

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



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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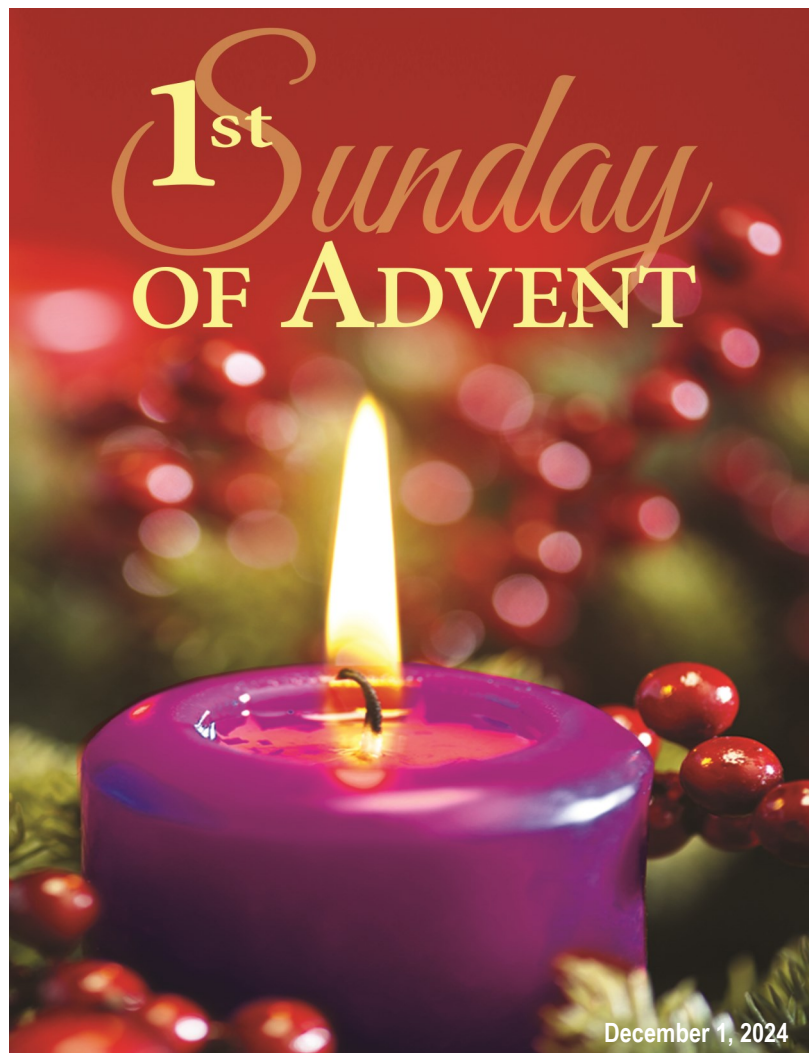
**PREP:**  
 Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month  
 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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December 1, 2024

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land."  
 (Jer 33:15)

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (I Thes 3:12-13)

**Gospel** — "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)

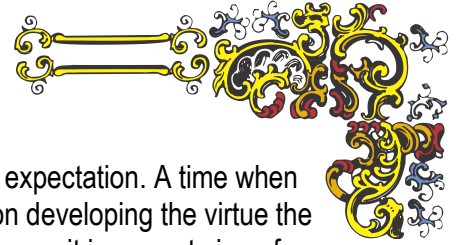
## Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 AM  
 Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)  
 Thursday: 6:30 PM

**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,

The holy season of Advent begins today! It is a season of hope and joyful expectation. A time when we learn to wait for the Lord and so can be an especially good occasion to focus on developing the virtue the patience. We all know how difficult it can be to cultivate this virtue in our lives. Because it is a great sign of holiness it is certainly worth our effort. This is especially so when it comes to having patience is maintained in the face of adversity when it is motivated by love for God and neighbor. That it is not easy is affirmed by the fact that St. Thomas Aquinas places patience under the moral virtue of fortitude. It takes courage as well as humility to be patient when we are faced with trials, obstacles and even outright hostility. The best place to look to begin to understand this virtue is to ponder the patience of God Himself. If we think we are faced with obstacles and, yes, even the hostility of an increasingly uncivil world, consider how God Himself is ignored and even hated, yet He responds by offering the grace of conversion and waiting and waiting for it to be accepted. To be sure, there will be justice, there will be a time of judgment, a time when the opportunity for conversion has passed, but yet God offers an abundance of time for this conversion, His patience with us knows no limit, until the end of time itself, when in a very literal way time runs out.

