

**St. Nicholas**  
**50** Years as a Parish  
**1974 - 2024**



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

**Psalms** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

**Second Reading** — Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

**Gospel** — "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

## 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:*



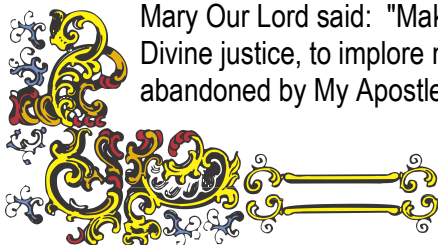
Dear Parishioners,

Reparation is the act of making satisfaction to God for one's own sins and/or for those of others. Reparation is only possible because of our sharing in the life and mission of Our Lord. It is the Lord Himself who makes perfect atonement for our sins, and all sins, by the sacrifice of His life on the Cross and the bitter sufferings that this entailed. His sacrifice is perfect in every way. And so, we may ask, why is there any need for us to do anything more? The answer is that it is fitting for us as creatures made in God's own image and likeness to be participants in the Lord's work of salvation. St. Paul writes of "filling up" what is "lacking" in the sufferings of Christ by our own suffering. The lack is in us, not in Our Lord or His sacrifice. While it is fitting for us, and necessary by God's design, for us to be participants salvation by making reparation for sin, no action of ours nor the combined actions of every person, could ever make satisfaction to God for sin. Our offerings only have merit by being united with the sacrifice of Our Lord. Reparation does not mean we earn heaven but that we are demonstrating we are accepting the gift of salvation and therefore out of love for the Lord and a desire to fulfill Divine justice, we too, with Christ, offer something sacrificial, to our Father in heaven. Acts of reparation also aid in the re-ordering of our natures, for sin disorders us. Sin causes us to see less and less clearly what is right and what is wrong, this is the darkening of our intellect. Sin also causes our will to be weaker and weaker in choosing the good. These powers, intellect and will, become dominated by our passions, which they should be holding in check. Our human passions are not bad, in and of themselves, but they become dominant in us because of sin and cause us to live disordered lives. It is the saving grace of Christ that re-orders, restores, or we might say repairs us, but only with our co-operation. This co-operation is by acts of charity, acts penance, striving for virtue and prayer. These are all acts of reparation. They, in co-operation with grace, repair us, and our relationship with God and others. We cannot enter the presence of God for all eternity without this re-ordering, this repairing, of ourselves.

Our acts of reparation are also offered for others. We are part of the great Communion of Saints. We are therefore untied to each other and following the two great commandments, are to love God above all things and to love others for the sake of God. The second commandment of love of neighbor flows from the first and so our love of neighbor flows from our love of God. Only when this is so is our love without selfishness. The mission of Christ is a mission of salvation for the whole world, and so our mission is also to participate in being agents of grace for the whole world. Our acts of reparation will have the positive effect of the conversion of souls, will help increase the holiness of the Church and dispensing of grace to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our acts of reparation have merit because they are united with Our Lord's passion and this happens through participating in the Holy Mass and offering ourselves and our sacrifices daily with the Masses offered on every altar each and every day. Even when we cannot be present at Mass we can pray in union with the sacrifice being offered on altars the world over. This reparation happens also when we visit the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. His abiding presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament offers us the opportunity to be united with Him and spend time with Him. These acts of reparation, especially when we come into His Eucharistic presence, also console Him in His passion. Our sins caused Him horrific pain, but our acts of reparation consoled Him. If we love Him we want to console Him more and more. If we love Him, we should want to make reparation for our own sins and as we look at the world around us, for the sins, the injustices, the sacrileges, and the indifference to Christ, especially the neglect and the abominations committed against Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament. In many Church's tabernacles He is left alone so much, never adored, never visited. There are so many sacrilegious communions received that so gravely offend Our Lord. We must not be indifferent to all this!

Come and visit the Lord often in our church. Come especially on Wednesdays to adore Him. To St. Margaret Mary Our Lord said: "Make reparation for the ingratitude of men. Spend an hour in prayer to appease Divine justice, to implore mercy for sinners, to honor Me, to console Me for My bitter suffering when abandoned by My Apostles, when they did not WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME."



