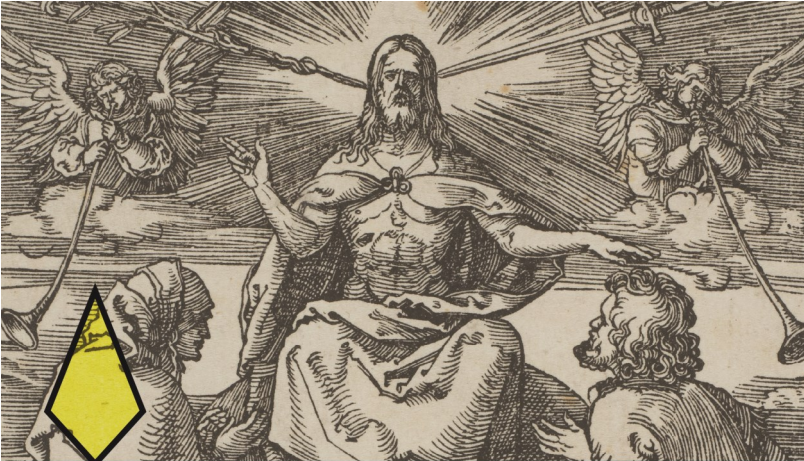




St. Nicholas Catholic Church

1152 Oak Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088

Pastor: Very Rev. Adam C. Sedar, M.A., M.Div.
Administrative Assistant: Deacon Mike Kudla



Be vigilant
at all times
and pray
that you have
the strength
to escape the
tribulations
that are
imminent
and to stand
before the
Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

*The Last Judgement,
from The Small Passion*
Albrecht Dürer
(German, 1471-1528)
c. 1510
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York

First
Sunday of **Advent**

November 28, 2021

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalms — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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, 1, 2 Sun 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Grades 3, 4, 5 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
Grades 6, 7, 8 Tues 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

BVMSN Credit Union:

484-272-2858

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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: 8:30AM
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,

With the beginning of Advent, we begin a new year. As Advent is a season of hope and expectation, I pray that this new year will be one filled with hope and that we will renew our expectation for the coming of the Lord. Most of us probably pray the Lord's prayer each day, likely several times each day. In that perfect prayer, we say "Thy Kingdom Come"! By this is meant both here and now and in all its fullness, which will happen only at the Lord's return. As the Lord's people we are meant to look forward to His return. To live in the expectation of His coming in glory to fully establish His kingdom and bring a final and total end to the power of the evil one. To live in expectation is not to be obsessed with so called prophecies and predictions. To live in expectation is live each day knowing that one day the Lord will return and to pray for that and so to live in joyful hope because of it. The One who has the final word in the universe is the same One who spoke the first word. The first word was the Word of creation, for God spoke and it came to be. The final Word will be one of judgement. Yet both are pronounced for the same purpose and with the same love. The hope he gives assures us that no evil will escape His justice and that no sinner is beyond His mercy. How these two things, justice, and mercy, can be perfectly meted out without conflict or contradiction is part of the wonderful mystery of God Himself. Experiencing more deeply the very mystery of God is indeed something to joyfully look forward to. So, this year, keep "looking east", and pray the Lord to hasten His return.

Peace- Father Adam



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

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.

Christmas Gifts

Once again our Parish will participate in donating Christmas gifts to River Stone Manor personal care. We have a list of 4 women and 4 men to purchase for. If you are able to help please call the Parish office for details.

MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES

11/28 11:30AM Mike's Memorial Mass & Bishop's Mass
Music Ministry will be singing as a combined choir.
Please plan on singing even if you can not make rehearsal.

Contact: Kim #484-221-1434 with any questions.

Successful Strudel Sale

Thank you to all who bought strudel from the Knights of Columbus sale!! We sold 177 strudel and because of your participation, the Council #16656 will be forwarding \$710.00 to the Church building fund. Again, **THANK YOU!** - Anthony Scarselletti

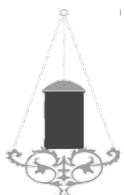


Mass Intentions:

Sat 11/27	4:30 PM	Lew & Janet Kern (Kate Kern)
Sun 11/28	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Dale Benninger (11 o'clock Choir)
Mon 11/29	8:30AM	Mary Tanzola (Bill and Janice Tanzola)
Tues 11/30	6:30 PM	Leonard Alborn (Family)
Wed 12/1	8:30 AM	Charles Unger (Elaine Jenkins)
Thu 12/2	8:30 AM	Helen Edwards (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 12/3	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sat 12/4	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sun 12/5	8:30 AM	Mary Gabovitz (Elizabeth and Ronald Steinleitner)
	10:30AM	Robert Tanczos (Bill and Krista Ambrosino)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier; St. John Damascene; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday



Tabernacle Candle Intentions

To reserve the lamp for a weekly intention, place a \$10 donation in an envelope marked "Candle" Include in the envelope your name (or donor) and your intention.



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. Your name or family name will be published here in the bulletin. Cost will be \$20.

