

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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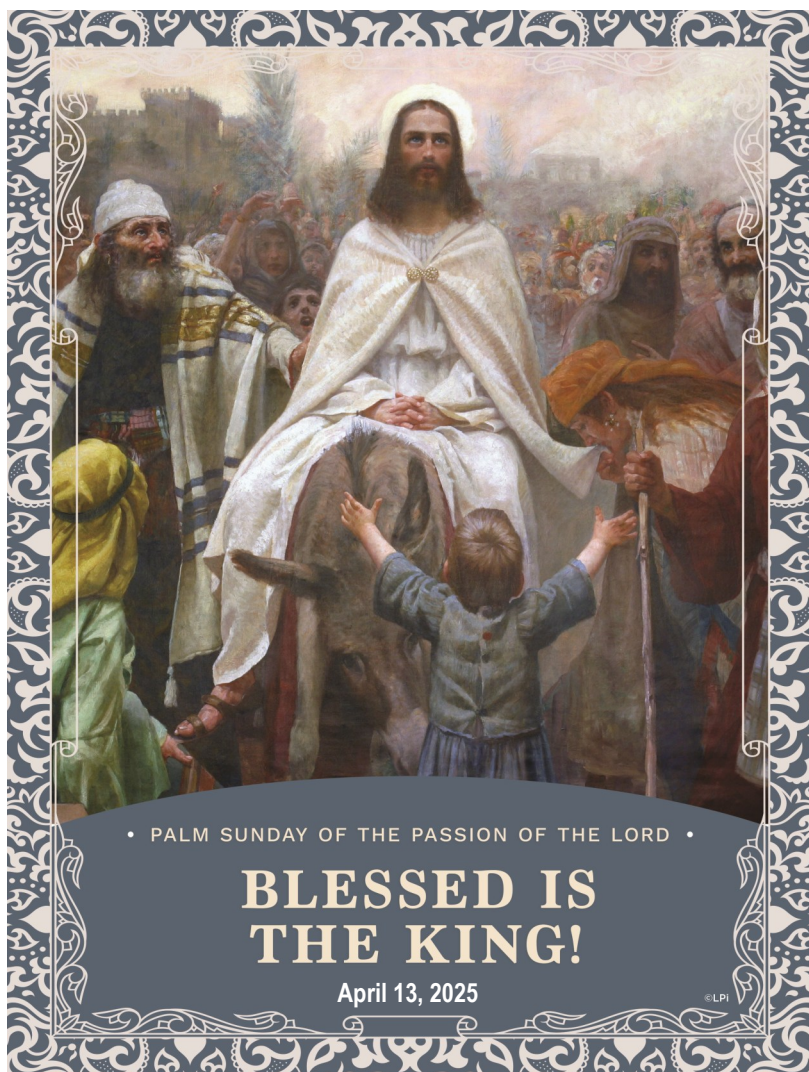
PREP:
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading — Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

Gospel — Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

Holy Week

Monday: Mass 8:30 AM,
Tuesday: Confessions 5:30-6:30PM
Mass 6:30PM (Latin Mass)
Wednesday: Mass 8:30AM Adoration All Day
Benediction & Stations 6:30PM
Confessions 7:30PM
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM
Private Adoration 8-10PM
Holy Hour 10PM
Good Friday: Divine Office of Tenebrae 11AM
Private Adoration 12-3PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3PM
Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food 11AM
Easter Vigil 8PM
Easter Sunday: Masses 8:30AM & 10:30AM

A Message from Our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is aptly named as in it we recall the holiest events in the history of creation, the events of course that collectively we call the Paschal Mystery, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. These events open the way for our own path to holiness. In the Sacred Liturgy we do not only recall these events, but they are really present to us, allowing us to enter in and be more deeply united with Our Lord. Our union with Him, our holiness is why we were created and to be fully alive is the true beauty of our humanity.

As we enter into this Holy Week we might consider the Lord's purpose is to make us fully alive and become the beautiful creature He made us to be.

