

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

29 MONDAY BEHEADING OF JOHN 1240-707
 8:00 AM.....†Ed Kirsch (Year's Mind)
 10:30 AM.....Meadow View

30 TUESDAY WEEKDAY 802
 8:00 AM.....L/D Fred Sherry Family

31 WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY 812
 6:00 PM †Clair Kuncelman

1 THURSDAY WEEKDAY 824
 6:00 AM.....L/D Stinebiser Family
 8:00 AM..... †Martha Miller

2 FRIDAY WEEKDAY 835
 8:00 AM..... †Terry Kruse
 9:30 AM..... School Mass

3 SATURDAY GREGORY THE GREAT 1244-835
 8:00 AM..... H/W Rose Marie Lieb(Birthday)

Vigil 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 6:00 PM ... L/D Raymond & Marie Lieb Family

4 SUNDAY 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 6:00 AM..... †Warren & Agnes Good
 8:00 AM L/D of the Altar & Rosary Society
 10:30 AM.....L/D of the Parish

CHOIR NEWS

Men's choir will rehearse Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 PM, to sing at the 8 AM mass on Sunday, September 11th.

Adult Choir Practice is Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 PM, to sing at the 6:00 PM mass on Saturday, September 17.

New Choir Members Are Always Welcome.

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION

The Birth of Mary celebration will be held Thursday, September 8th at St. Catherine of Siena Church and Shrine in Duncansville (old Rt. 22). The theme is *Mary, Mother and Mediatrix of Grace*. Displays will be set-up in the church hall depicting the *Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit*. There will be a Mass at 12:05 PM with continuous praying of the Rosary in the church and at the shrine till 6:30 PM. An evening Mass will be held at 7:00 PM at the shrine with a procession and Benediction to follow. Refreshments will be available from 11:00 AM to 6:15 PM.

COMMUNITY CENTER

No childcare is provided.

Gymnasium is open

School days	6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sundays	Noon – 10:00 PM
All Other days	5:30 AM – 10:00 PM

The gym is occasionally closed for parish, school, or private events. See below for closures.

Exercise room is open

Sundays	5:00 AM to 6:00 PM
All other days	5:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Yoga Classes

Thursday	7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
Sunday	6:00 PM to 7:15 PM 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM

Call Basil for details 948-9503

THANK YOU

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary wish to thank you for your generous response to our appeal. Your interest and concern is a real source of encouragement to us and our various missionary endeavors. Please be assured of a continuous remembrance in the prayers of all of us.

The Krug family wish to thank everyone for being here for us in our time of need. Your thoughts, prayers and gifts were greatly appreciated making this sad time for us much easier.

.....*The Vernon Krug Family*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 4 th	Home Coming Festival
September 7 th	Blood Drive
September 24 th	Gun Raffle (Fire Co.)
October 22 nd	Wine Festival

Christian Initiation of Adults is a process through which adults are fully initiated into our community of faith. If someone you know is interested in the Catholic faith, please call the parish office at 948-9614. Sessions will begin soon.

PASTOR'S PAGE AUGUST 28, 2011

DEACON NATHANIEL POLINSKI, OSB

I am delighted to welcome Deacon Nathaniel, OSB to our parish. Br. Nathaniel, OSB is a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey and a student at St. Vincent Seminary. He is in his final year as he prepares to be ordained to the priesthood. Some deacons are permanent deacons who do not plan to be priests. Many permanent deacons are married men. Married men are invited to be ordained to the diaconate. Some deacons are transitory deacons, meaning they intend to be ordained to the priesthood. Br. Nathaniel, OSB plans to be ordained next summer. This year he will be with us so that he can learn about parish life. This is a great opportunity for us to learn about the diaconate. I hope both Br. Nathaniel and this community learn and grow in this sacrament.

FATHER CHAD FICORELLI, OSB

It is time for St. Nicholas Parish to welcome their new pastor. Fr. Chad will join us on September 6th to be your pastor. Fr. Chad is not new to parish ministry. He has been in parish ministry most of his 32 years of his priesthood in parish ministry. I am confident that your parish is in good hands.

