

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD. (Jer 23:4)

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading — In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity. (Eph 2:13-14)

Gospel — When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 10:34)

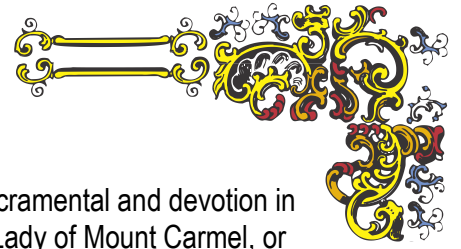
Mass Schedule:

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,

The wearing of a scapular has become a very well known and popular sacramental and devotion in the life of the Church. Most of you are hopefully familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or the Brown Scapular. If not you can access the bulletin from two weeks ago where we looked in depth at the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the scapular. What you may not know is that there are several other scapulars that are also wonderful sacramentals and that you may find speak to you and enhance your life of devotion.

The red scapular of The Holy Passion. In 1846, Christ appeared to a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Sister Apolline, she was of the same community as St. Catherine Laboure, to whom our Blessed Mother had manifested the Miraculous Medal. Our Lord presented to Sister Apolline a red scapular: One side depicts our crucified Lord with the implements of the passion at the foot of the cross; around the image is the inscription, "Holy Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, save us." On the other side, the Hearts of Jesus and Mary are depicted, with the surrounding inscription, "Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, protect us." Christ promised that all who wear this scapular on every Friday would have a great increase of faith, hope and charity. This apparition was repeated several times, and on June 25, 1847, Pope Pius IX formally approved the scapular and granted permission for its blessing and investiture.

The black scapular of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. After Pope Alexander IV's formal establishment of the Servite Order in 1255, lay men and women formed a confraternity in honor of the seven sorrows of Mary. As a sign of membership, they wore a black scapular, usually with an image of our Mother of Sorrows on the front.

The blue scapular of the Immaculate Conception. In 1581, Venerable Ursula Benicasa, foundress of the Order of Theatine Nuns, had a vision of our Lord who revealed to her the habit and scapular her community was to wear in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Venerable Ursula implored our Lord to grant the same graces to the faithful who would wear a small, light blue scapular, bearing on one side the image of the Immaculate Conception and on the other the name "Mary." In 1671, Pope Clement X granted permission to bless and invest people with this scapular. Later in 1894, a Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin and Mother of God, Mary was established for all who wear this scapular.

The white scapular of the Holy Trinity. When Pope Innocent III approved of the order of the Trinitarians on Jan. 28, 1198, an angel appeared to him, wearing a white garment on which was a cross formed of a blue horizontal bar and a red vertical bar. This garment became the habit of the Trinitarians, and eventually was the model for the scapular worn by the lay people who became members of the Confraternity of the Most Blessed Trinity.

The green scapular. In 1840, our Blessed Mother gave the green scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to Sister Justine Bisqueyburu, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. She too belonged to the same community as St. Catherine Laboure, to whom our Blessed Mother had manifested the Miraculous Medal ten years earlier. This green scapular has the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on one side, and the image of the Immaculate Heart itself, pierced by a sword, surrounded by the inscription, "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death." This scapular can simply be blessed by a priest, and then worn, or placed in one's clothing, on the bed or in the room. Pope Pius IX approved the green scapular in 1863 and again in 1870.

These scapulars, like the more known brown scapular, and like all sacramentals, serve two main purposes, one, to remind us of various aspects of the Mysteries of our salvation in Christ, and two, to protect us from the assaults of our spiritual enemies. If you have not customarily worn a scapular, consider choosing one of them and making it part of your daily devotion to Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. The brown, the red and the green scapulars are the most common and can be worn by any of the faithful.

Peace- Father Adam



Please Take Note!

The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday, July 25.





Mass Intentions:

Sat 7/20	4:30 PM	Barb Caserta (Bill Caserta)
Sun 7/21	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Theresa Englestein (Russ Boyer)
Mon 7/22	8:30 AM	Stephen Martin (Roy & Linda Barankovich)
Tues 7/23	6:30 PM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Theresa Taddeo)
Wed 7/24	8:30 AM	James Karmonick (Sue & Eugene Hankee)
Thu 7/25	8:30 AM	Joan Edwards (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 7/26	No mass	
Sat 7/27	4:30 PM	Stephen & Catherine Halko (Ed & Stephanie Erschen)
Sun 7/28	8:30 AM	William Laky Sr. (Michelle & Bill Laky)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish

Counting Our Blessings

7/7	Collection Envelopes	\$4,297.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	School	\$124.00
	Mission	\$48.00

Thank You!



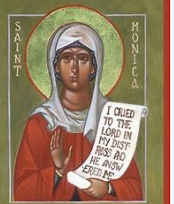
Miraculous Medal Novena

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 21 to 27

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Roseanne and Richard Kercsmar
John and Pauline Gerhart*

*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!

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.

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.

Summer Fun Under the Stars: Parish Campfire and Movie Night with 'The Goonies'!

Get ready for a perfect way to unwind and enjoy a summer evening together at our Parish Campfire and Movie Night on Friday, July 26! Grab your blankets, lawn chairs, and settle in for this memorable experience with your entire family and friends.

Enjoy the warmth of the campfire, toasting marshmallows, and sharing stories starting at 7:30 PM in the Church parking lot. At dusk, we will begin our outdoor screening of the family-friendly film, *The Goonies*. Free popcorn and water will also be available. It is sure to be a night filled with laughter and nostalgia!

Feel free to bring your favorite snacks and non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy during the evening (optional). In case of inclement weather, we will show the movie in the social hall at 7:30 PM.

This event is free and open to all. Please sign up in the portico.

Any questions, please email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org or call 610-751-5601

