

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



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Administrative Assistant: Deacon Mike Kudla



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Second Reading — In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel — "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 16:13)

Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107
E-mail: 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

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)

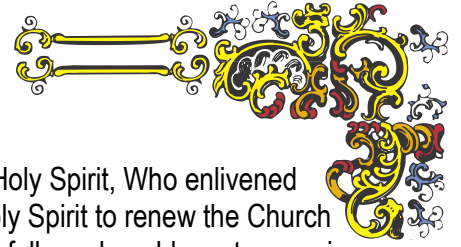
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

Happy Pentecost! On this great feast we celebrate the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Who enlivened the Church, bringing the Church to life. As we celebrate this feast we invite the Holy Spirit to renew the Church in the seven gifts of the Spirit. These gifts enable to live the life of discipleship faithfully and enable us to grow in grace and virtue. In fact, by the gifts of the Holy Spirit certain virtues may be brought to perfection within us. This action of the Holy Spirit requires a docility on our part to the work of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are all directed to our eternal salvation in that they orient us, direct us, to that end and further enable us to be witnesses to Christ in the world as we journey through this life to heaven. They are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord.

- ✦ Understanding gives an intuitive penetration into truth. It is especially a deeper insight and penetration of divine truths held by faith, not as a transitory enlightenment but as a permanent intuition. Illuminating the mind to truth, the Holy Spirit aids a person to grasp truths of faith easily and intimately, and to penetrate the depths of those truths. This gift not only assists in penetrating revealed truths, but also natural truths in so far as they are related to our supernatural end.
- ✦ Wisdom perfects charity, in order to judge divine things. By the gift of Wisdom the Holy Spirit aids the contemplation of divine things, enabling the person to grow in union with God
- ✦ Knowledge perfects the virtue of hope, giving us a certitude about the promise of eternal life in Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the human intellect makes correct judgments regarding earthly things and how they are related to eternal life and Christian perfection. As such, this gift is a special illumination, which enables the person to realize the emptiness of created things in themselves so that they do not become roadblocks to union with God. At the same time, it enables the person to see through created things to the God who created them.
- ✦ The gift of counsel perfects prudence, and helps develop the habit of choosing as God would have us choose. It enables one to be docile and receptive to the counsel of God regarding one's actions in view of sanctification and salvation. Primarily, this gift enables a person to judge individual acts as good and ought to be done, or as evil and ought to be avoided. The counsel is made in view of one's own personal sanctification and one's ultimate supernatural end. Therefore, this gift prompts the person to ask himself, "Will this act lead to holiness? Will this act lead to Heaven?"
- ✦ The gift of piety perfects justice in giving to others that which is their due. This is especially true of giving God what is His due. Here a person shows reverence for God as a loving Father, and respects others as children of God precisely because that is what they are. As such, this gift enables one to fulfill his obligations to God and neighbor; the person is not only motivated by the requirements of strict justice but also by the loving relationship he shares with his neighbor.
- ✦ Fortitude perfects the virtue of fortitude (or courage), in facing dangers, especially dangers that come from witnessing to Christ. This gift gives strength to the person to resist evil and persevere to everlasting life. In bringing the virtue of fortitude to perfection, this gift charges one with energy, perseverance and promptness. Moreover, it brings a confidence of success to the virtue.
- ✦ Fear of the Lord perfects temperance in controlling disordered appetites. Primarily, this gift entails a profound respect for the majesty of God. Here, a person realizes his "creatureliness" and dependency upon God, and never would want to be separated from this loving God. This gift of fear arouses in the soul a vibrant sense of adoration and reverence for the majesty of God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin.



May each of us and the whole Church be renewed in the marvelous gifts of the Holy Spirit!

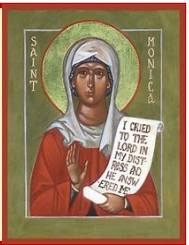
Peace- Father Adam



Mass Intentions:

- 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)
- Mon 5/20 8:30 AM John Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
- Tues 5/21 6:30 PM Bob Horn (Kathy Porter)
- Wed 5/22 8:30 AM Tony Bressler (John Gerkovich)
- Thu 5/23 8:30 AM Mother Day Intention
- Fri 5/24 No Mass
- Sat 5/25 4:30 PM John Stemetzki
(Janice & Bill Tanzola)
- Sun 5/26 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Thomas Papay Jr.
(Joanne Kochmaruk)

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!



Paschal Candle

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



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. 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.

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.

Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

- Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
- Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity



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 19 to 25

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

Make a Joyful Noise Kick-Off

With music, dance, video, and several surprise special guests, students, teachers, families, and friends invite you to Make A Joyful Noise for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Allentown! Join a community-wide, online celebration of Catholic School spirit by checking out the Make A Joyful Noise video showcase below then voting for your favorite student, teacher, and Catholic school community today!



Voting deadline is May 31. Make a Joyful Noise champions will be announced on June 1st. All donations go directly to the school that receives your votes so vote early and often. Visit: Make a Joyful Noise (weloveourcatholicschools.com) to watch and vote.



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.

This Weekend!

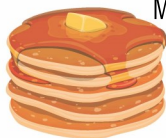


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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, 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.

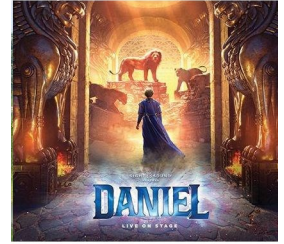
Due to the greater cost of meals on weekends, **we will not be stopping for any meals.** Please pack your meals.

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



Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

5/5	Collection Envelopes	\$5,437.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Cemetery Support	\$50.00
	School Support	\$269.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$829.00
	Easter Candy Profit	\$4,004.50 (Net)

Lector Ministry Schedule

May 25-26	
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	John McRoberts



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. 5/23	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



If you ordered hoagies, remember to pick them up Wednesday 5/22 after 7:30pm

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.

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

Self Defense Seminar at St. Nicholas

Saturday 29 June from 10AM-Noon

In these troubled times, it's more important than ever to develop and sharpen the ability to defend yourself.



In this seminar you will learn:

- Observation Skills To Help Spot & Avoid a Dangerous Situation
- Visual Skills
- Tips for Avoiding a Situation
- What A Would Be Attacker Is Looking For
- Escaping Skills
- Development of Your Personal Weapons
- How to Deal with Certain Threatening Situations

Your instructor will be Kyoshi Jeff Driscoll, an internationally known martial arts teacher with over 30 years experience!

Open to people of all ages and physical ability.

Sign up today for early bird pricing of \$25 per person!

Email- community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

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.