

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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

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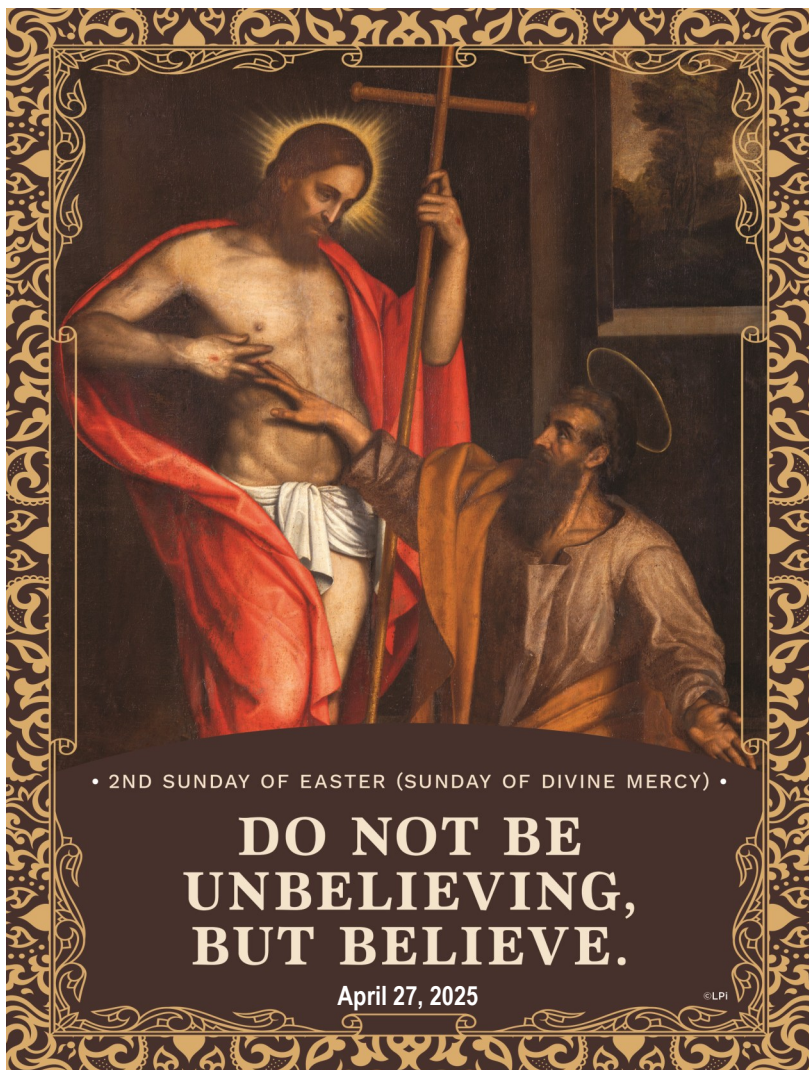
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading — When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

Gospel — On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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)

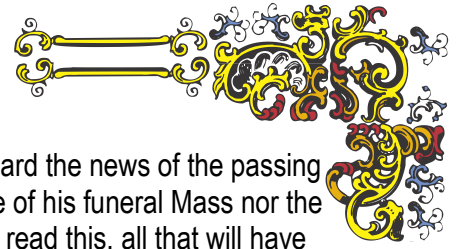
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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 I write this it is Easter Monday morning and we have just hours ago heard the news of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis and we do not yet know all the details of the date of his funeral Mass nor the time for the beginning of the next conclave to elect our new pope. By the time you read this, all that will have been announced and perhaps his funeral already celebrated. If you are signed up for Flocknote (and you should be!) then you know these details as I have sent all this out via text and/or email. In any event, this is a time for us to first and foremost pray for our late pope's soul and ask God to shower His Divine Mercy on Pope Francis and grant him eternal rest and peace in the Kingdom of God. In many ways his was a controversial papacy. I loved him because he was the pope, and yet disagreed with him in many ways. None of that is important now, for now is the time to pray for him and to give thanks for the blessings God did work through and during the papacy of Pope Francis. He gave us some wonderful "spiritual gems" to ponder and to keep in mind always. His description of the parish church as a "field hospital" for souls is among the best images of the what the Church is meant to be and the work we need to be about. He often, especially early in his time as pope, spoke of the reality of the devil and the need to be on guard against the true foe of all humanity. More than once he called abortionists "hit-men", hired killers. Startling language but a very true description of this horrible evil. Perhaps most of all he reminded us to never forget those who live "on the margins" of society and to help them to know and accept the grace of Christ. Finally, Pope Francis displayed a deep love of the Blessed Mother. His favorite devotion was to Mary was under the title "Undo-er of Knots". How much we need Our Lady's help to undo the tragic circumstances of sin that wrap us up and bind us. How fittingly then that Pope Francis is to be entombed in the Major Basilica of St. Mary's in Rome, a church he often visited and where he prayed after each papal trip. May Our Blessed Mother guide him on his final voyage and see him safely home.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Join us for these beautiful devotions today, beginning at 2:30PM with exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and quiet prayer with time for confessions, then at 3PM we will begin our Divine Mercy devotions and Benediction.