According to St. Thomas, "Patience is a virtue attached to the virtue of fortitude, which hinders a man from departing from right reason illumined by faith by yielding to difficulties and to sadness." Have we ever considered that patience is powerful? Again, this is why it is attached to fortitude, meaning it is actually a way of exercising fortitude. The power of patience is dual in nature. On the one hand it keeps the one exercising it, the one being patient, from being overcome or overwhelmed by difficulty, distress or persecution. It also preserves the use of right reason. If we think about that, when we lose our patience we often then act in anger and without thinking, often in an unreasonable way. Patience preserves the use of reason which preserves the image of God in us. The power of patience is also external to the one exercising this virtue. When another witnesses or is the receiver of patience it can be a powerful call to conversion, because it is a witness to a love that is greater, the Love of God. While this may not be evident in the moment, it is often the case after one has time to consider the patience that has been shown to him or her. How interesting that St. Thomas also notes that patience preserves one from sadness. Have we ever been impatient and then felt satisfied because of it? Probably not ever. Just the opposite, when we are impatient we end up sad, or at least less joyful, as our peace, our equanimity of soul has been disturbed. We often attribute this disturbance to others, or to circumstances outside of ourselves, but that is deceptive. It is really our lack of virtue, especially patience that disturbs our peace most. St. Augustine says it is patience that "allows us to bear the evils of life with equanimity of soul." And how true that is!

To develop patience, first reflect on the patience that God has shown you throughout your life. Deeply consider all the times that He has sent the grace of forgiveness and conversion and how many times He has blessed you, perhaps even when it was least deserved. When approaching the Lord in Holy Communion, consider that His patience is now offered to you as gift. From where do we get the patience to endure the difficulties of life if not from Him, Who is all patient and Whose love for us knows no limit!

Peace- Father Adam

## **North of 50 Christmas Charcuterie**

Please join us December 13, 2024, 1 o'clock

Bring a small board to share or individual items and we'll make the boards! What is charcuterie, you ask? Just a fancy word for cheese and meat tray. Can include various cheeses, meats (salami, etc.), olives or whatever strikes your fancy.

Sign up on the clipboards in the hall

Contact: Ann Orsulak 610 392 1092

Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716



## **Celebrate Our Parish Feast Days!**

### **December 5th and 6th**

In honor of our Patron, St. Nicholas, on Thursday, December 5th, we will have Mass at 6:30PM, celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of our Church, followed by light refreshments in our hall.

Friday, December 6th we will have morning Mass at 8:30AM.





## Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 12/2	8:30 AM	St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Tues 12/3	6:30 PM	All Souls Day Intentions
Wed 12/4	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 12/5	6:30 PM	Sylvia-Josephine-Lorianne Taddeo (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 12/6	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Sat 12/7	4:30 PM	Rosie Pauker (Susan & Byron Miller Sr.)
Sun 12/8	8:30 AM	Sven Muessigbrodt
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Carl Niedzwiecki)

## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

11/17	Collection Envelopes	\$4,700.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Utility	\$253.00
	Poverty Relief	\$170.00



### 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 December 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  
St. Nicholas Memorial Society*



## 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!

## 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.



## Boy Scouts

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

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

## 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 Deacon Mike in the parish office know.

## 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.



## Readings the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

## 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 Brouhgal 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.

## Bring a Touch of Winter Magic Into Your Home!



Join in the fun and creative DIY workshop where you will learn how to make your very own snow globe. Whether you are crafting a keepsake or creating a holiday decoration, this is the perfect opportunity to unleash your imagination.

When: December 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm meet in the Church Community Hall.

The cost is \$15.00 and includes all supplies. Money will be collected the night of crafting.

Bring a snack/beverage to share.

Reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet in the Church portico. Space is limited to 12 people, so do not miss out!

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).



## 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](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400

## 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 Lord's house clean!

Contact Lisa Pignataro  
610 7374716

## Community Committee Meeting New Volunteers Welcomed

The Community Committee will be meeting on Saturday, December 7 at 9:30am in the Church Social Hall to plan for 2025. Anyone interested in joining the committee, please contact Cindy Miller at [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org), call 610-751-5601 or just show up at the meeting.

## Memoirs, history, or science: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot!

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. A poor Southern tobacco farmer whose cells are taken without her knowledge. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb's effects; helped lead to in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping. Join the Page Turners on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:15 pm in the Parish Center to deliberate this memoir. For more information, please contact: [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

