



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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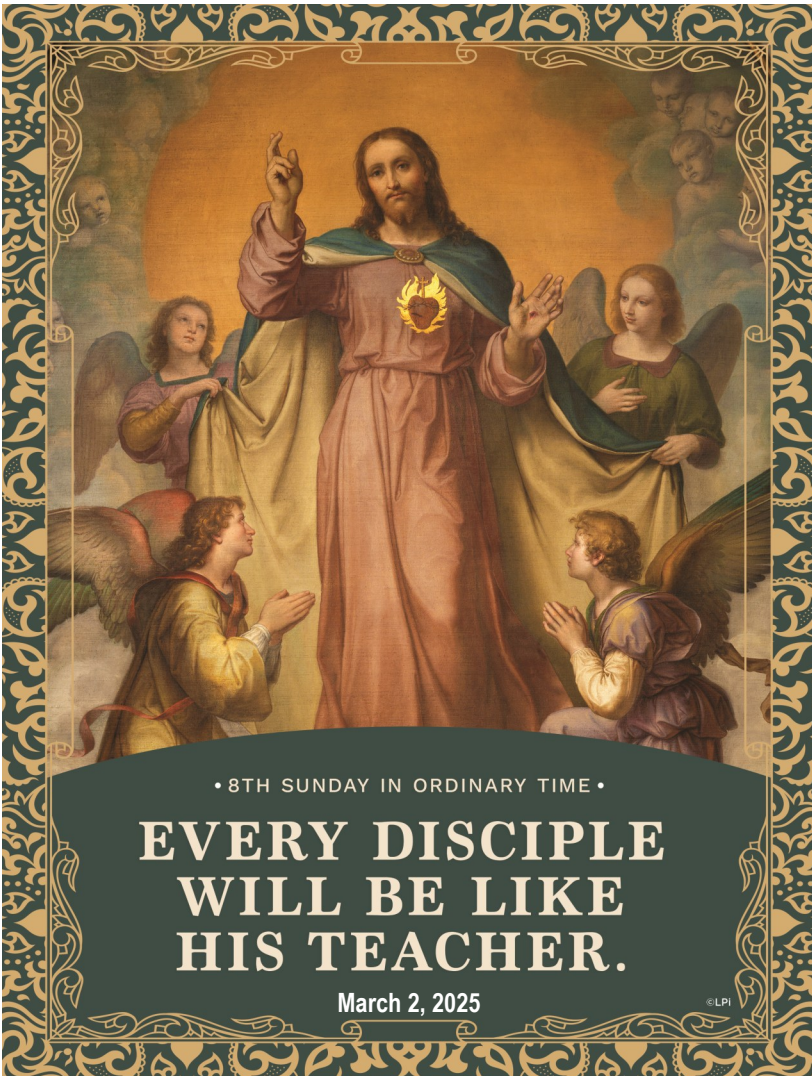
PREP:
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

BVMSN Credit Union:
484-272-2858

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:
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1-800-276-1562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading — But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel — “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” (Lk 6:45)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)
Wednesday: 7:00 AM with **distribution of ashes** as well as after 6:30 PM Benediction

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament

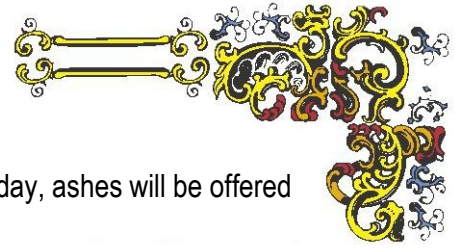
Wednesday: 9 AM 6:30 PM
Benediction: 6:30 PM

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 enter once more the holy season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be offered at the morning Mass at 7AM and again in the evening after 6:30PM Benediction.

Below please find the directives on the days of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting is such an important and yet somewhat neglected aspect of the spiritual life. None of the saints became saints without fasting. To willingly deprive the body of some food, or enjoyable drink, never to the point of harming our health, but to the point where we feel a craving, a desire, and deny ourself the satisfaction of this desire, is of the greatest benefit for disciplining our wills and focusing our attention on seeking what we need from the Lord. The desires of the flesh are not bad, but must never have the final say over our wills. Fasting disposes our wills to the grace of God, seeking the higher and greater gifts of grace. Fasting also becomes an offering to the Lord in His passion, a small but loving gift whereby we voluntarily offer our discomfort to Him in union with the immense suffering He endured for us.

Again this Lent we will have our Sunday Catechism and Lunch at Noon on March 9, 23, 30 and April 6. Bring something to share and we will enjoy a discussion of faith while we have some lunch together. This year I will be presenting lessons from the life of Father Walter Cizsek. Father Cizsek is the Jesuit priest from Shenandoah, PA who went to Russia as a missionary at the beginning of the Second World War and ended up in Soviet prison camps until his eventual release and return to the United States in a prisoner exchange in 1963. His cause for canonization is currently being pursued. His story is most remarkable as are the lessons we can learn from his life and writings. I hope you will join us on these Sundays.

