

St. Nicholas  
50 Years as a Parish  
1974 - 2024



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

1152 Oak Road  
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[www.stnicholaswalnutport.org](http://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org)

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Administrative Assistant: Deacon Mike Kudla



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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May 12, 2024

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

**Psalm** — The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)

**Second Reading** — God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

**Gospel** — "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11)

### 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:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
Secretary for Youth Protection  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC  
Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

## 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)

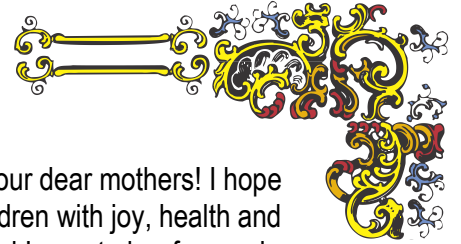
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

First, my prayers and best wishes for a very happy Mother's Day to all of our dear mothers! I hope that you enjoy this day in your honor and that the Lord will bless you and your children with joy, health and many other blessings! St. Monica is one of the special patron saints of mothers and I pray to her for you in particular this day, that through her intercession you may know the joy of seeing your children grow in faith and in holiness of life. One of the saints who wrote prolifically about motherhood was Pope St. John Paul II. One can see in his writings the great love and respect he had for motherhood and to which he calls us all. Perhaps most famously he called motherhood the crown jewel of womanhood. In a letter addressed to all the women of the world, a letter written in preparation for the Fourth UN Conference on Women, held in 1995, he wrote this: "Thank you, *women who are mothers!* You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of love and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life."

Indeed you have been and continue to be the "smile" of God upon us, your sons and daughters. Thank you, first of all for choosing life, and thank you for caring for us, your children, all throughout our lives!

As we continue to honor our Blessed Mother this month, we reflect today that Mary is called the spouse of the Holy Spirit. We know she was married to St. Joseph, so this title is not to diminish the marriage of Mary and St. Joseph, but rather it speaks to her unique and most intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. By the action of the Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her life. Being in the state of grace always, Mary, "full of grace", as St. Gabriel said of her, always enjoyed the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and Mary cultivated her relationship with the Holy Spirit throughout her whole life. She was ever open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. She lived by the gifts of the Spirit and had the fruits of the Holy Spirit ever evident in her life as well. Part of Mary's role as the New Eve, the Mother of all Disciples, is to help the Church receive the Holy Spirit and to dispense to each disciple the gifts of grace that the Holy Spirit brings. As we prepare for Pentecost, we naturally turn to Our Blessed Mother, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, to help us be renewed in the gifts of the Spirit in the life of the Church today.

Peace- Father Adam

## Prayer to Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

O Mary, thou spotless Bride of the Holy Spirit! Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel, the honour of our nation. Thou art the valiant woman who didst crush the head of the serpent when thou didst offer thy Divine Son to the Heavenly Father in the love of the Holy Spirit, for the salvation of the world. Through the merits of this previous sacrifice and through the sufferings of Thy Son, obtain for us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I thank the Holy Spirit that He has chosen thee as His Bride and constituted thee the dispenser of His graces. Look upon me with thy compassionate eyes, upon my distress and needs. Help me that I may never lose the grace of God nor defile the temple of the Holy Spirit, but that my heart may ever remain His holy dwelling, and that I may with thee eternally praise and bless the Holy Spirit in heaven. Amen.



**Our Lady, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us.**

## 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.



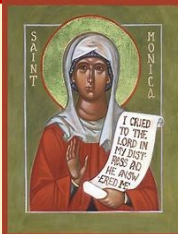


# Mass Intentions:

- Sat 5/11 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 5/12 8:30 AM Margaret Bittner (Scarselletti Family)
- 10:30 AM 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Margaret Heiczinger (Family)
- Mon 5/13 8:30 AM Tom Feko (Catherine & Carl Niedzwiecki)
- Tues 5/14 6:30 PM Rodger Ladue (Kay Hanzl)
- Wed 5/15 8:30 AM Mary Babich (Elaine Jenkins)
- Thu 5/16 8:30 AM John & Mary Hock (daughter Diane)
- Fri 5/17 No Mass
- Sat 5/18 4:30 PM Joe Dormans (Tina Dormans)
- Sun 5/19 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- 10:30 AM Ethel Lakovits (Charlene and Nancy)

**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!





## 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.



## Paschal Candle

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

## Observances for the week of May 12, 2024


- Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day
- Monday: Our Lady of Fatima
- Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle
- Wednesday: St. Isidore
- Saturday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

## Blessed Mother Flowers

May 12 through 18

George Woytko (Mary Woytko and Susanne Amici)






**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 May 12 to 18**

*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](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)



## 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](mailto:bud328@msn.com) or (610) 390-8429.

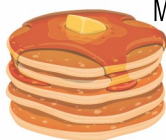


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## All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$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, May 19, 2024**  
**8am - 12:00pm**

## In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A Portion of the Proceeds will benefit St Nicholas Parish  
 and Special Olympics.

## 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 to run the bus.

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

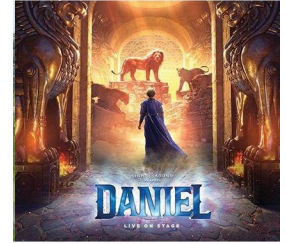
Due to the greater cost of meals on weekends, **we will not be stopping for any meals.** Please pack your meals.

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

6 pm Leave Theater.

8 pm Return to St Nicholas Parking lot.

Online payment option is available on the St. Nicholas web site Events page. 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](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)



## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

4/28	Collection Envelopes	2,878.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Cemetery Care	\$35.00
	School Support	\$52.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$91.00
	Purse Bingo	\$8,736.00 (Net)
	Pizza Kit Sale	\$391.07 (Net)
	Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner	\$547.00 (Net)

## Lector Ministry Schedule

	May 18-19	May 25-26
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Steve Bertalan	Paul Sparling
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Jeanette Noakes	Brian Keefe
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Sue Hankee	John McRoberts



## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 5/16	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst
Thu. 5/23	9:30 AM	Terry Rice, Diane Turner, Maribeth Ward
Thu. 5/30	9:30 AM	Lisa & Tom Pignataro

### 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](mailto:andreas.hassold@web.de) or [andreas.hassold@boschrexroth-us.com](mailto:andreas.hassold@boschrexroth-us.com) or call Mobile +1 484 619-1053.

Thank you for your Support!

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

### Knights of Columbus Council # 4050 Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, May 18 **1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:clitwin1@gmail.com)

