

St. Nicholas  
50 Years as a Parish  
1974 - 2024



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Parish Office and Religious Education:**  
610-767-3107 E-mail: [stnick11@ptd.net](mailto:stnick11@ptd.net)

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

**St. John Newman Regional School: (K-8)**  
610-826-2354

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

**BVMSN Credit Union:**  
484-272-2858

**Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:**  
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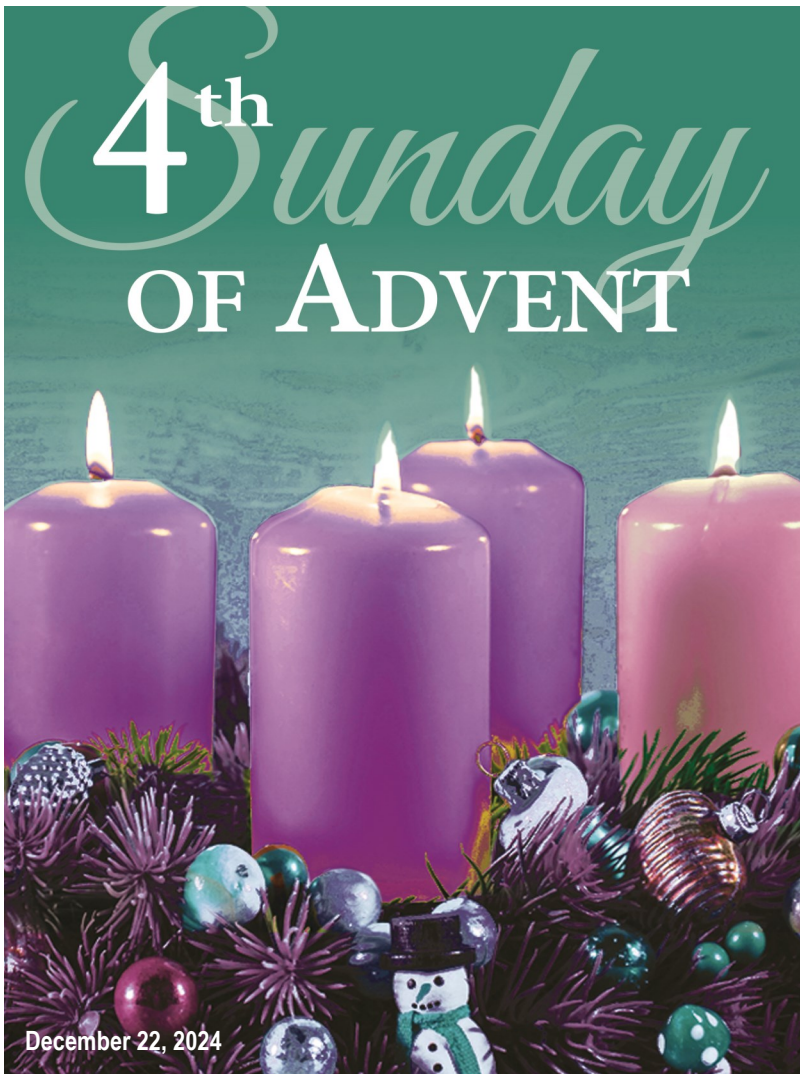
**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**  
1-800-276-1562 [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Monday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM  
Tuesday & Wednesday: See Special Times in  
the Bulletin for Christmas Masses

**Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:**  
There will not be any adoration on Christmas  
or New Year's Day

**Confessions:**  
Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM  
(other times by appointment)



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

**Second Reading** — "Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

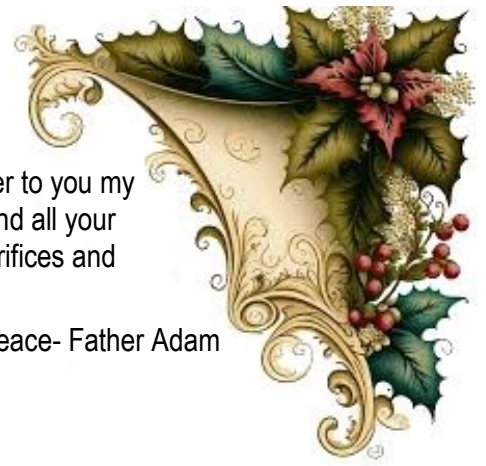
**Gospel** — "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43)

# *A Message from Our Pastor:*

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the great day of the birth of our Savior this week, I offer to you my prayers and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas Day and Season for you and all your loved ones. I also offer you my thanks for all your kindness to me and your sacrifices and good works for this blessed parish family of Saint Nicholas.