As I said last week, it is helpful to make a personal plan for Lent, one that is simple and do-able and that includes some extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Entering Lent with purpose and a plan sets one up to receive the gifts God wants to give to you during this holy season.

Peace- Father Adam

Fasting- All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting on these days means taking only one full meal with the amount of food other meals not equalling a full meal.

Abstinence- meaning abstaining from eating meat and is required on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday for those Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Rosary Leaders Wanted

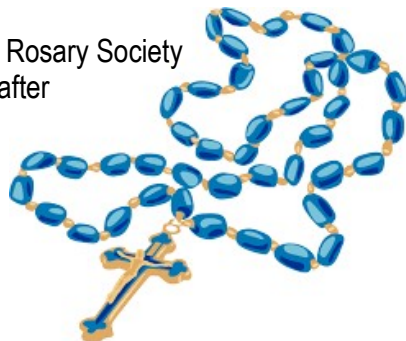
Would you prayerfully consider joining our ministry to lead the rosary 1x per month before Saturday 4:30 Mass or Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 Masses?

Call or text Michele at 484-695-8407

Rosary Society

The next meeting for the Rosary Society will be held on March 5, after Benediction.

All are Welcome!



Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

- Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



Mass Intentions

- Sat 3/1 4:30 PM Bruce Trexler
(The Heiczinger Family)
- Sun 3/2 8:30 AM John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich)
10:30 AM Catherine Niedzwiecki
(Joe Hrobat)
- Mon 3/3 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- Tue 3/4 6:30 PM People of the Parish
- Wed 3/5 7:00 AM Robert & Connie Johnson
(John Manzella)
- Thu 3/6 8:30 AM Bruce Trexler (Jeanette Skrapits)
- Fri 3/7 No Mass
- Sat 3/8 4:30 PM Rosie Pauker (Mary Louise Trexler)
- Sun 3/9 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Irene Niedzwiecki
(Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)

Counting Our Blessings

2/9	Collection Envelopes	\$2,854.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$444.00
	School	\$291.00

Thank You!



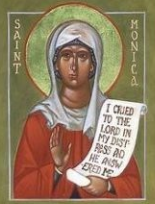
Miraculous Medal Novena

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 March 2 to 8

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

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area, such as prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & 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.

Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!

BVMSN Federal Credit Union

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Churches. We offer lower interest rate loans and financial counseling if you want to help clean up your credit. Your money is insured up to \$250,000. For more information, call the credit union at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on Monday nights from 7pm-9pm. We are here for you.



Boy Scouts

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

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.

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.

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. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:30 in the social hall.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 464-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.

Winter Weather and Wednesday Adoration

In the case of winter storms, if Northampton School district is delayed, Adoration will begin at Noon, if school is canceled, Adoration will also be cancelled for the day. A Flock-note message will also be sent out.

Daily Mass will always be offered at the usual times regardless of weather.



**Women of Hope Retreat Malvern
Retreat House
March 14-16, 2025**

“The Eucharist - Food for the Journey”

Ladies, join us for an inspiring weekend and renew your faith and relationship with the Lord. The retreat will be led by four dynamic and faithful women! You will be led in prayer, hear great talks, attend Mass & Adoration and much more.

Cost: \$275 includes overnight accommodations and meals.* \$75.00 deposit to secure your spot

*Virtual Option Available if 5 people register for Zoom
Cost is \$75 per person

Register at: malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400

Observances the week of March 2, 2025

- Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Tuesday: St. Casimir (*See Saint Biography*)
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
- Friday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Saturday: St. John of God, Religious
- Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Saint Biography: St. Casimir

We live in a culture that tells children, "Follow your dreams! Be who you want to be!" It might be hard to imagine the courage it took to be St. Casimir. A prince second in line for the throne of Poland, the young man had great expectations placed upon him. Inspired by a devout tutor, St. Casimir developed a deep faith. As a teenager, he would often sleep on the ground, reject courtly finery for plain clothes, and dedicate long hours to prayer. He even made a private commitment to celibacy. Casimir's avoidance of a military engagement made



his father furious. The king imprisoned his own son. The episode confirmed to St. Casimir that he served a higher King, Jesus Christ. He would spend the rest of his life in prayer, study, and service to the poor. When we need courage to do what is right, St. Casimir, pray for us!

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Our next Bible Study will begin 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!



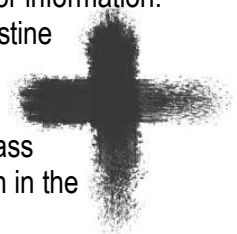
Sing Unto the Lord!

The music ministry of St. Nick's would like to invite those who would like to be a part of enhancing the gospel with song to join one of our various choirs.

Please speak to any of the musicians for information.
"Those who sing pray twice" - St. Augustine

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be offered at the morning Mass Wednesday, March 5 at 7AM and again in the evening after 6:30PM Benediction.



Daylight Savings Time Begins



Next Sunday,
March 9, 2025

**Turn You Clocks Ahead
1 Hour!**