



# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

4412 Mountain View Drive  
Walnutport, PA 18088-9728

Welcome to St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Our parish strives to “make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for us” through the Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure. All of our parishioners are encouraged to “count their blessings” each day and to make a sacrificial return through the parish offertory, and by compassionately serving one another’s physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM  
Weekdays: 8:30 AM  
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM  
Holy Day: 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday 3:45 PM, other times by appointment.

## Pastoral Staff:

Pastor: Msgr Thomas Derzack, 610-767-3107  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Ed McElduff, 610-248-5620  
Permanent Deacon/DRE: Mike Kudla, 610-760-1696  
Business Manager: Peg Heiczinger 610-767-3107  
Music Director: Msgr. Thomas Derzack, 610-767-3107  
Publicity: Theresa Speicher 610-504-5220

New Parishioners: All parishioners should be registered. Registration helps us to serve you more efficiently, especially in matters such as testimonial letters, sponsorship in the sacraments, and PREP and school registration.

## Other Active Ministries:

Altar Servers  
Choirs: Adult & Youth  
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Lectors  
Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

Baptism: Instruction for new parents is required before Baptism. Arrangements for the sacrament and instructions should be made by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage: Engaged couples must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the requested wedding date in order to make proper arrangements for the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

Sacrament of the Sick: Those who are sick, homebound, or in the hospital are a vital part of our parish family. Please call the parish office to arrange for the reception of the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: (R.C.I.A) Adults interested in inquiring about full membership on the Catholic Faith are asked to call the parish office.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:  
Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LP  
Direct Telephone (800)791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:  
Sr. Meg Cole, SSJ, M.S., LMFT  
Telephone: (610)332-0442 Ext 19

Parish Office Hours:  
Monday—Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

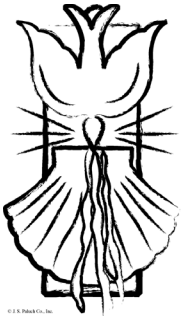
Parish Office  
610-767-3107

Credit Union  
484-272-2858

Religious Education  
610-760-1696

St. John Neumann School  
610-767-2935 (K-3)  
610-826-2354 (4-8)

E-Mail: [stnick11@ptd.net](mailto:stnick11@ptd.net)  
Web-Site: [HTTP://www.stnicholaswalnutport.parishesonline.com](http://www.stnicholaswalnutport.parishesonline.com)



## The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2016

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*



### Masses for the Week



Sat	4:30 pm	Dan Mason (Wife Mary)
Sun	8:00 am	John Hudicka Jr (M/M Joe Hudicka)
1/10	9:30 am	Dorothy Reimer (Nancy Mondrick)
	11:00 am	John Matula Sr (John Matula Jr)
Mon	8:30 am	Parishioners of the Parish
Tue	8:30 am	Margaret Svegel
Wed	8:30 am	Francis J McGowan
Thu	8:30 am	Josette Loch
Fri	8:30 am	John Henry Schultz
Sat	4:30 pm	Martin Augustine (Wife)
Sun	8:00 am	Joyce Szoke (Family)
1/17	9:30 am	Robyn Boettgen Houk (Barb & Alisa Korsak)
	11:00 am	Brandon & Colin Batarick (Jerry Bundra)

### Weekly Happenings at St. Nicholas

- **AA Group** meets every Sunday evening in the social hall at 6:30 p.m.
- **Prayer Group** meets Mondays, 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- **Credit Union** is open Mondays from 7—9 pm in the rectory office or call Chris at 484-272-2858.
- **Boys Scouts** meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Questions call Mike Suprys 610-824-6556.
- **Cub Scouts** meet Sundays at 6:30 pm, during the school year, in the parish center. For information call Jeannine Gerrity at 610-751-4497.

### Coming Events

Jan 8	Allentown Soup Kitchen
Jan 16 & 17	Coffee & Donuts
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday

**You are Invited to Join Our Prayer Group** on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church.

**Prayer is Powerful!** Do you or know of someone that needs prayers? Do you have time to pray for others? Call Dolores at 610-767-2013 or e-mail [dkine224@gmail.com](mailto:dkine224@gmail.com) with your prayer requests.

