

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



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel." (Am 7:15)

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading — Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world. (Eph 1:3-4)

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. (Mk 6:7)

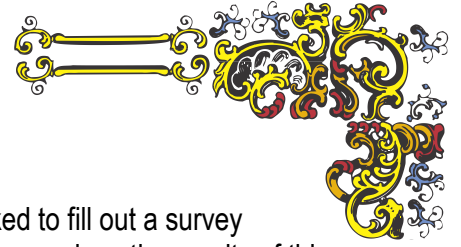
Mass Schedule:

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:

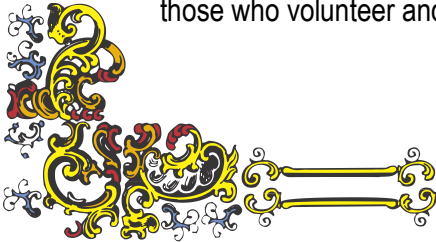


Dear Parishioners,

As you will recall during Lent all parishioners across the diocese were asked to fill out a survey called the "Disciple Maker Index". I hope you will be happy to know we have now been given the results of this survey for our parish and our CORE team is beginning to look through it and study it. We have also been chosen by the Bishop to be one of twelve parishes to receive virtual help from the Catholic Leadership Institute in studying the surveys and in developing a pastoral plan for our parish. The surveys will aid in the development of this plan by helping us to identify areas of challenge and needed growth as well as identifying areas of strength and resources.

I hope you have noticed and are pleased with the beautiful work done to the front exterior of our church. The next and final step there is the new sign which will be coming soon. When that is done we will schedule a blessing of the new statues and the whole front of the church as well. The roof in that area was also repaired prior to the other work being done. In addition to beautifying the exterior we are hopefully leak free, at least in that area! I want you to also know that we have had to have some plumbing repairs both in the rectory/parish center and in the church/hall. Fortunately these are not too serious. We are also looking to schedule some tree pruning and trimming along Oak Road and the cemetery. We lost many branches in the end of winter and spring and summer storms. Your generosity, especially to our fundraisers and our building fund, allows all these projects to be completed and for us to continue keeping our buildings and grounds in good repair. The volunteer work of weeding, trimming and mulching is also invaluable to keeping our grounds looking great and being a sign of vitality and welcome to all who come here and to those who simply pass by our way. And our all "volunteer army" continues to make great progress on our outdoor Stations of the Cross Prayer Garden. What a gift that will be for us when it is complete! Many thanks to all those who volunteer and who support our parish's mission!

Peace- Father Adam



Readings for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt
11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-
15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and
15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd,
16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-
21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph
2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Observances for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church
Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Saturday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr; BVM

LEGACY WALL TILES

Ways to help raise funds through our Legacy Tile program.

- ◆ Purchase a tile yourself, in memory of your family or a loved one.
- ◆ Ask a business to purchase one as a "friend of the parish." Please ask anyone you do business with. The business tiles are on a separate part of the wall from the family remembrances.

Small tiles are \$100 and large ones \$200.
Call or email the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions:

Sat 7/13	4:30 PM	Janet & Lewis Kern (Kate Holland)
Sun 7/14	8:30 AM	Baker Family (Suzanne Baker)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
Mon 7/15	8:30 AM	Bill Falstich (Sue Hankee)
Tues 7/16	6:30 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Wed 7/17	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Roy & Linda Barankovich)
Thu 7/18	8:30 AM	John Gallagher (Lorraine G & Family)
Fri 7/19	No mass	
Sat 7/20	4:30 PM	Barb Caserta (Bill Caserta)
Sun 7/21	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Theresa Englestein (Russ Boyer)

Counting Our Blessings

6/30	Collection Envelopes	\$3,029.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$124.00
	Insurance Support	\$5.00

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 July 14 to 20

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Wednesday Adorers*

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

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.



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.

50th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE St. Nicholas

50th Anniversary Mass Celebration

at St Nicholas Catholic Church
Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am



Presider Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and Father Adam Sedar

Followed in the afternoon by the Gala Event

Time/Location: 1 pm Woodstone Country Club, 3777 Dogwood Rd, Danielsville PA.

Gala Cost: \$60 per Adult - \$30 for Children (5 - 12 years old) - Under 5 is free.

Ticket Payment can be made online at <https://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Anniversary.htm>. You can make a check payable to: St Nicholas Church, and mail it to 1152 Oak Rd. Walnutport, PA, or put in a collection basket at Mass. Full payment must be received by September 30.

Tables are reserve seating. Each table seats 8 people. Fill your table or let us fill it for you.

For ticket payments, event details, and Sponsorship/ Donation/Advertising in our program book opportunities: <https://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Anniversary.htm>

Contact: Cindy Miller text/call 610-751-5601 or email: event@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Anyone interested in volunteering, sign up in the porticos or email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Gala Reservation Form for those not reserving your place on-line (Please Print)

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Names of Adults: _____

Names and ages of Children: _____

Please place me at the table with: _____

Payment Amount

Enclosed: _____

I am paying in installments:

I paid extra to help someone who could not afford a ticket:



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.

Join The Walking Group For A Refreshing Walk at Delps Park!

It would be wonderful to enjoy the outdoors together! Why not join us for a leisurely walk along the 1-mile walking trail at Delps Park in Danielsville?



Let's catch up, breathe in the fresh air, and immerse ourselves in the beauty of nature. This is the perfect opportunity to unwind and escape from the hustle and bustle for a while. Feel free to bring along anyone else who might enjoy a pleasant stroll. For details, please contact community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

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.

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!

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.

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 @ 6:45PM.

St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

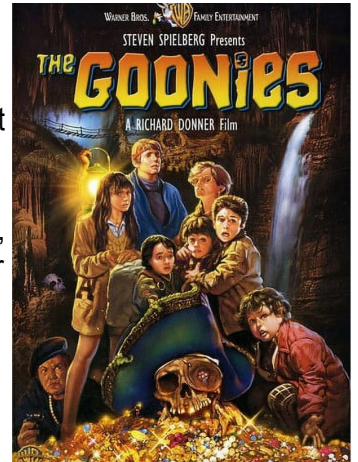
Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let the parish office know.

Boy Scouts

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

Summer Fun Under the Stars: Parish Campfire and Movie Night with 'The Goonies'!

Get ready for a perfect way to unwind and enjoy a summer evening together at our Parish Campfire and Movie Night on Friday, July 26! Grab your blankets, lawn chairs, and settle in for this memorable experience with your entire family and friends.



Enjoy the warmth of the campfire, toasting marshmallows, and sharing stories starting at 7:30 PM in the Church parking lot. At dusk, we will begin our outdoor screening of the family-friendly film, The Goonies. Free popcorn and water will also be available. It is sure to be a night filled with laughter and nostalgia!

Feel free to bring your favorite snacks and non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy during the evening (optional). In case of inclement weather, we will show the movie in the social hall at 7:30 PM.

This event is free and open to all. Please sign up in the portico.

Any questions, please email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org or call 610-751-5601