

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world. (Wis 2:24)

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

Second Reading — Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. (2 Cor 8:13-14)

Gospel — He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Mk 5:41)

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,

This week celebrate Independence Day, the Fourth of July! On that holiday I always take a moment to think back to the men and women who made such great sacrifices and risked everything for the cause of American liberty. I think about George Washington and Ben Franklin and the Founding Fathers who navigated their different opinions to eventually form a new nation with a radically new form of self governance. I think about ordinary men like Peter Francisco, who's feats have become the stuff of legend. You might want to look him up! I think of all those who joined the Continental Army or served in the militias.

If you are like me, when you reflect on the result of all they did, you think it was and is a good thing that they accomplished and that we are blessed to still enjoy the fruits of those labors and sacrifices. I think we have to realize that not everyone today thinks this way. Our country, it seems there is no doubt, is really at one of those crossroads in history, one in which we will continue down the path in which we appreciate and embrace the vision that founded this nation, or our nation will take the other path at this fork in the road of our history, the path that seeks to transform our nation into something other than that which it was founded to be, a more socialistic and atheistic state. The first path is one in which we recognize that to God we must turn, to ask His grace to mend the flaws, to right the wrongs which exist in our society and that this also requires a more humble acceptance of the Law of God. The second path is one where religion and practice of religion is not accepted as a means to guide public life, public policy and the norms which govern the good order of our lives. On this path, the only guide is social convention, the whims of public opinion, which shift like a flag on a windy day, blowing this way and that, with no fixed direction. This is called moral relativism, which has been aptly described as its own kind of dictatorship.

There are many in our country, I do not think a majority yet, but a significant number nonetheless, who wish to choose this second path. It is, I believe, a very dangerous path. Please do not misunderstand, I am not writing this from a partisan political perspective. This is not about choosing a political party per se, but is something that transcends the usual politics of our nation. This is about the greater and broader identity of our country. Yes, every election is important. But the choosing of the way forward at this crossroads of history, our path into the national future, goes far beyond any one election or any one elected leader. Every election has consequences, and we will see that now more than at any time in our history. But no one elected leader will save this nation from going down that second path, into the dictatorship of relativism.

The choosing of the first path, the path that stays true to our founding, and the rejection of the second, will happen when we who know what is right and true and good, engage more and more in public life and discourse, and bring the principles that once guided our nation to shape once again the laws, the norms and the customs, that bind us together as a society and provide for the good order of public life. For most of our nation's history, the basic principles of Christianity guided what was acceptable in public life. While some of the founders of this nation were not necessarily Christian or even very religious, the people, "We the People", to whom those same founders entrusted so much responsibility, were decisively Christian. This influenced the decisions and the policies, at least publicly, of our elected leaders. At times, policy decisions that were contrary to Christian principles were made and carried out in relative secret, hidden from most of the citizenry, because had these become public, the outcry would have driven those leaders out of office. This is sadly not the case today, as the media in our nation, both in entertainment and news, are now the promoters of the agenda of moral relativism.

To choose the first path we must have the courage that was displayed by so many in 1776 and the years that followed. This means the courage to reject the moral relativism of the age. We have to demand that our elected representatives, at every level, govern in accord with our Constitution, and with the Natural Law, especially as it is known in the Ten Commandments. We must also refuse to accept any infringements on our rights to practice our faith in public, which includes worship, but also extends to the living of a moral life in accord with the Gospel. And we must also do what we can to explain the Faith to others and the good that comes from the practice of right religion. In the end, it is Christ who is the answer to every problem and every ill of society.

Peace- Father Adam



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 7/1	8:30 AM	St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Tues 7/2	6:30 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Wed 7/3	8:30 AM	Michael Babick (Elaine Jenkins)
Thu 7/4	8:30 AM	Carol Ann & Tony McCarthy (Carl & Catherine Niedzwiecki)
Fri 7/5	No mass	
Sat 7/6	4:30 PM	Joe Dormans (Christina Dormans)
Sun 7/7	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Fred Kochmaruk Jr. & Michael Papay (JoAnne Kochmaruk)

Counting Our Blessings

6/16	Collection Envelopes	\$4,277.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Peter's Pence	\$419.00
	Insurance Support	\$40.00

Thank You!



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 30 to July 6

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

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

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.



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.

50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE St. Nicholas

50th Anniversary Mass Celebration

at St Nicholas Catholic Church
Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am



Presider Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and Father Adam Sedar

Followed in the afternoon by the Gala Event

Time/Location: 1 pm Woodstone Country Club, 3777 Dogwood Rd, Danielsville PA.

Gala Cost: \$60 per Adult - \$30 for Children (5 - 12 years old) - Under 5 is free.

Ticket Payment can be made online at <https://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Anniversary.htm>. You can make a check payable to: St Nicholas Church, and mail it to 1152 Oak Rd. Walnutport, PA, or put in a collection basket at Mass. Full payment must be received by September 30.

Tables are reserve seating. Each table seats 8 people. Fill your table or let us fill it for you.

For ticket payments, event details, and Sponsorship/ Donation/Advertising in our program book opportunities: <https://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Anniversary.htm>

Contact: Cindy Miller text/call 610-751-5601 or email: event@stnicholaswalnutport.org

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

Gala Reservation Form for those not reserving your place on-line (Please Print)

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Names of Adults: _____

Names and ages of Children: _____

Please place me at the table with: _____

Payment Amount

Enclosed: _____

I am paying in installments: ☐

I paid extra to help someone who could not afford a ticket: ☐



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.

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

Observances for the week of June 30, 2024

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Wednesday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Thursday: Independence Day
Friday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Saturday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Churches. We offer lower interest rate loans and financial counseling if you want to help clean up your credit. Your money is insured up to \$250,000. For more information, call the credit union at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on Monday nights from 7pm-9pm. We are here for you.

Ink Cartridges & Redner's Tapes

Save us \$\$\$! Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and drop Redners Tapes in the box in the portico or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!



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.

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.

