

St. Nicholas
50 Roman Catholic Church
Years as a Parish
1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading — Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel — "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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)

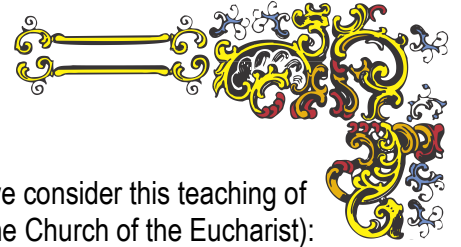
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

As we continue to reflect on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, today we consider this teaching of Pope St. John Paul II from his great Encyclical named *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (The Church of the Eucharist):

When I think of the Eucharist, and look at my life as a priest, as a Bishop and as the Successor of Peter, I naturally recall the many times and places in which I was able to celebrate it. I remember the parish church of Niegowic, where I had my first pastoral assignment, the collegiate church of Saint Florian in Krakow, Wawel Cathedral, Saint Peter's Basilica and so many basilicas and churches in Rome and throughout the world. I have been able to celebrate Holy Mass in chapels built along mountain paths, on lakeshores and seacoasts; I have celebrated it on altars built in stadiums and in city squares... This varied scenario of celebrations of the Eucharist has given me a powerful experience of its universal and, so to speak, cosmic character. Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated *on the altar of the world*. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation. The Son of God became man in order to restore all creation, in one supreme act of praise, to the One who made it from nothing. He, the Eternal High Priest who by the blood of his Cross entered the eternal sanctuary, thus gives back to the Creator and Father all creation redeemed. He does so through the priestly ministry of the Church, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity. Truly this is the *mysterium fidei* which is accomplished in the Eucharist: the world which came forth from the hands of God the Creator now returns to him redeemed by Christ."

Do we recognize, as Pope St. John Paul II says, that here in our parish church, on our altar, every time the Holy Mass is offered that heaven and earth are being united and all creation is being permeated by the grace of redemption? Here, before our eyes, the mystery of faith is being accomplished, for us and for the world. *Mysterium Fidei*, Mystery of Faith. You may recognize this phrase, as it is said by the priest at every Mass, at the moment of the consecration. When, at this most sacred moment, the priest proclaims "The Mystery of Faith", it is not said as an invitation to the congregation to respond with one of the acclamations said or sung at that time. When the priest says "the Mystery of Faith" it is said as a declaration of what has just happened on the altar. It is the making present the true Body and Blood of the Lord as Victim for our sins and offered to the Father and all that this accomplishes that is the mystery of faith. In the Ordinary Form of the Mass, the people do respond at this point with an acclamation, but this acclamation is a response of those present to the true "*mysterium fidei*", the "mystery of faith", that is now made present on the altar. So then the people's acclamation is made not so much to the priest's words of declaration as it is to what has just taken place. As Pope St. John Paul II states, this mystery is the redemption of the human race, and of all creation, now given back to the Father, a redemption accomplished on the cross and made present on every altar when the Holy Eucharist is offered. So, next time you are at the Holy Mass, and you respond after the priest's declaration of the "Mystery of Faith", recognize that this is a response to the mystery now present and active, a mystery with a cosmic character and cosmic consequence, the reunion of a redeemed creation to its creator by the very Body and Blood of the Redeemer Himself.

Peace- Father Adam

Just for Fun!

Two seminarians were debating on whether or not it was appropriate to smoke a cigar during the rosary. Unable to agree on the matter, they decide to ask their superiors. The first seminarian goes to his spiritual director and get's his opinion. "Of course not, it's disrespectful," he says.

Later the first seminarian sees the second one smoking a cigar with a rosary in his other hand. "Hey," he says, "I thought we can't smoke while praying!?"

The second seminarian says, "You asked if you can smoke while praying, I asked if I can pray while smoking."

Observances the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Tuesday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Thursday:	St. Dominic, Priest
Friday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 8/5	8:30 AM	St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Tues 8/6	6:30 PM	James Karmonick (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Wed 8/7	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Sue & Eugene Hankee)
Thu 8/8	8:30 AM	Meehan Family (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 8/9	No mass	
Sat 8/10	4:30 PM	Barb Caserta (Bill Caserta)
Sun 8/11	8:30 AM	Bill Klotz (Monica Klotz)
	10:30 AM	Cleo C. Silfies (Bernadette Silfies)

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.

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 August 4 to 10

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

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

*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

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.

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

The 50th Anniversary Gala Committee is seeking **photos of the Church/Congregation** and volunteers for **desserts for the event**.

For photos please contact
Robert Stettner at 610-554-4099

NEW!

For desserts, please sign-up on the clipboards by the church doors or contact Lisa Pignataro at 610-737-4716

or email: event@stnicholaswalnutport.org

The next meeting of the Committee will be Monday, August 26 at 7pm in the Social Hall.

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.

Men's and Women's Malvern Retreats

A retreat. A period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the most important gift in your life:



YOUR_LIFE, the gift from God. We have experienced this at Malvern Retreat House, 'St. Joseph in The Hills', Malvern, PA. Our Lehigh Valley men's retreat group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would like to invite men and women to experience the same excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend. Learn, reflect, "dump your stuff", fortify yourself, increase your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the men's weekend, Sep 6, 7, and 8; or the women's weekend, Sep 13, 14, and 15; Fri night to Sun morning. Welcome!

Anthony Scarselletti, Our Lady of Perpetual Help group, 610-393-4671, OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com

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!

August		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 8/9	9:30 AM	Carl Litwin, Tony Scarselletti, Carl Niedzweicki
Thu. 8/15	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst
Thu. 8/22	9:30 AM	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Faith Andrejak
Thu. 8/29	9:30 AM	Tom & Lisa Pignataro

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' 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.

Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26