Divine Mercy centers upon God's great love for us and the infinite compassion that flows from it. Jesus himself is the image of God's Divine Mercy — "the face of the Father's mercy," as Pope Francis said — because Christ came to rescue us from the misery of our sinfulness. We are not perfect, and we never can be, but God does not leave us to struggle for it on our own. Instead, He sent Jesus, His Son, to bring about our reconciliation and redemption. Through Christ, God reveals that His mercy is greater than our individual sins and even than those of the entire world.

The Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on the Sunday following Easter, the Octave Day of Easter, each year. Pope St. John Paul II made this an official feast day in the Church in 2000 when he canonized St. Faustina.

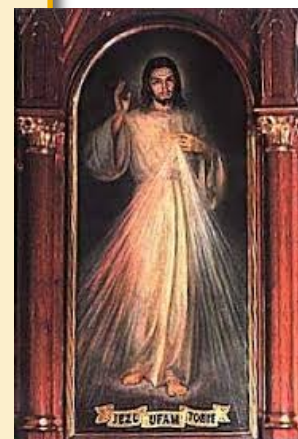
Through His appearances to St. Faustina, Christ requested that the great feast of His mercy be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter because the feast of the Divine Mercy goes hand in hand with the Paschal Mystery! The Cross is the greatest proof of God's eternal love and mercy for mankind.

Fittingly, the Gospel reading on the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) is the passage from John's Gospel about Christ's first appearance to the apostles after His resurrection, when He gave them the ability to forgive sins.

By conferring the power to forgive sins on His priests, Christ reaffirmed the role of mercy in his new covenant of love and invited His disciples to be ministers of His mercy to the world.

We also pray for the Cardinals who will elect the next pope. We entrust them each day to our Blessed Mother, who prayed with and for the Apostles, helping them to receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We ask Mary to help the Cardinals of the Church today to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they elect our next pope.

Peace- Father Adam





Mass Intentions:

Sat 4/26	4:30 PM	John Karmonick (Mary Louise Trexler)
Sun 4/27	8:30 AM	Gerry Haines (George & Clare Miller)
	10:30 AM	Ethel Lakovitz (Kuronya Family)
Mon 4/28	8:30 AM	George Woytko (Mary Woytko & Susanne Amici)
Tues 4/29	6:30 PM	Vincent & Marian Lenner (The Semler Family)
Wed 4/30	8:30 AM	Rachael Boyer (Jeanette Noakes)
Thu 5/1	8:30 AM	Richard Koch (Phyllis Koch [wife])
Fri 5/2	No Mass	
Sat 5/3	4:30 PM	Gerry Haines (Dave, Mary, Stef & Brad FeKula)
Sun 5/4	8:30 AM	Steve Nederostek (Sue Hankee)
	10:30 AM	Justus & Katie Altmiller (Thomas Sparling)

Pascal Candle

Pascal Candle was donated by
Dave & Mary FeKula for the
Good Health of The FeKula Family



Blessed Mother Flowers

April 27 through May 3

George Woytko (Mary Woytko and Susanne Amici)

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 April 27 to May 3

*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*



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!

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

Plant & Book Swap

The North of 50 group will hold a "Plant & Book Swap" on April 28, at 1 PM in the social hall. Bring a book & or plant, take a book or plant! Light refreshments will be served, feel free to bring something to share!



Contact: Ann Orsulak 610 392 1092 or
Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716

Counting Our Blessings

4/13	Collection Envelopes	\$3,376.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Rice Bowl	\$124.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$295.00

Thank You!

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



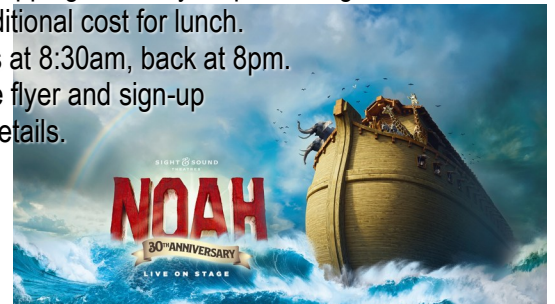
June 20-22 (rain date Mon 23)

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

"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.



MEMORIAL GARDEN PHASE III

Final Phase is set to begin shortly on MEMORIAL GARDEN.

We will be selling custom pavers to be installed in the Garden patio, which is located in the Parish Cemetery. For further information contact:

Kim McGonigle 484-221-1434



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.



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.

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, 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.

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!



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

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!