Peace- Father Adam



## Mass Intentions:

Sat 8/31	4:30 PM	Margaret Kroboth (Susan & Bryon Miller Sr.)
Sun 9/1	8:30 AM	Joseph Steier Jr. (Joe & Melany Nikles)
	10:30 AM	Jim Karmonick (Theresa Taddeo)
Mon 9/2	8:30 AM	St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Tues 9/3	6:30 PM	Joseph & Steffie Mordansk
Wed 9/4	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 9/5	8:30 AM	Jean Pucher (Elaine Jenkins)
Fri 9/6	No mass	
Sat 9/7	4:30 PM	James Smith (Rolande Smith)
Sun 9/8	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Joyful Chorale)
	10:30 AM	Margaret Bittner (Elaine Jenkins)

## Counting Our Blessings

8/18	Collection Envelopes	\$4,107.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Assumption	\$711.00
	Food Pantry	\$50.00

*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 September 1 to 7

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

*St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of  
Wednesday Adorers*





## Palmerton Day

Palmerton Day will take place on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8.

Our church will be manning a stand where we will make and sell delicious potato pancakes.

We invite everyone to volunteer for this great event. To sign-up, email Marion at [kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

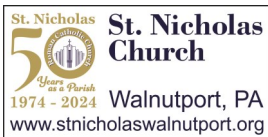
## 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

ADULT-UNISEX SIZING—CHILDREN'S SIZING

**Sale ends November 1, 2024.**

Merchandise: Polo Shirt, Zip Hoodie, Pull Over Hoodie, T-Shirt, Bumper Magnet and Christmas Ornament.

Order forms and item description/cost can be found in the East and West Vestibules of St. Nicholas Church Walnutport.



Or Visit the Anniversary Page of the St. Nicholas Website to order on-line.



September		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thu. 9/5	5:30 PM	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto
Thu. 9/12	9:30 AM	Terry Rice, Faith Andrejak, Lisa Pignataro
Fri. 9/20	9:30 AM	Tim Gregory, Carl Niedzweicki, Tony Scarselletti
Thur. 9/26	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst

## Observances for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Labor Day  
Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day



## 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](http://kofc.org/JoinUs).

**K of C** General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:45PM.

## Pocono Race Volunteering Results

Thank you to all who helped at the Pocono race in July. We had 13 shifts covered and a \$200 donation.

That equates to \$1500 raised, \$750 to the Knights and \$750 to the parish.



Please consider joining us in the future. We appreciate your company!

Anthony Scarselletti, [ascarsel@ptd.net](mailto:ascarsel@ptd.net), 610-393-4671

## 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](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com)

## Fall Grape Vine Wreath Making Event

Get ready to embrace the beauty of fall by making your very own handmade 18" grape vine wreath on September 24 from 6:30-8pm in the Social Hall. The cost is \$12.00 and includes all supplies. Bring a snack to share, BYOB, beverage. Please sign up in the portico. Any questions, please contact Deborah Fritz at 610-463-6093 or Crystal Zambelli at 610-554-3845 or email [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

## Parish Directories Have Arrived!

If you and your family were photographed by Universal Church Directories we have good news. The directories have finally arrived!

We now have extra directories for sale for \$15. Watch for more details. If you had an individual photo taken and have not picked up your directory you can make special arrangements by text/call Meg at c: 610-533-0673 or e: [publicrelations@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:publicrelations@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

Thank you all for participating.

## The Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish



All adult parishioners (both women and men) are welcomed to join our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday September 04, 2024 at 6:30PM beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

followed by the praying of the Patriotic Rosary (which is a prayer for divine protection and mercy for our Nation inspired by our Blessed Virgin Mother).

## PREP News

**St. Nicholas Parish Religious Education Program begins promptly on Monday September 09, 2024 at 6:30-7:45PM** with a Monthly Presentation to Parents followed by "Family Time with the Children".

The Adult Presentations will continue every 2nd Monday of each Month (Monday September 9th through Monday May 12, 2025). **Importantly, these Presentations are open to all parishioners who are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith and/or build community.** Fr. Adam will be in attendance.

If you need to register a child for the 2024-2025 school year, registration forms and calendars will be in the Social Hall after Masses on three Sundays:

**August 25, September 01, and September 08, 2024 at 9:30- 9:45AM and 11:30-11:45AM.**

Also, we are always in need of additional teachers and aides, so if you are interested in helping, please also stop by the Social Hall at one of these times.



St. Nicholas



## 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:event@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

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

## Gala Menu:

- ◆ Appetizer - Assorted Bruschetta
- ◆ Buffet Style Dinner includes Garden Salad, Bourbon Glazed Salmon, Tenderloin Tips Stroganoff, Rice Pilaf, Haricoverts (french green beans)
- ◆ Dessert Table by St. Nicholas Church, Coffee/decaf/ iced tea/lemonade
- ◆ Cash Bar

## Opportunities to Help Make the Celebration a Success

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

For photos contact Robert Stettner at 610-554-4099

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](mailto:event@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: ☐