itself love is immaterial and imperceptible. To fix our minds and our senses, we seek an outward form for love. This form, this sensible manifestation, is the divine Heart.

The Sacred Heart, the Blessed Eucharist, and Love are one and the same thing. In the tabernacle we find the Host; in the Host, Jesus; in Jesus, his Heart; in his Heart, Love—infinite Love, divine charity, God, the principle of life, living and life-giving.





Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 6/24	8:30 AM	Jerry Mraz (Sue Hankee)
Tues 6/25	6:30 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Wed 6/26	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Susan Geueke)
Thu 6/27	8:30 AM	George Stasko (Sue & Eugene Hankee)
Fri 6/28	No mass	
Sat 6/29	4:30 PM	Ann Nestor (Ed & Stephanie Erschen)
Sun 6/30	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Konrad Goworowski (Elizabeth Getz)

Lector Ministry Schedule

	June 29-30
Sat 4:30 PM	Steve Bertalan
Sun 8:30 AM	Anthony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Litwin



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.

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.

Week of June 23 to 29

*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*

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.

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!

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. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:30 in the social hall.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 464-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.



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.

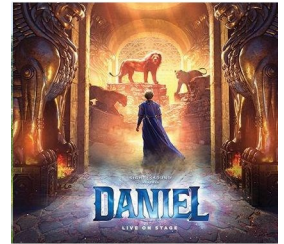
Due to the greater cost of meals on weekends, **we will not be stopping for any meals**. Please pack your meals.

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



Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

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



Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. 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.

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.



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.

50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE



Exciting news! Letters to all Parishioners for our upcoming 50th Anniversary Mass Celebration and Gala are now available for pickup in the social hall. Swing by after mass to collect yours. We can't wait to celebrate this special milestone with you all!

Anyone interested in volunteering, sign up in the porticos or email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Counting Our Blessings

6/9	Collection Envelopes	\$3,241.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	School Support	\$335.00
	Insurance Support	\$95.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$195.00

Thank You!

Join The Walking Group For A Refreshing Walk at Delps Park!

It would be wonderful to enjoy the outdoors together! Why not join us for a leisurely walk along the 1-mile walking trail at Delps Park in Danielsville?

Let's catch up, breathe in the fresh air, and immerse ourselves in the beauty of nature. This is the perfect opportunity to unwind and escape from the hustle and bustle for a while. Feel free to bring along anyone else who might enjoy a pleasant stroll. For details, please contact 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

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