Dietrich von Hildebrand, a German philosopher of the 20th C, whose writings were admired by several popes, writes on the beauty of a soul that is holy:

When we are profoundly affected by the beauty of purity or when we speak of the beauty acquired by a soul through humility, we are concentrating on a radiance of the inner quality of these virtues. It is a beauty which Saint Augustine calls splendor veri [true splendor]. The liturgy leaves no doubt in our minds as to the role due to this beauty in the light of revelation. Again and again it is spoken of in a great variety of phrases: Listen, daughter, and see, and incline your ear, for the king has greatly desired your beauty. Give ear with your countenance and your beauty. Beautiful in countenance and more beautiful in faith.

This beauty has a conspicuous function in the life of a Christian, for this beauty is the foundation of love. The divine beauty of Jesus, the beauty of the Saint of all saints, inflames our heart. It shone resplendent on the Apostles on Tabor; the beauty of his divine mercy melted the heart of Mary Magdalen. The irresistible divine beauty of Jesus not only moves our will, but it attracts our heart. As Saint Augustine says, "We are attracted not only by the will but also by affection." The great Lacordaire says that virtues become irresistibly victorious and constrain us to love only when, as in every saint, they are manifested in their beauty, when their inner nobility is revealed in their beauty. In its dignity, this beauty, which is a reflection of the inner excellence and dignity of one who exists, is dependent on the dignity of its object. The beauty of a rich, profound mind like that of a Plato or an Aristotle is greater than the beauty of Achilles...and the beauty of humility or love is greater than that of an eminent and profound intellect. [Beauty] is so much a part of redemption that redemption is also a restoration of the original paradisaical beauty, of an even much greater beauty, as the liturgy maintains, "who has wonderfully created human dignity and more wonderfully restored it" — and as a mystic says: "We would die of love if we could see the beauty of a soul in the state of grace."

All Our Lord did, He did that we may have life and be radiant in the beauty of His grace.

Peace- Father Adam

Holy Thursday Prayer Pilgrimage

More than 75 churches across the five counties of the Diocese of Allentown will be open late into the evening on Holy Thursday, April 17, part of an ancient ritual that offers the opportunity for a mini pilgrimage of prayer.

If you are planning to make a journey, here are some local churches and times:

- Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown – 8-10p.m., Night Prayer 9:45p.m.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath – 8:30p.m.-midnight.
- Holy Family, Nazareth – 8:15-11p.m.
- Assumption BVM, Northampton – 8-10:30p.m., Night Prayer 10:30p.m.
- Queenship of Mary, Northampton – 6-10p.m., Night Prayer 10p.m.
- Sacred Heart, Palmerton – 8:15-10p.m., Night Prayer 10p.m.
- Assumption BVM, Slatington – 8-9:30p.m.
- Holy Trinity, Whitehall – 8:15-11p.m., Night Prayer 10:45p.m.
- St. John the Baptist, Whitehall – 7:30-10p.m.

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.



Mass Intentions:

Sat 4/12	4:30 PM	Joseph & Mary Kean (Mary Louise Trexler)
Sun 4/13	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich)
	10:30 AM	Hilda Steirer (Elaine Jenkins)
Mon 4/14	8:30 AM	Robert Celetano (The Barankovich Family)
Tues 4/15	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 4/16	8:30 AM	Thomas J. Vallo (Carl J. Niedzwiecki)
Thu 4/17	7:00 PM	Kathryn Cooper (JoAnn & Frank Klucsarits)
Fri 4/18	No Mass	
Sat 4/19	8:00 PM	Special Intentions
Sun 4/20	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Special Intentions

Easter Duty

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 9 until June 15, 2025). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.



Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

Weekly Budgeted Operational

Expenses **\$7,352.00**

3/16	Collection Envelopes	\$2,783.00
	School	\$231.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$202.00
3/23	Collection Envelopes	\$3,012.00
	Flowers/Other	\$506.00
3/30	Collection Envelopes	\$2,669.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$236.00

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

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 April 13 to 19

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

Free Lenten Movie Event

Join us for a special movie event featuring films for all ages on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 12:30pm.

