

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

Second Reading — To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

Gospel — Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." (Jn 18:37)

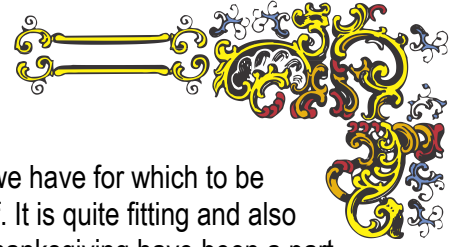
Mass Schedule:

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 celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, we pause to consider all that we have for which to be grateful and to whom we owe our gratitude, first and foremost, it is to God Himself. It is quite fitting and also a good testament to those who first came to settle "the new world", that days of Thanksgiving have been a part of our history since the first Christians came here. I cannot help but wonder how many people will actually do that on Thanksgiving Day, that is, give thanks to God. Despite the long standing history, the very idea of setting aside a day as a nation to offer thanks to God is something that must seem somewhat foreign to many people in our nation today. I don't mean to sound negative, but even for those not hostile to religion, the practice of religion has been reduced by many to what "I" can get out of it for "myself". Yet in every Mass we hear these words: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God... It is right and just." It is right and it fulfills the demands of justice to give thanks to God, for from Him all blessings come and all that is good, and only what is truly good for us, comes from Him.

How often do we pause to think that our practice of religion, our worship of God, is something that we owe Him. That it is actually a virtue. Of course to really give thanks, to really fulfill what justice demands is to do so with a willing heart and not just because we have to do it. Knowing it is something we have to do may be what got us to church initially and even from time to time may have kept us coming when our wills were a little weak and sluggish. Certainly that is not a bad thing, but justice is more than an external observance. The "ought to do it" must become a "want to do it", if our presence is to be meaningful and if the fulfillment of justice is more than external obedience. We might not often think of justice as a matter of loving the good, loving what is right, yet that is its higher motivation.

Justice understood as motivated by a true love for the good also leads us to further understand that the virtue of religion is more than going to church. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, the virtue of religion does not focus solely on worshipping and serving God, it also directs all of our actions toward God for His glory, making our entire life religious. Just as God does not want us to give thanks to Him only once a year, so too, God does not just want an hour a week. He wants us to live our entire lives with, in and through Him. It is not simply that God demands our attention; we desperately need Him and the guidance of His grace. Worship puts us into right relation with Him by recognizing His primacy and humbly putting ourselves before Him to receive His blessing. The worship we owe Him is the worship He Himself provides for us through the liturgy of His Church, the high point and center of which is the Holy Mass, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which is also the highest act of Thanksgiving we can offer to God.

The virtue of religion, of which giving God thanks is a part, is not primarily about what we do, but refocuses our lives on what He has done and what He continues to do, on the communion with us that He desires and the communion with each other that only He can create. We need to recover the virtue of religion to refocus us on the primacy of God. His glory should shine forth in the life and liturgy of the Church; He is what is most needed in our lives and in our country. Religion points us to God's centrality and the urgent necessity of recovering a right relation with Him that will reorder our priorities in such a way as to create a more just, peaceful and loving world.

Peace- Father Adam

Readings for week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22





Mass Intentions:

Sat 11/23	4:30 PM	Terry Macripo (Terry Rice)
Sun 11/24	8:30 AM	Janet & Lewis Kern (Kate Holland)
	10:30 AM	Dorthea Binder (Valerie Kressler)
Mon 11/25	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Tues 11/26	6:30 PM	All Souls Intentions
Wed 11/27	8:30 AM	Domenic & Dennis (living) (Cindy Saab)
Thu 11/28	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 11/29	No mass	
Sat 11/30	4:30 PM	James & Jo-Ann Karmonick (Jennifer Karmonick)
Sun 12/1	8:30 AM	Todd Husser (Susan Geueke)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Carl Niedzwiecki)

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

11/10	Collection Envelopes	\$5,259.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	School	\$95.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$370.00



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.



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.

Week of November 24 to 30

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Nicholas Erschen & Helen Erschen
(Mr. & Mrs. Edward Erschen)
St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
Stephen & Catherine Hacko
(Mr. & Mrs. Edward Erschen)*

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area, such as prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.

Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please 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.



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!



Boy Scouts

Boys Scouts meet Thursdays at 7 PM in the social hall. For more information, please call Mike, 610-824-6556.

Observances week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

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!

Women of Hope Retreat Malvern Retreat House March 14-16, 2025

"The Eucharist - Food for the Journey"

Ladies, join us for an inspiring weekend and renew your faith and relationship with the Lord. The retreat will be led by four dynamic and faithful women! You will be led in prayer, hear great talks, attend Mass & Adoration and much more.

Cost: \$275 includes overnight accommodations and meals.* \$75.00 deposit to secure your spot

*Virtual Option Available if 5 people register for Zoom
Cost is \$75 per person

Register at: malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400

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 Deacon Mike in the parish office know.

This Weekend



Knights of Columbus Council #16656

All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$10 - Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■
Under 6 Free

Pancakes
Sausage
Home Fries
Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets
Creamed Chip Beef
Ham
Toast

Sunday, November 24, 2024
8am - 12:00pm

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A Portion of the Proceeds will benefit St Nicholas Parish and Special Olympics.

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 @ 6:30 PM,
Officers' Meeting 4th Wed @ 7:30PM.

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.

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.

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.



Order your 2025 Sunday Missal



If anyone would like to order at St. Joseph Sunday Missal for 2025, please sign up on the order list in the vestibules. The cost is \$7.00 each. Orders due by Nov 24.

One Family for Thanksgiving

If you completed a form for One Family for Thanksgiving, remember to pick up this weekend, November 23rd and 24th in the social hall.



Keeping the Lord's House Tidy

St. Nicholas cleaning team is looking for team members, usually Thursdays in the evening, but time and day are flexible. Come help us keep the Lords's house clean!

Contact Lisa Pignataro
610 7374716



Making Spirits Bright

In the Spirit of St. Nicholas, our parish would like to help make this Christmas a little bit brighter for some families.

There are two ways you can help.

There are two families that are going through hard times. If you would like to purchase a gift for them, please take a tag from the tree in the portico and purchase the item. Bring in the gift with the tag and put it on the table marked "Gifts" in the social hall. We need these gifts by **December 15**.



Each year Broughal Middle School in Bethlehem hosts a Christmas shop where children, who are economically disadvantaged, can find thoughtful gifts for their loved ones. The gifts they choose from, are donated by the community, and include things such as toys, books, household items, self-care items and winter accessories. These donations allow children to "purchase" their gifts for free. You can help others to know the joy of giving by bringing new or very gently used gift items to our Social Hall on or before **December 8**.

Here is an opportunity to live out the hymn we've sung so many times, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me."

If you have any questions, please call Peg Heiczinger at 610-393-1772.

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