

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
 - Jn 6:48-50

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading — So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel — "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (Jn 6:51)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
 Monday: 8:30 AM
 Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)
 Wednesday: 7:00 PM (**Holy Day Vigil**)
 Thursday: 7:00 AM (**Holy Day**)

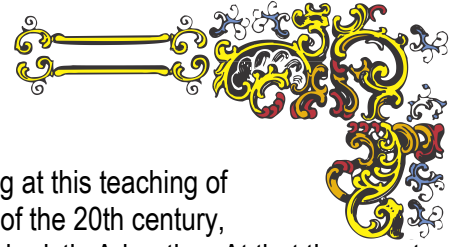
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

We continue our reflections on the Most Blessed Sacrament, today looking at this teaching of Venerable Pope Pius XII, taken from one of the most important Papal Encyclicals of the 20th century, *Mediator Dei*, promulgated in 1947. In it Pope Pius writes of the importance of Eucharistic Adoration. At that time most parishes had an annual 40 Hours and often Holy Hours for occasions such as the first Fridays of each month. More regular and extended adoration was only about to begin as a more common practice. Regular and prolonged adoration is one of the great developments in the life of the Church, and one that comes by way of a gradual and organic development not only of pious practice, but as a maturation of the faith and most especially in response to a need. That need is to make reparation for the sins, heresies and loss of faith that sadly marks our times. Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful means of combating these errors and offenses against Our Lord. See the roots of this understanding of adoration in the words of Pope Pius XII.

"Saint Augustine asserts that, "No one eats that flesh, without first adoring it ... not only do we not commit a sin by adoring it, but that we do sin by not adoring it". It is on this doctrinal basis that the cult of adoring the Eucharist was founded and gradually developed as something distinct from the sacrifice of the Mass. The reservation of the sacred species for the sick and those in danger of death introduced the praiseworthy custom of adoring the Blessed Sacrament which is reserved in our churches.

This practice of adoration, in fact, is based on strong and solid reasons. For the Eucharist is at once a sacrifice and a sacrament; but it differs from the other sacraments in this: that it not only produces grace, but contains in a permanent manner the Author of grace Himself. When, therefore, the Church bids us adore Christ hidden behind the eucharistic veils and pray to Him for spiritual and temporal favors, of which we ever stand in need, she manifests living faith in her divine Spouse who is present beneath these veils, she professes her gratitude to Him and she enjoys the intimacy of His friendship. Now, the Church in the course of centuries has introduced various forms of this worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness: as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions, especially at the time of Eucharistic Congress, which pass through cities and villages; and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed. Sometimes these public acts of adoration are of short duration. Sometimes they last for one, several and even for forty hours. In certain places they continue in turn in different churches throughout the year, while elsewhere adoration is perpetual day and night, under the care of religious communities, and the faithful quite often take part in them." Pope Pius XII

Notice Pope Pius writes of the growth of adoration, which has taken pace over a long time. He also gives us the theological underpinning of the legitimacy of this practice as well as underscoring both the personal benefit to the adorer and the communal benefit for the whole Church. He would go on in this same document to encourage an increase in the practices of Eucharistic Adoration and to also beautifully explain the Benediction given by the priest (and now also deacons) with the Sacred Host in the monstrance, writing "For excellent and of great benefit is that custom which makes the priest raise aloft the Bread of Angels before congregations with heads bowed down in adoration, and forming with It the sign of the cross implores the heavenly Father to deign to look upon His Son who for love of us was nailed to the cross, and for His sake and through Him who willed to be our Redeemer and our brother, be pleased to shower down heavenly favors upon those whom the immaculate blood of the Lamb has redeemed."

This is one of the most beautiful and yet simple explanations of what happens at Benediction and why we should strive to come as often as we can to Benediction and of course to Adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Peace- Father Adam

Successful Lottery Sale!

A great big Thank You for those who helped us with the Lotter Sale by making a purchase. The total profit was: \$3920.00

thank
you!



Mass Intentions:

Sat 8/10	4:30 PM	Barbara Caserta (Bill Caserta)
Sun 8/11	8:30 AM	Bill Klotz (Monica Klotz)
	10:30 AM	Cleo C. Silfies (Bernadette Silfies)
Mon 8/12	8:30 AM	Inga Cantz (Sue Hankee)
Tues 8/13	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 8/14	7:00 PM	Rosemarie Huertas (Mary Woytko)
Thu 8/15	7:00 AM	Brian Sauerzopf (Richard & Nancy Sauerzopf & grandparents of Teague)
Fri 8/16	No mass	
Sat 8/17	4:30 PM	Constatine & Irene Gerkovich
Sun 8/18	8:30 AM	Phil Dilalia (Joe Dilalia)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish



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.

Feast of the Assumption Holy Day Masses

Wednesday, August 14: 7:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, August 15: 7:00 AM (Holy Day)



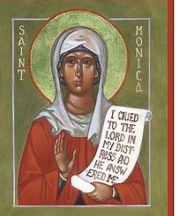
Miraculous Medal Novena

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.

Blessed Mother Flowers

August 11 through 17

Tommy Pignataro (Lisa Pignataro)



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 11 to 17

*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!

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.

August		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
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.

Counting Our Blessings

Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses

		\$7,352.00
7/14	Collection Envelopes	\$3,593.00
	School Support	\$86.00
	Mission Co-op	\$202.00
7/21	Collection Envelopes	\$4,410.00
	School Support	\$251.00
	Eastern Europe	\$397.00

Thank You!