"The Passion of the Christ" directed by Mel Gibson (for adults) in the Social Hall

"VeggieTales" (for children) in the Parish Center

Please sign up in the portico or email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org



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!



Fun Plant & Sip Event

Join us for our Plant & Sip event, where you can unwind, have fun, and let your inner gardener shine on **Tuesday, May 13 from 6:00 to 7:30pm!**

Bring your container and choose between planting a flower or tomato plant. Flower cost is \$25. Tomato Plant is \$15.

Sip & relax while you get your hands dirty and embrace your creativity. Meet in the Church parking lot.

RSVP by signing 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

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.

Pocono NASCAR Race Weekend



June 20-22 (rain date Mon 23)

Volunteers Needed! Come join us! We get \$100/person/day! Signup sheet and information flyers are on the table in the portico. Questions? Call the parish office, 610-767-3107 or Tony Scarselletti 610-393-4671; ascarsel@ptd.net

St Nicholas' Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio



A special Parish event at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA, will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025. Father Adam will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Grace Chapel, starting promptly at 11:30 AM. Immediately after mass the itinerary includes: Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio and Self-guided tour of the **Exposition of Relics of Saints and Martyrs** (starts at noon) and the Museum in the Cultural Center. The Exposition of Relics is only available from April 23 to May1. Pavillion is available for those who wish to bring a lunch. Own transportation. Centre closes at 4:30 PM. Please sign up in the portico or email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

"Noah" Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster

Join us and journey with Noah as he builds the ark and faces the great flood in this larger-than-life production that brings the Bible's beloved story to life. Get your tickets now and be part of this extraordinary experience. Two dates: Saturday, July 26 at 3pm (tickets only and drive yourself) \$87.00 for adult, \$42.00 for child- Due by 6/8/25

or Friday, August 15 at 3pm bus trip (transportation and show). Limited number of tickets. Bus and Show Ticket for 8/15/25 - \$130.00 for adult, \$85.00 for child - Due by 6/29/25. Stopping at Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch. Additional cost for lunch. Bus leaves at 8:30am, back at 8pm.

Please see flyer and sign-up sheet for details.



St. Nicholas Church Homemade EASTER CANDY, BAKED GOODS, & CRAFTS Sale

April 12: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. & April 13: 9 a.m. - Noon

4412 W. Mountain View Dr., Walnutport



Filled Eggs • Bunnies • Lollipops • Crosses •
Chips • Pretzels • Nuts and More!

Walk-ins are welcome

We Hope to See You at the Sale!

Calling ALL Preschoolers

SJNRS in Slatington has begun a Preschool for ages 3-5. It's an extremely flexible program with 2-5 days/week, & 1/2 or full day programs. There is flex admission during the school year. The program focuses on gross/fine motor skill development, social skills, religion, and hands-on learning for academics. Call the school @ 610-767-2935 for more information.



Fr. McElduff Scholarship

The Fr. McElduff Scholarship is available to all students entering grades Preschool through grade 9, attending a Catholic school. Download the form from the St. Nicholas website. Once the form is completed, return it to the Parish Office. The form must be completed and returned no later than May 15, 2025.

Something Soothing

Interested in Herbal Remedies, Essential Oils, soothing Herbal Teas, and Herbal Skincare?

Join us on Saturday morning, **May 10, 2025**, from **10:30am until 12 noon** for a Presentation and Demonstration by Vanessa Sabatine, owner of Herbs to Your Success, a health and wellness spa located at 64 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA.

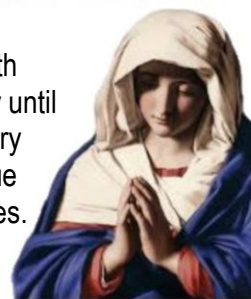
Vanessa will speak on these topics, demonstrate how to make your own herbal tea, and answer any questions.

Come and learn something new!



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!

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

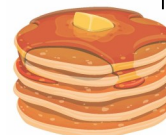


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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, April 27, 2025
8am - 12:00pm**

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A Portion of the Proceeds will benefit St Nicholas Parish Building Fund and Habitat for Humanity.