Peace- Father Adam



## **From a sermon by Pope Saint Leo the Great**

### *"Christian, remember your dignity"*

*Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.*

*No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.*

*In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.*

*And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to his people on earth as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?*

*Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.*

*Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.*

*Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.*

*"Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you:  
he is Christ the Lord."*

*Luke 2:11*







## Mass Intentions:

Sat 12/21	4:30 PM	Tommy Pignataro (Lisa & Tom Pignataro)
Sun 12/22	8:30 AM	Joseph & Helen Lacek (Theresa Speicher)
	10:30 AM	Dennis Kuronya (Charlene Kuronya)
Mon 12/23	8:30 AM	Joni Edwards (Theresa Taddeo)
Tues 12/24	4:30 PM	Special Intentions
	6:30 PM	Special Intentions
	10:00 PM	Special Intentions
Wed 12/25	9:30 AM	Special Intentions
Thu 12/26	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 12/27	No Mass	
Sat 12/28	4:30 PM	Royann Houck (John & Darlene Madura)
Sun 12/29	8:30 AM	Peter Kilpatrick (Joann Kilpatrick)
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Sr. (JoAnne Kochmaruk)

## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

12/8	Collection Envelopes	\$6,309.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Retired Religious	\$210.00
	Immaculate Conception	\$572.00



### Christmas Mass Schedule

- \* Tuesday, **December 24th** Mass: 4:30pm, 6:30pm & 10:00pm
- \* Wednesday, **December 25th** Mass: 9:30am - **No Adoration today**

### New Year's Mass Schedule

- \* Tuesday, **December 31st** Mass: 4:30pm
- \* Wednesday, **January 1st** Mass: 9:00am - **No Adoration today**

No Mass will be held on  
Thursday, January 2nd.



### 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 December 22 to 28

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

*Wednesday Adorers*

*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 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.



## Observances week of December 22, 2024

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Tuesday:	Christmas Eve
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Friday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday:	The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family





## Office Hours for the Christmas Season

Please note that the Parish Office will be CLOSED from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We will reopen for normal business on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

## One Family for Thanksgiving

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our One Family for Thanksgiving program this year. Your generosity was overwhelming! We gave out approximately 1,200 pounds of food to 12 families consisting of 28 adults and children. Each family was also given a handmade hot pad and a gift card to Giant to purchase their turkey. We truly appreciate your support. While we don't have a formal food donation program for Christmas, we do have food, turkeys, and hams available for families in need. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who could use our help.



## Winter Weather and Wednesday Adoration

In the case of winter storms, if Northampton School district is delayed, Adoration will begin at Noon, if school is canceled, Adoration will also be cancelled for the day. A Flock-note message will also be sent out.

Daily Mass will always be offered at the usual times regardless of weather.



## Hometown Heros

Did you notice Fr. McElduff on the Hometown Heros Banner in front of St. Nicholas church?

Father Mac was a decorated World War II veteran having received two Purple Hearts.

As a Navy Lieutenant, his ship was hit by 2 mines as it took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. While he served on a transport ship stationed in London's Thames River, the ship was hit by a German V-1 flying bomb. He was the only man topside to survive.

Edward W. McElduff was born in New York City in 1922. He came from a military family with both parents having served in the Navy in World War I.

He entered Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary after the Navy. Once he was ordained, he worked at 6 different parishes in the Diocese of Allentown.

Father Mac died at the age of 96 in 2018.

Take a look at the banner and remember one of St. Nicholas Church's very own Hometown Heros.

## 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).

## A Heartfelt Thanks for a Successful 50th Anniversary Gala

We extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone for their support and involvement in making our 50th Anniversary Gala such a resounding success. This milestone event would not have been possible without the dedication and contributions of so many individuals and organizations. Thanks to the generous participation in the silent auction, we were able to raise \$2,350.00.

We hope all attendees enjoyed the evening as much as the Gala Committee enjoyed planning it. Together, we not only celebrated 50 years of achievement but also set the stage for many more years of growth and impact. We look forward to continuing this journey with you and are deeply thankful for your involvement.

May you be blessed on your journey, Cindy Miller

**St. Nicholas**



*May the blessings of Christ be on you  
and your family this Holiday Season*



**Merry Christmas  
From  
St. Nicholas Parish**