

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist — for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

Second Reading — I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. (2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel — "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

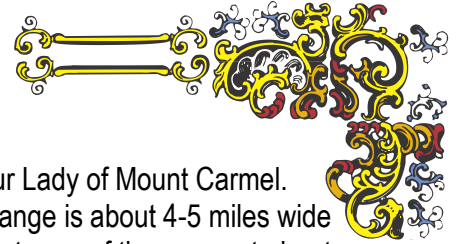
Mass Schedule:

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,

In the middle of July, the 16th to be precise, we have the great feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Carmel is a coastal mountain in the Holy Land, in Northern Israel. This mountain range is about 4-5 miles wide and some 24 miles long. The northeastern ridge has a steep face and is the highest area of the range at about 1800 feet above the sea. The mountain itself is consist of much limestone and flint and has many caves. To the southwest the mountain range slopes down and is covered with lush vegetation, including olive, oak, pine and laurel. The name Carmel, which means vineyard of God, is likely due to its lush vegetation. Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. From ancient times Carmel has been home to hermits and ascetics. In the 12th century, the Christian hermits living on Mt Carmel banded together into a religious community dedicated to prayer and contemplation, this is the first Order of Carmelites, dedicated under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of God.

Oppressed by the Saracens, the monks slowly emigrated to Europe. During the night preceding the sixteenth of July, 1225, the Blessed Virgin is said to have commanded Pope Honorius III to approve the foundation. Since the Carmelites were still under constant harassment, the sixth General of the Order, St. Simon Stock, pleaded with the Blessed Virgin for some special sign of her protection. On July 16, 1251, Mary answered his prayers and appeared to St. Simon and designated the scapular as the special mark of her maternal love. That is why the present feast is also known as the feast of the Scapular. The scapular, as part of the habit, is common to many religious Orders, but it is a special feature of the Carmelites. A smaller form of the scapular is given to lay persons in order that they may share in the great graces associated with it. The Scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

Pope St. John Paul II said of the scapular: "Therefore two truths are evoked by the sign of the Scapular: on the one hand, the constant protection of the Blessed Virgin, not only on life's journey, but also at the moment of passing into the fullness of eternal glory; on the other, the awareness that devotion to her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in her honor on certain occasions, but must become a "habit", that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, woven of prayer and interior life, through frequent reception of the sacraments and the concrete practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this way the Scapular becomes a sign of the "covenant" and reciprocal communion between Mary and the faithful: indeed, it concretely translates the gift of his Mother, which Jesus gave on the Cross to John and, through him, to all of us, and the entrustment of the beloved Apostle and of us to her, who became our spiritual Mother."



If you have never been enrolled in the scapular, I will be available after Mass on the July 16th to enroll anyone who wants. Simply bring a brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with you and we will bless them and I will make the prayers of enrollment for you. Once you have been enrolled, the ceremony never has to be repeated, and

when your scapular wears out, you can have a new scapular blessed anytime. If you have been enrolled and need a new scapular blessed, consider coming to Mass on the 16th and having your new scapular blessed and renew your dedication to Our Lady.

Peace- Father Adam

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth,

I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 7/8	8:30 AM	Charlie Wagner (Gloria Wagner)
Tues 7/9	6:30 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Wed 7/10	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Cindy Saab)
Thu 7/11	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Woytko)
Fri 7/12	No mass	
Sat 7/13	4:30 PM	Janet & Lewis Kern (Kate Holland)
Sun 7/14	8:30 AM	Baker Family (Suzanne Baker)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish

Counting Our Blessings

6/23	Collection Envelopes	\$4,818.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Peter's Pence	\$65.00
	Insurance Support	\$30.00

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 July 7 to 13

*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*

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

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!

Observances for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Saturday: St. Henry
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 sheet are on the lectern in the parking lot portico.

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

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 @ 6:45PM.

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.

Collection for the Annual Mission CO-OP Appeal

Next weekend we will take up the collection for our annual Mission Co-Op Appeal. In your packet of envelopes you should find an envelope for this collection. If you are planning to give to this appeal, please bring those envelopes next weekend and drop them in the collection. Thank you!