**Turn Trash into Cash!** SJN School collects used ink cartridges, Turkey Hill milk caps (Moo Money) and box tops. Please place all these items in the box in the vestibule.

**Bereavement Support Group** - For anyone experiencing the loss of a spouse, sibling, parent, child, or significant other, it is a time to share with others who have undergone similar experience. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for 1 ½ hrs. Next meeting is Sunday, Jan. 10 from 3PM to 4:30PM in the Parish Center of St. Joseph the Worker. In case of in-climate weather, meeting will be cancelled. Any questions call Sue (610) 392-2957 [sue@jnsc.org](mailto:sue@jnsc.org).

**Don't Forget to Save those Redner's Tapes.** If you are not registered with the store please stop by their customer service counter and register your card with our parish. It is an easy way for the church to receive FREE money!

**Church Cleaning for the week**— No One. If you would like to help keep our church clean please call Tracy at 610-767-0308.

**Contributions Statements**, for income tax purposes, will be ready to pick up in the social hall the end of January.

<b>Liturgical Ministries for Jan 16 &amp; 17</b>				
	<b>Sat 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Sun 8:00 am</b>	<b>Sun 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sun 11:00 am</b>
<b>Euch Minister</b>	E Bull M Kudla J Williamson	M Kudla D Vitek J Weaver	R Barankovich M Kudla M Kunkle	M Kudla M McGonigle L McKeown
<b>Lector</b>	B Caserta	J Noakes	S Hankee	J Gabovitz
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	H Sarmir

**SJNRS is a Gem of a School** -We need to promote how special our SJNRS school is. Please contact the school for information/tour at 610-826-2354 or visit us on the web at www.sjnrschool.org or on Facebook at st-john-neumann-regional-school. Come to one of our Open Houses, every 2nd Thursday of the month from 10:00 to 1:30 PM in both Campuses, to see what we are all about.

**Homemade Pierogies**—Cost \$6.50/dz. To order pierogies call Marianne, 610-767-7382, with your order by Wednesday for pick-up the following Tuesday. Proceeds benefit the parish.

**St. Nicholas Food Bank**—Thank you to all of you who faithfully donate food to our food bank. If you know someone who needs food, please call the parish office.

**Thank You to All Those who Collect Aluminum Cans** for the VETS. Eva makes up CARE packages for the VETS in the VA Hospitals and delivers them during the holidays and Veterans Day. These men and women are very grateful to know that someone cares and remembers. If you would like to donate your aluminum cans please put them in the blue barrel behind the church.

**A Note from Suzie & the Staff at Care Net-** Thank you very much for your sacrificial and generous donations to our “Giving Tree” project. We are humbled by your generosity, kindness, and love toward Care Net and those we minister to everyday. The needs of those we serve are growing greater all the time. Your faithfulness has been a tremendous encouragement to us and you are truly a shining light from God. To God be the glory for all He allows us to do for others in His name.

**Come Join Us for Fellowship and Donuts** next weekend after all the masses. This is a wonderful way to meet new parishioners and welcome them into our parish family.

**Twilight Retreats at St. Francis Center for Renewal**, 6:45—9:00 pm, Offering is \$25 includes refreshments. For more information or to register call 610-867-8890.

- ◆ January 19, 2016: Choose Life/ Openness to Change. Life is a blessing, a BLESSING to be LIVED! God, in His love, challenges us to recognize the need and opportunities for change in our lives, changes that will lead to a fuller and more meaningful life. As we begin a new year, join us for an evening of song, prayer, input and sharing. As we try to look at life with new eyes. Presenter: Sr. Marguerite Stewart
- ◆ February 24, 2016 Downsizing with St. Francis—When Less is More! According to some historical records, it was on 2/24/1208 that Francis of Assisi recognized his vocation while praying in the tiny church called the “Little Portion.” Looking at ourselves and our world through the eyes of Francis can provide us with insights into simpler living and deeper prayer. Presenter: Sr. Patricia Mahoney

### **Readings for the week**

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11