

St. Nicholas
50
 Roman Catholic Church
 Years
 as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading — Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

Gospel — "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

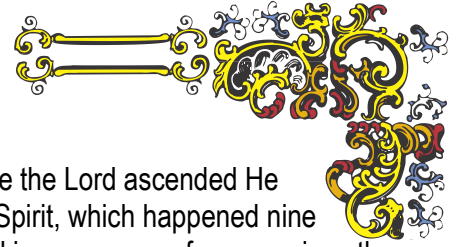
Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
 Monday: 8:30 AM
 Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)
 Wednesday: 7 PM Vigil Mass for Ascension
 Thursday: 7 AM Mass for Ascension

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,

This week we celebrate the great day of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven. Before the Lord ascended He told the disciples to pray for, and to prepare for by prayer, the coming of the Holy Spirit, which happened nine days later on the day of Pentecost. These nine days of prayer are the origin of making a novena of prayer, since the word novena comes from the Latin word for nine. Each year, the Church sees these days between the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and the Feast of Pentecost Sunday as a time to renew our plea for the continuous outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. We also use these days to prepare by prayer to celebrate Pentecost, not simply as a remembrance of what happened in the past, but as a day where we can be immersed anew in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Peace- Father Adam

A Novena Prayer to Prepare for Pentecost

(To Be Prayed on the Days Between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday)

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us the sevenfold gift of Your Spirit: the Gifts of Wisdom and Understanding, the Gifts of Counsel and Fortitude, the Gifts of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with Holy Fear. Amen.

*Our Father and Hail Mary once
Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES*

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, 'Speak Lord for Your servant heareth. Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.



Father McElduff Scholarship

The Father McElduff Scholarship is available to all students in Grades 2-8 who will be attending a Catholic School in 2024-25. Preference is given to St. John Neumann School applicants and requires regular Mass attendance. To apply for the scholarship, stop by the church office for an application or download it from the website. You may also call the office at 610-767-3107. Scholarship applications are due May 10, 2024. Good luck!





Mass Intentions:

- Sat 5/4 4:30 PM Janet & Lew Kern (Kate Holland)
- Sun 5/5 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Agnes Lancsak (Sue Hankee)
- Mon 5/6 8:30 AM St Nicholas Memorial Society
- Tues 5/7 6:30 PM George Lizotte (Semler Family)
- Wed 5/8 7:00 PM Health of Brenda Campbell
(Catherine & Carl Niedzwiecki)
- Thu 5/9 7:00 AM Health of Mary Kunkle
(Catherine & Carl Niedzwiecki)
- Fri 5/10 No Mass
- Sat 5/11 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 5/12 8:30 AM Margaret Bittner
(Scarselletti Family)
10:30 AM 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Joe & Margaret Heiczinger
(Family)

Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of Tommy Pignataro
(Donated by The Pignataro Family)



Lector Ministry Schedule

	May 11-12	May 18-19
Sat 4:30 PM	Bill Caserta	Steve Bertalan
Sun 8:30 AM	Barbara Schmidt	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

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 will be prayed publicly in our parish every Wednesday after the evening Benediction at 6:30PM. While novenas have been traditionally prayed for nine consecutive days, usually leading up to a particular feast day, they are sometimes offered on a day of the week for nine consecutive weeks, or even one day of the month for nine consecutive months. Sometimes novena prayers are offered "perpetually", meaning continuously without end, usually on one day of the week. We are taking up the 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 add this beautiful prayer to our weekly devotions.

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.



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!



Week of May 5 to 11

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers*

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

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

Plant & Sip

WHEN: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 6-7:30PM

Rain date: May 16, 2024, 6-7:30PM

WHERE: St Nicholas Church, Walnutport, PA
Outdoors. Cost: \$25.00 per flower container;
\$10.00 for Tomato Plant. Please indicate on the sign-up
sheet how many containers you are bringing. You may
bring more than one container, but you pay per container
so we have enough flowers. Everyone is provided with
soil and 6 plants per pot or tomato choice: one tomato
plant.

Registration is limited to the first 30 people. Sign-up sheet
at the Church portico. Payment collected on the night of
the event. We will provide Wine and Sangria, we ask that
you bring a snack to share. Only register by signing-up.
For questions, e: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group



We create comforting items to be donated
to those in need within our area. For
example: prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer
hats, premie & 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.

Daniel Sight and Sound Bus Trip

BUS Trip – **Sight & Sound Theater** – Featuring
'DANIEL', Lancaster PA

Saturday, July 20, 2024

3 pm Showtime

Tickets:

- ◆ Just Show (Self transportation) \$87 per adult; \$42 per child (3-12)
- ◆ Show and Bus* (Bus is not Handicap accessible) \$130 per adult; \$87 for ages 3-12

*Minimum of 30 bus seats need to be purchased in order
for run the bus.

