

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" (2 Kgs 4:43)

Psalms — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading — One body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel — Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
 Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM
 Tuesday: 8:30 AM (Latin Mass) **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE THIS WEEK**

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:

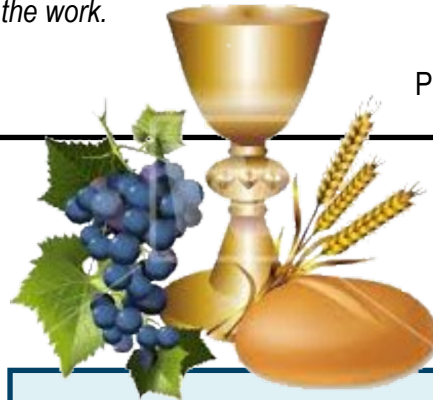


Dear Parishioners,

During these Sundays of the Year, called Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical calendar, we have been reading from St. Mark's Gospel this year. Last Sunday took us right up to one of the most significant miracles of all, the feeding of the five thousand. Instead of continuing to read this miracle in the Gospel of St. Mark, our selection of Gospel readings now switches for a few weeks to the Gospel of St. John, where we will listen not only to his account of this miracle, but also much of what happened after it. So, for the next few weeks we will read almost the entirety of the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, what we call Our Lord's "Bread of Life Discourse", His great teaching about the Holy Eucharist. I encourage you to read the entire sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel and to reflect upon it as we take these few weeks to reflect on the great sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Besides reflecting on this in our Sunday homilies, we will dedicate some time in our bulletin reflections to consider the great gift and mystery of the sacrament we call Most Blessed. To begin, we look to the great teacher, St. Thomas Aquinas. Here is summarized by author Paul Glenn, some of St. Thomas' teaching on the transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Lord:

The words of consecration, pronounced by the priest, change bread and wine into the true body and blood of Christ. This sacrament is not a symbol or sign of Christ's body and blood; it is, in actual fact, the body and blood of Christ. By the consecration, the substance of the bread and the substance of the wine cease to exist, and there remains only the substance of the living Christ. The substance of the bread and the substance of the wine are not merely dissolved or disintegrated, either gradually or instantaneously; neither are these substances annihilated. They are changed into the body and blood of Christ. The whole substance of the bread is, by divine power, changed into the whole substance of the body of Christ. And the whole substance of the wine is, by divine power, changed into the whole substance of the blood of Christ. The accidentals or accidents of bread and wine (such as, size, color, shape, taste) remain after the change, which is called transubstantiation, has taken place. These accidentals do not become the accidentals of Christ; they remain the accidentals of bread and wine, even though the substance of bread and the substance of wine no longer exist to be qualified by these accidentals. The element in a bodily thing that makes it the kind of substance that it is, is called the substantial form of that thing. When a substantial form is joined with primal matter, it constitutes the matter as an existing bodily substance of a definite kind. Now, in transubstantiation, the substantial form of bread (that which constitutes the bread as this kind of substance and no other) is removed; it does not remain, for the substance is now not bread at all, but the substance of the living Christ. And the same is true of the substantial form of the wine; it does not remain, for, by transubstantiation, that which was wine is now not wine at all, but the substance of the living Christ. Transubstantiation is an instantaneous change. There is no consuming of time, no movement of the elements (bread and wine) through successive stages or degrees as the change occurs which turns bread and wine into the body and the blood of Jesus Christ. That which infinite power accomplishes need not be worked by degrees, or with time intervals, as though some effort and skill were being applied to the work.

Peace- Father Adam



Observances for the week of July 28, 2024

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest:
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Take Note!

The Latin Mass celebrated on Tuesdays will not be at the usual time this week. It has been moved to 8:30 AM for this one week only.



Mass Intentions:

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
Mon 7/29	8:30 AM	George Woytko (Mary Woytko)
Tues 7/30	8:30 AM	Alberta Lizotte (Semler Family)
Wed 7/31	8:30 AM	James Karmonick (Terry Rice)
Thu 8/1	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 8/2	No mass	
Sat 8/3	4:30 PM	Nicholas & Helen Erschen (Ed & Stephanie Erschen)
Sun 8/4	8:30 AM	Grace Harding (Krista & Bill Ambrosino)
	10:30 AM	Eleanor Alaimo Meilinger (Mary Cay Altmiller)

Counting Our Blessings

7/14	Collection Envelopes	\$2,064.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	School	\$86.00
	Mission	\$202.00

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 28 to August 3

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers*

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

*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



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.

St. Nicholas' Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio and Sacred Relics Exhibit

A free entrance special parish event at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA, will be held Saturday,



August 17, 2024. Father Adam will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Grace Chapel, starting promptly at 10:30 AM. After mass the itinerary includes: The Rosary Recitation and Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio, Guided Tour of Our Lady of Grace Chapel, Talk on the life of Padre Pio, Self-guided tour of the museum and Sacred Relics Exhibit. The Sacred Relics Exhibit is only at the Shrine a few times a year. A pre-ordered boxed lunch will be provided for \$16.99 per person or you may bring your lunch. Carpool or own transportation. Please sign up in the portico or email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

Bored? Try a Fun Celebration This Week!

July 28: National Milk Chocolate Day
July 29: National Lasagna Day
July 30: International Day of Friendship
July 31: Harry Potter's Birthday Day
August 1: U.S. Air Force Day
August 2: National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

