



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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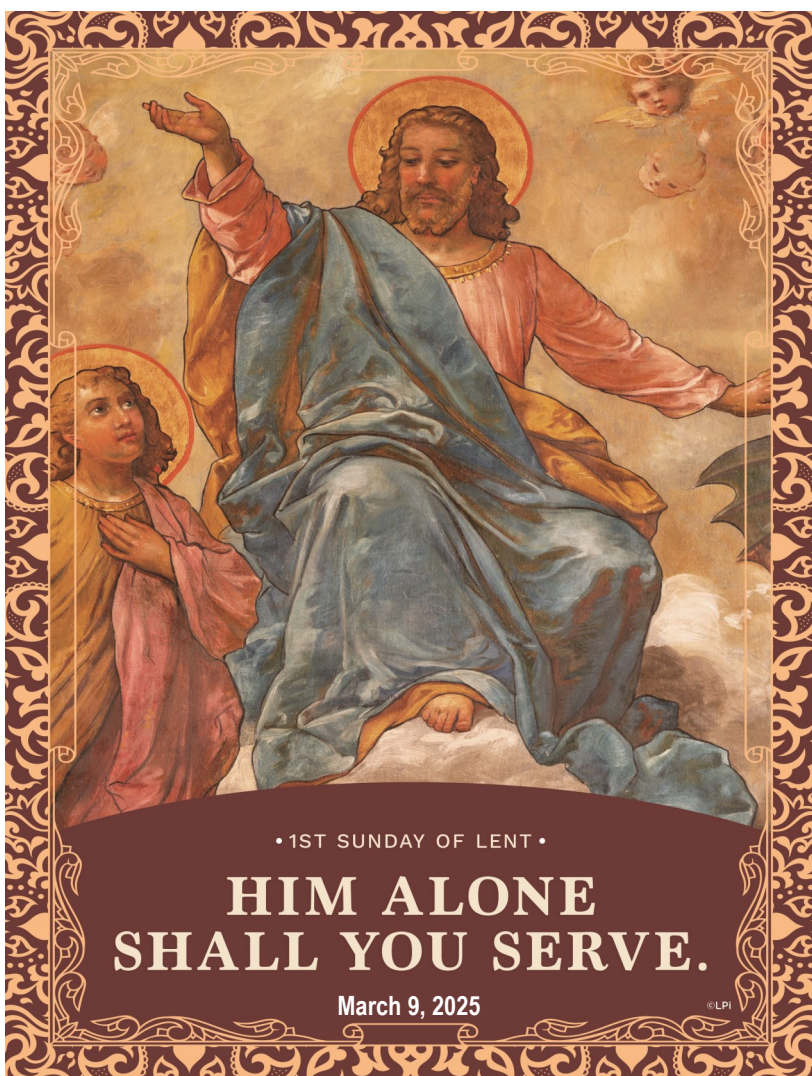
PREP:
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — 'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Second Reading — For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

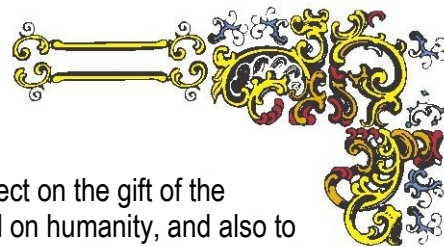
Mass Schedule:

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 begin this holy season of Lent, we are invited by our Bishop to reflect on the gift of the integrity of body and soul, which is one of the great goods that God has bestowed on humanity, and also to reflect on one of the most pervasive and destructive threats to this good, namely pornography.

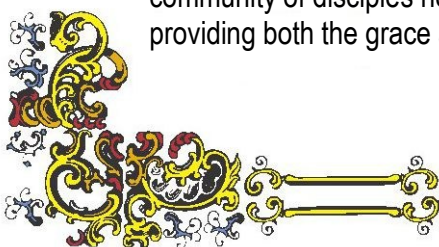
By the term integrity of body and soul we mean the right understanding of and respect for the God given meaning and purpose of our human sexuality. God made us male and female, but unlike the other creatures that are male and female, who simply reproduce following their natural instincts, humanity is given the gift and ability to share in the creative act of God, through the rightful use of our sexuality in the stable union of marriage, where the love of man and woman may be blessed by new life. The physical union of man and woman as husband and wife thereby becomes a physical sign of the spiritual bond of marriage, where the couple are joined together in a life giving union of love that is an image of the communion of God's own inner life.

There are few threats to this integrity more pervasive than pornography. This has become a billion dollar industry that exploits people, even minors, in so many ways and leads to the destruction of so many lives each day. This industry corrupts the young and leads many people of all ages into a captivity of soul that destroys healthy and good relationships, especially marriages. Through the use of the internet pornography has spread like a highly contagious and deadly disease. Our youth are exposed to it at younger and younger ages leading to an addiction that damages the persons ability to form lasting and healthy relationships.