Coming Events:

Confessions Times this week:

Saturday 3:45 - 4:20 PM & Tuesday 5:45 - 6:15 PM

Dec 5:10:30 AM Mass with Bishop Schlert—
Church Dedication

Dec 12: 8 AM - 1 PM All You Can Eat Breakfast

Lector Ministry Schedule

	Dec 4-5	Dec 11-12
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes	Barbara Schmidt
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Litwin	Carl Niedzwiecki



Eucharist Adoration

Thank you for filling times for Wednesday Adoration!

We are still seeking parishioners to sign up and make a commitment to spending time with the Lord. We would like to have several people each hour of the day.

Signup sheets are located in the Portico.

New Bulletin Contacts & Deadline

You may have noticed our bulletin changes. Our Public Relations Team (Kathy & Trina Marie) is now handling the bulletin and we hope you like it!

Please e-mail bulletin announcements to:
stnickweb@ptd.net

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays 11 AM

November 28 - December 4

*The Tabernacle Candle will be lit in
Memory of*

Darlene Bird (Robert Bird)

*The Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in
Memory of*

Darlene Bird (Robert Bird)

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!

Don't forget to save your Redner's Tapes!

Drop them in the box in the portico or in the collection basket.

Save your Ink cartridges and save us \$\$\$


Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and we will turn them in for credit!

**Knights of Columbus Council #16656**

All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$10 - Age 11 and up / \$6 Ages 6-10 / Under 5 Free

Scrambled Eggs
Pancakes
Sausage
Home Fries
Coffee / Tea / Juice



Made to Order Omelets
Creamed Chip Beef
Ham
Toast

December 12, 2021

8am - 1pm

St. Nicholas Church
1152 Oak Rd, Walnutport PA

A portion of the proceeds will benefit:
St. Nicholas Building Fund & Habitat for Humanity



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.

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.

Blessed Mother Statue Visitation Program

If you would like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue for a week in your home, please call Catherine 484-894-8399 with your requested date for an Anniversary, Birthday, Bereavement date of a loved one, or any date of importance to you.

Parish Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The public praying of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be offered on the following days and times. All are welcome and encouraged to join together as a Parish Family in these most beautiful and powerful prayers.

Holy Rosary:

Saturday & Sunday: 30 minutes before Mass

Monday & Thursday: 9AM

Tuesday: 6PM, Wednesday: 1PM, Friday: 3PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Wednesday & Friday: 3PM followed by the Rosary

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.

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

LEGACY WALL TILES

There are two ways to help us raise funds through our Legacy Tile program.

The first is by purchasing a tile yourself, in memory of your family or a loved one.

The second is by asking a business to purchase one as a "friend of the parish." Please ask anyone you do business with. The business tiles will be on a separate part of the wall from the family remembrances. Small tiles are \$100 and large ones \$200.

Sign up in the portico or email the Parish Office.

We have pews for sale!!

There are two types, our old church pews are for sale at \$100 a section. The extra newer pews are \$150 a section.

St. Nicholas Food Pantry

For the next few weeks during renovations, we will be closing the Pantry.

ST. NICHOLAS FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is a service to churches to provide better and faster communication to members.



To sign up by smart phone: Simply text SAINTNICKS to 84576

You will receive a link to add additional information if you choose and to join specific groups with our parish.

To sign up without a smart phone: Login at <https://StNicholas6.flocknote.com/> everyone.

From there you will be guided through a very simple sign-up process for email.

Catechism In A Year

Would you like to learn more about our faith in only two minutes a day? Join the Flocknote group "Catechism" and starting November 22 you will receive an email each weekday that will take us through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church over the next year. It is a simple and great way to learn more about this beautiful faith of ours.

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

This Pre-Christmas weekend event will benefit Cathedral facilities update and renewal.

*Saturday, November 27th 10 AM - 6 PM & After Weekend Masses, in the Walson Center: Theme Baskets, Cookies by the Pound, Craft Tables, Fruit & Nut Rolls, Stocking Stuffers: Oplatki Wafers, Lottery Calendars, Rosaries, Schantz Greenhouse Coupons, Herbaria Soaps (pre-order only) Gift Cards & More. *Vendor / crafter tables still available.*

Sunday, November 28th Christmas Concert (in Cathedral): 2:15 PM Organ Preludes ~ 3 PM Choir Concert. After the Concert (Walson Center): Theme Baskets, Baked Goods, Stocking Stuffers & WINE TASTING by Glass or Flights.

For more information, call the parish office 610-433-6461.

Advent Evening of Music & Prayer

Presented by the Choir of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church under the direction of Patrick Oswald.

618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA

Sunday, December 12 at 5 PM.

Prelude Music begins at 4:30.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be taken.



COSTA DEL SOL, SPAIN

The Assumption BVM 25th annual trip to sunny Spain. February 5 through March 5, 2022. The package includes almost everything: flights, hotel, meals and more! You won't be disappointed!

Only \$3,649.00 pp/do. Call John 610-767-3036.

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