FATHER JOB FOOTE, OSB

As for me, I have requested to spend three months at Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, VA. www.hcava.org Holy Cross Abbey is a Trappist Community. They are Benedictine, as is St. Vincent, but the Trappist are Benedictines of the Strict Observance. (More accurately they are the Cistercians of the Strict Observance.) I hope to spend a longer amount of time with them, but as of right now I have made the request for a three month stay to discern God's call for me.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

I decided to look into the matter of why the Directory is taking so long and will not be available for the Festival as planned. Lo and behold, they were waiting for me to submit my article. I apologize for the delay. The Directory will be available before the end of the year.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL AND THE PARKING LOT

I am delighted to inform you that we have reached our goal this year for our Annual Catholic Appeal. Now, we will be collecting money for the parking lot. As of Friday, August 5th, we have collected \$ 2,645.00 toward the paving of our parking lot.

PLEASE USE THE ACA ENVELOPES TO DONATE TO THE PARKING LOT FUND.

CALENDAR TICKET

Aug 7	691	Nicktown	Aug 14	421	Nicktown
Aug 8	103	Nicktown	Aug 15	118	Nicktown
Aug 9	224	Ebensburg	Aug 16	405	Ebensburg
Aug 10	498	Nicktown	Aug 17	623	N. Cambria
Aug 11	756	Patton	Aug 18	837	Hastings
Aug 12	450	Nicktown	Aug 19	013	Nicktown
Aug 13	979	Alverda	Aug 20	623	N. Cambria



BENEDICTINE ANNUAL APPEAL

Saint Vincent Archabbey • Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650-2686

Fall 2011

Dear Member of Saint Nicholas Parish,

The Benedictines of Saint Vincent Archabbey have been serving Saint Nicholas Parish for many years. Serving the Church through parish ministry has been essential to the ministry of the Benedictine monks of Saint Vincent from its beginning in 1846. Our founder, Father Boniface Wimmer, immigrated here from Bavaria in order to serve Catholics through educational, pastoral and missionary apostolates. From these very apostolates our community has been blessed over the years with vocations to Saint Vincent Archabbey. In a special way our pastoral ministry remains a priority throughout the Catholic Church, both locally and universally.

However, we have serious challenges from the increasing costs of preparing our young men to carry on our educational and pastoral apostolates and to provide for the retirement needs of the sick and elderly of our Benedictine Community. The elderly within our Community who have faithfully contributed a lifetime of service in our apostolates continue to inspire the younger members of the Community.

We are grateful for your generous support throughout the past years, which has helped us to meet the present challenges in health care of senior members of the Community and in educating the newer members of the Community. Each year the Lord blesses us by sending new vocations to Saint Vincent Archabbey. The Benedictine Annual Appeal helps to cover the many costs of providing health care to the sick and elderly and the costs of educating the newer members of the Community.

We ask you to continue your spirit of generosity through the Benedictine Annual Appeal, which will be conducted at Saint Nicholas Parish on Saturday and Sunday, September 17th and 18th. With your prayers and support we can face the future with confidence.

Be assured of our prayers for you and your family now and in the years to come. Thank you for your generous support each year through the Benedictine Annual Appeal!

With gratitude,

+Archabbot Douglas

+Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.
Archabbot of Saint Vincent

Fr. Job Foote, O.S.B.
Pastor

FESTIVAL NOTES

DINING HALL

Washing of all dishes and silverware will take place at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 31st**. We need many “helping hands” with this project so please come and join us. This is an excellent opportunity for Confirmation candidates to obtain service hours.

Set-up of the dining room will take place on **Saturday September 3rd**. Any young men who are available should be at the hall by **9:00 AM** to bring in chairs and tables and place as specified. **ALL waitresses and pre-setters are to report at 10:00 AM** to clean tables and chairs and pre-set for Sunday.

ALL vegetables should be taken to the hall **Saturday morning after 9:00 AM** and **ALL pies, bread, rolls, and milk** should be brought to the hall by **9:00 AM on Sunday**.

ALL waiters/waitresses are to report to the hall at **9:30 AM on Sunday, September 4th**. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU EAT BEFORE COMING TO THE HALL!**

Pre-setters are to report to the hall Sunday as scheduled for their shift.

