

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



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"
And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here
are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of
God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers." (Gn 3:15)

Psalms — With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.
(Ps 130)

Second Reading — Since we have the same spirit of faith,
according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we too
believe and therefore we speak. (2 Cor 4:13)

Gospel — And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided,
he cannot stand; that is the end of him. (Mk 3:26)

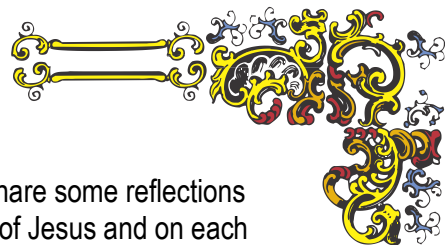
Mass Schedule:

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,

During this month of the Sacred Heart I thought it would be beneficial to share some reflections on the Sacred Heart. Pope St. John Paul II offered many meditations on the Heart of Jesus and on each invocation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. Below is one of those for your meditation this month.

Peace- Father Adam

“Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins, have mercy on us”

--A Meditation by Pope St. John Paul II

Dear brothers and sisters, the invocation from the Litany of the Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus, according to the words of the Apostle Paul, “was put to death for our sins” (Rom. 4:25); indeed, even though he had not committed sin, “God made him into sin on our behalf” (2 Cor. 5:21). *Upon the heart of Christ the weight of the sin of the world weighed heavily.*

In him was fulfilled perfectly the figure of the “paschal lamb”, the victim offered to God so that, in the sign of its blood, the firstborn of the Hebrews might be saved (cf. Ex. 12:21-27). Rightly, therefore, John the Baptist recognizes in him the true “Lamb of God” (Jn. 1:29): the innocent lamb who took upon himself the sin of the world in order to immerse it in the saving waters of the Jordan (cf. Mt. 3:13-16 and parallels); the meek lamb “led to the slaughter, like a sheep that is silent before its shearers” (Is. 53:7), so that the haughty word of evil men might be confounded by his divine silence.

Jesus is the willing victim because he offered himself “freely to his passion” (*Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer II*), the victim of expiation for the sins of mankind (cf. Lev. 1:5; Heb. 10:5-10), which he purged in the fire of his love.

Jesus is the eternal victim. Risen from the dead and glorified at the right hand of the Father, he preserves in his immortal body the marks of the wounds of his nailed hands and feet, of his pierced heart (cf. Jn. 20:27; Lk. 24:39-40) and presents them to the Father in his incessant prayer of intercession on our behalf (cf. Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34).



Observances for the week of June 9, 2024

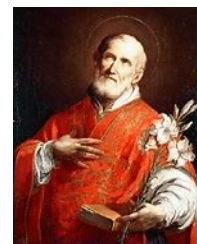
Sunday:	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Barnabas, Apostle
Thursday:	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	Flag Day
Next Sunday:	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Counting Our Blessings—Thank You!

5/26	Collection Envelopes	\$3,231.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Ascension Thursday	\$65.00
	School Support	\$27.00
	Cemetery Care	\$25.00
	Renovation & Preservation	\$150.00

Saint Bio—St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri (1515 – 1595) was born in Italy and went to school as a child at the Dominican monastery in Florence.



Neri lived as a layperson, daily engaged in prayer and the apostolate. Even as a layperson he brought the Gospel of Jesus to everyone he met. He was eventually ordained to the priesthood and became known as a compassionate confessor, quick to disarm those around him with a joke or a kind word. He is remembered as extremely approachable and jovial. He was kind, entertaining, and spontaneous in his approach which inspired many.

St. Philip Neri founded The Congregation of the Oratory. This secular order included priests and brothers and did not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a bond of charity. These men lived together in community and served those in need with happy hearts.



Mass Intentions:

- Sat 6/8 4:30 PM Joely Boyle (James Boyle)
- Sun 6/9 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Theresa Englestein (Hilda Steirer)
- Mon 6/10 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- Tues 6/11 6:30 PM St Nicholas Memorial Society
- Wed 6/12 8:30 AM Mothers Day Intentions
- Thu 6/13 8:30 AM Catherine Schmidt (Family)
- Fri 6/14 No mass
- Sat 6/15 4:30 PM Dennis Kuronya (Kuronya Family)
- Sun 6/16 8:30 AM Diane Cunningham (Mary Wambold)
10:30 AM People of the Parish

Lector Ministry Schedule		
	June 15-16	June 22-23
Sat 4:30 PM	Steve Bertalan	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Brian Keefe	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	John McRoberts	Sue Hankee



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 June 9 to 15

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

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,
Officers' Meeting 4th Wed @ 7:30PM.

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!

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.



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.

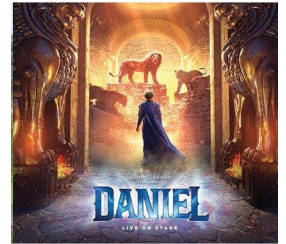
Due to the greater cost of meals on weekends, **we will not be stopping for any meals**. Please pack your meals.

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



Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items (prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.) to be donated to those in need within our area.



Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. 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.

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 do stop drinking.

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

Come and Get SOAKED!

The North of 50 group will be holding an event at SOAKED Winery on Saturday, June 15 @ 11AM. It will be a self pay event and everyone must provide your own transportation.

Soaked

Tables will be reserved for St. Nicholas. Sign up sheets are by the doors.

Soaked offers food including pizza, appetizers, and of course wine!

Coffee and Donuts

Come and greet your fellow parishioners this weekend, **June 8 and 9!** Cheese, crackers and wine will be available after 4:30 mass on Saturday and coffee and donuts will be served after 8:30 and 10:30 masses on Sunday.



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.

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50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 50th Anniversary Committee met Saturday, May 18 to discuss topics including letters to go out to sponsors, and 50th Anniversary items such as various clothing items, Christmas tree ornaments, and car magnets 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**. Plans are being made for live band entertainment, silent auction, and of course, a delicious dinner. Information on tickets will be available in June.

The next planning meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 22 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



SAVE THE DATE! VOLUNTEER DAYS AT POCONO RACEWAY

July 12-14, (rain date 15)

Come out to enjoy a day (or more) of fun and racing AND help the parish!

Free standing admission to the grandstands as duties permit.

ALL are welcome: individuals, families, relatives, friends. Participants must be 16+.

All earnings will go 50/50 to the parish and our Knights council's charities. We earn \$100 for each person-shift.

Details and sign-up sheets to follow at later date.

Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671, ascarsel@ptd.net

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.

Boy Scouts

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

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! Go to the St. Nicholas website Events page to pay on-line.

Email- community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