Despite all this there is great hope! First and foremost God's grace does not leave us to fend for ourselves. What sin damages and weakens, grace restores and strengthens. The gift of our human integrity can be damaged by sin and evil but not completely destroyed. With God's grace and some practical guidance we can take action to make our homes, and our therefore our inner-selves, safe havens from the evils of pornography. The first step for those afflicted by the use of pornography is the Sacrament of Penance and the gradual deepening of a life of prayer. There are many practical steps that will be enabled by grace and will also enable grace to work within us. Grace always builds on nature. We must see God's grace as a power that works in us and especially with us. Grace is powerful but not magical. We have to engage our wills and our brains in being practical about avoiding sin and temptation. This is why our Bishop has asked us to have this First Sunday of Lent be a Safe Haven Sunday in our Diocese. If you or someone you love is struggling with pornography, there is help available to begin the path of healing and freedom, the path to a safe haven from this scourge. All parents are encouraged to make sure your homes are Safe Havens from pornography for your children. In this internet age we simply cannot take for granted that this internet disease is not in one's home.

To begin to create a safe or safer haven, you are invited to download the free guide called "Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture", this can be found on the Diocese's Lumen Christi commission website at www.adlumenchristi.org under the Safe Haven Sunday tab. This free digital book is not only for parents but for everyone as you will learn some simple facts and basic theology and can adapt this for your own use. Here you will also find the "Safe Digital Challenge" which will help you make your homes safer from the threat of pornography. On this website there is also a tab with information for parents and a tab listing professional resources, basically professional counselors, who help people overcome this addiction. If you are struggling with this addiction, please do not be afraid to seek help. You do not have to remain a prisoner of this or any addiction and you do not have to be ashamed to admit you need some help. None of us is meant to get through this life alone. We are meant to be a community of disciples helping each other on the way to salvation. God wants you to be free and He is providing both the grace and the assistance needed. Trust, Hope and Pray!

Peace- Father Adam





Mass Intentions

Sat 3/8	4:30 PM	Rosie Pauker (Mary Louise Trexler)
Sun 3/9	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Irene Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)
Mon 3/10	8:30 AM	Geraldine Haines (Kelly Hill)
Tue 3/11	6:30 PM	Deb Kudla (The Semler Family)
Wed 3/12	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 3/13	8:30 AM	Lesia [Living] (Cindy Saab)
Fri 3/14	No Mass	
Sat 3/15	4:30 PM	Bruce Trexler (Janice & Bill Tanzola)
Sun 3/16	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Brian Kresge & Thomas Papay III (JoAnne Kochmaruk)



Open Dates for Mass Intentions

We have quite a few open dates available right away for Mass Intentions. Please call the Parish Office for your special requests. We are always happy to work with 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 March 9 to 15

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

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

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 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.

NOTE: The BVMSN Federal Credit Union will hold their **Annual Meeting** on Saturday, March 15th after the 4:30pm Mass in St. Nicholas Social Hall. All Credit Union Members are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

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.



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.



Boy Scouts

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

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

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place every Wednesday of Lent after 6:30 Benediction beginning March 12.



Rosary Leaders Wanted



Would you prayerfully consider joining our ministry to lead the rosary 1x per month before Saturday 4:30 Mass or Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 Masses?

Call or text Michele at 484-695-8407

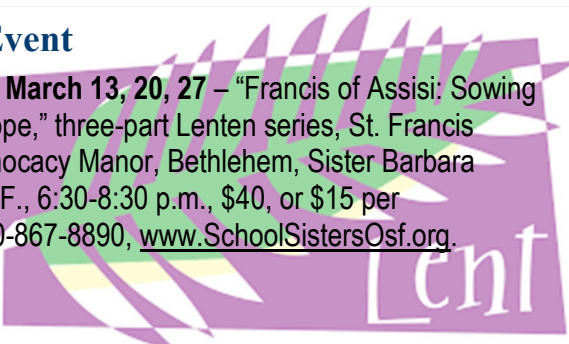
Counting Our Blessings

2/16	Collection Envelopes	\$3,248.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$175.00

Thank You!

Lenten Event

Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27 – "Francis of Assisi: Sowing Seeds of Hope," three-part Lenten series, St. Francis Center, Monocacy Manor, Bethlehem, Sister Barbara Brown, O.S.F., 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$40, or \$15 per session, 610-867-8890, www.SchoolSistersOsf.org.



Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Our Bible Study began February 27th and continues every other Thursday until June 5, 2025. This is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this Bible Study places you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.



Join us for this 8-week video study program. We meet every other week from 6:30PM to 8:15PM for an engaging video presentation by Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, call or text Gene Ballas at 610-533-1617 and/or geneballas@msn.com. We hope you will join us!



Sing Unto the Lord!

The music ministry of St. Nick's would like to invite those who would like to be a part of enhancing the gospel with song to join one of our various choirs.

Please speak to any of the musicians for information.
"Those who sing pray twice" - St. Augustine

Lucky Lottery Winners!

The results of St Nick's bi-annual lottery sale (Jan and June) are in. Two parishioners were blessed with winning tickets of \$1k each. Several other winning tickets realized lesser amounts. The funds collected will be used toward maintenance up keep of the Church. Many thanks to those who participated. We will begin sending tickets out for the next lottery on April 1st for the June drawing.