Members of our parish who will be unable to attend our meal due to health problems are entitled to a free dinner. A family member can pick up the dinner after **11:00 AM** on Sunday.

NO take-out dinners will be sold. All meal tickets purchased are for dinners in the hall only.

ATTENTION HEADS OF STANDS

All those in charge of stands are to have their areas cleaned and ready for Sunday. Please make sure you have purchased any supplies needed for use in your stand. Do not wait till Sunday and expect to find the necessary items at the last minute.

FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

Johnstown Area Button Box Club (polka) – 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Clay Bowser (country) - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

CLEANING OF PICNIC GROUNDS

CLEAN UP OF THE GROUNDS WILL TAKE PLACE BEGINNING AT 7:00 AM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th. ALL HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED.

St. Nicholas Annual Homecoming Festival

ALPHABETIZED WORK LIST – We have posted an alphabetized work list at both entrances of the church. If you were unable to find your name on the original list, or did not get a copy, please check the alphabetized list. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE IT FROM THE CHURCH!

BAKE SALE - CANDY MAKING – We will be making candy for the Bake Sale Booth on Thursday, September 1st at 9:00 AM. Bring your pan, recipe, ingredients, etc to make candy. Lots of jobs (beat, cut, weigh, package, etc.)!!! Yes, we really do need your help. If you are unable to come on the 1st, please make your best sweet recipes at home and bring them to the booth no later than 9:30 AM on Sunday. Thank you.

CASH GIVE AWAY/QUILT CHANCES – All sold books for the Cash Give Away can be turned in through the collection or to Jack Collins, Barry Ludwig, or Nick Talerico. All sold books for the Quilt Chances can be turned in through the collection. Books for each are available at both entrances of the church. All remaining sold and unsold books should be turned in the day of the festival at the Parish Raffle table or the Quilt Chance table. Thanks to all who have sold and bought chances.

DIME PITCH – All items for the Dime Pitch – glasses, cups, saucers, bowls – should be clean and dropped off at the rectory no later than Saturday afternoon, September 3rd.

DONATIONS FOR DINNER – If you have not been contacted about donating vegetables (cabbage, tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, potatoes) or homemade bread, rolls, and pies for use at our chicken-noodle dinner, and can supply any of these items, please bring them to the hall as noted: VEGETABLES – SATURDAY AFTER 9:00 AM AND BREAD, ROLLS, PIES, AND MILK – SUNDAY BY 9:00 AM.

FANCY BOOTH – Crafts of all kinds (needlepoint, crocheted items, plastic canvas, embroidery work, etc.) are needed for the Fancy Booth. The items can be for all ages and gender. If you have something to donate please call Nancy at 948-7426. Crafts should be dropped off at the Fancy Booth between 9:00 and 10:00 AM on Sunday morning.

GREEN THUMB BOOTH – Plants may be brought to the picnic grounds on Saturday, September 3rd or on Sunday morning. Call Renee' at 948-8178 if you have any questions.

ST. NICHOLAS ARTS AND CRAFT BOOTH – Please call Theresa Palmer (724-254-2047) or Marguerite Thornton (948-9207) if you have items to drop off for the Arts and Craft Booth. If you cannot make a craft, consider purchasing one and donating it. Items can be brought to the booth on Saturday, September 3rd between 10:00 AM and Noon. If you cannot bring them in at that time then please have the items at the booth by 9:00 AM on Sunday.

ST. NICHOLAS ARTS AND CRAFT - FURNITURE - We will be selling chances for the furniture items at a separate location - not in the Arts and Crafts Booth.

THEME BASKET BOUTIQUE – If you have chosen a theme for your basket, please call Loraine at 948-6575 so tags can be made. Wrapping of baskets will take place on Tuesday, August 30th. Please drop your baskets off at the hall between 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM. We also need help wrapping the baskets beginning at 6:00 PM.

PARKING – FOR ALL WHO ARE WORKING – PLEASE TRY TO PARK IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AND WALK TO THE PICNIC GROUNDS. WE NEED ALL AVAILABLE PARKING SPACES AT THE PICNIC GROUNDS FOR OUR VISITORS.