Departure Time: 11:15 am Arrive at St Nicholas. 11:30
am Leave St Nicholas Parking Lot -promptly.

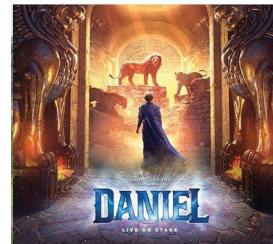
Due to the greater cost of meals on weekends, **we will
not be stopping for any meals**. Please pack your
meals.

3 pm Show begins (Run time 2hr 30 mins).

6 pm Leave Theater.

8 pm Return to St Nicholas Parking lot.

Online payment option coming soon. Check or Cash
Payments: To register, include name, cell #, email
address and # of tickets with your cash or check in an
envelope placed in the collection basket marked 'Daniel-
Sight/Sound'. Checks should be made payable to: St
Nicholas Catholic Church. For Questions Contact: Donna
DeCesaris Call // Text 610-533-4739 email:
community@stnicholaswalnutport.org



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.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you
can text or call cell phone (484) 474-7265. We don't want
to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

4/21	Collection Envelopes	\$3,847.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Cemetery Care	\$358.00
	Donations	\$261.00
	School	\$15.00
	Food Bank Donation	\$50.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$185.00



50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 50th Anniversary Committee met Saturday, April 20 to discuss topics including the Gala menu, letters to go out to sponsors, and 50th Anniversary items such as T-shirts that will be available for sale to all.

All families and children of the parish are invited to the 50th Anniversary Gala. The event is **business casual** at Woodstone on **November 17, 2024**. Information on tickets will be available in June.

The next planning meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 18 at 9:30am in the social hall**. Anyone interested in volunteering, please come to the next meeting or sign up in the porticos or email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Page Turners to Begin New Book

The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny

Hidden deep in the wilderness of Quebec, Canada, sets a monastery where the monks are world famous for their Gregorian voices. But when the renowned choir director is found murdered in the monastery's garden, Inspector Armand Gamache and his colleague are called in to investigate the murder. Here they encounter a closed-off world filled with secrets, rivalries, and tensions among the monks. Join us on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:15pm in the Parish Center when we unravel this whodunit. Contact community@stnicholaswalnutport.org for more details.



Keeping God's House Clean

Have a couple of hours each month to help keep the Lord's house clean? St Nicholas cleaning crew is looking for volunteers. You will work a team of dedicated parishioners on a pre-determined day.

Consider joining us!

Contact: Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716



May		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thu. 5/9	9:30 AM	Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin, Bill Caserta
Thu. 5/16	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst
Thu. 5/23	9:30 AM	Terry Rice, Diane Turner, Maribeth Ward

Boy Scout Troup 62 - May Hoagie Sale



We are selling Italian, Tuna and Veggie, and Ham Hoagies. Cost \$6.00 each

Orders are due by Wednesday 5/15 and pickup is Wednesday 5/22 after 7:30pm

To request an order form reach Andreas Hassold, Leader: e: andreas.hassold@web.de or andreas.hassold@boschrexroth-us.com or call Mobile +1 484 619-1053.

Thank you for your Support!



Knights of Columbus Council # 4050 Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, May 18 **1st Annual K of C Corn Hole Tournament** Egypt Memorial Park

Check-in/practice begins at 11 am
Tournament Play: 12 noon – 7 pm
Prizes for top three teams

\$60 per team of 2 (max 48 teams) includes lunch & 2 drink tickets per team (must be 16 yrs. or older to compete)

Food, snacks and beverages available for purchase, Kids Corn Hole area, 50/50 and basket raffles.

Fun for the entire family! For more information contact: John Fitzpatrick, (484)201-9188 or jlfitzpatrick83@gmail.com

Iron Pigs Game



Event Date: June 21, 2024

Event Time: 7:05 game start

Cost: \$12 with \$2 ballpark credit for food or merchandise.

Join your fellow parishioners for a fun and relaxing evening at the Iron Pigs Game. Stay and enjoy the fireworks after the game. 40 seats have been reserved in section 104.

Sign up sheets are available after masses from April 6 to May 19. Last day to sign up is May 19.

Contact Carl Litwin 610-767-2624 e-mail clitwin1@gmail.com



Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath Knights of Columbus Council Annual Trip to Yankee Stadium

Sacred Heart of Jesus Annual Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium is Thursday August 22. The game has a 1:05 pm start. Bus departs from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Bath, at 9:00am, with a return immediately following the game. Cost per person is \$117.00 - includes the bus, game ticket and refreshments provided by Knights of Columbus Council. Reservations: Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or (610) 390-8429.