

The Parish Community of Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary
226 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

March 1, 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

"Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis
complacencias; escúchenlo". - Mt 17, 5

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 570-823-7736

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Parish Website: parishwb.com

St. Nicholas-St. Mary Elementary School:

Phone: 570-823-8089 Fax: 570-823-1402

St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union: 570-825-2640

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 11:00 AM — 7:00 PM

Email: snfcumail@snfcu.org ~ Website: www.snfcu.org

OFFICE HOURS The Parish Office will be open daily Monday — Friday, 9 AM 'til Noon and 1 PM until 5 PM.

PARISH WEBSITE For information, please go to our website: parishwb.com



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SUNDAY MASS is live-streamed on Facebook on Sunday at **10:00 AM**. The Mass is posted on the homepage website and YouTube channel.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL: Wants to hear from you! If you have Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

1. **EMAIL** us at SNSM@parishwb.com titled "ATTENTION PASTORAL COUNCIL".
2. **SPEAK** directly with any Pastoral Council Member.
3. **DROP A NOTE** in the collection basket titled "ATTENTION PASTORAL COUNCIL".
(PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER)

PARISH STAFF

Reverend Joseph D. Verespy, Pastor

Reverend Fidel Ticona, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Golubiewski

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Ann Manganiello, Director of Music

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Sister Anna Nguyen, SCC Social Ministries

Mary Fiske, Office Manager

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TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS



A Lenten prayer service will be celebrated on **Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM** in the upper church at St. Nicholas. This form of prayer is a meditative style of communal prayer. Sung repetitive refrains create a gentle rhythm. The beauty of our voices united in song becomes a doorway to reflection and meditation. Rob Yenkowski, the music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis choir will be the ministers of music for this prayer. A freewill offering will be taken at the end of the service in support of the King's College students for sharing their time and prayerful ministry. Taize Prayer will surely enhance your Lenten Season!

BISHOP'S YOUTH AWARD

Ten recipients from our Parish will receive the Bishop's Youth Award during a ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton, on **Sunday March 1st, at 2:30 PM**. We congratulate the following students for this Award:

**Jayden Carwin
Ella Dunleavy
Madalyn Evanoski
Sophia Jones
Raegan Kreidler**

**Luis Loja
Lincoln Matusiewicz
Sisilia Steransky
Elina Thatch
Simon Vo**

This event will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television and online through the Diocesan Website and social media platforms.

LENTEN SUGGESTION CARDS During Lent, small "**suggestion cards**" are available at all church entrances. You are invited to take a suggestion card and prayerfully act on it. May your Lenten experience be a journey of prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

**Gustavo Castro & Maria Escobar
Pedro & Xiomara Cruz
Milagros DeJesus & Jorge Rivera
Smerlyn Duran & Merlin Taveras
Jose & Lordes Fernandez
Ben Hines & Kayley Negast
Eugene & Kim Lavelle
Shaun Lee
Joseph & Michelle Maher
Matilda Mata & Jose Alcide Diaz
Melanie McAnney
Mr & Mrs Robert McDougal**

**Iris Paulino
Yuleyey Paulino
Maria Ramirez
Ana Rodriguez
Gerald and Jill Ryan
Madalyn & James Ryan
Franklin Morillo & Ivette Tapis
Evelyn Santos & Augusto Belliard
Tammy Urbanski
Theresa Wheeler**

We are glad to have you as members of our St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish Family.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

MONDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 AM Sandra Plunkett-Cyphers
12:10 PM Catherine and Edward Simonovich

Req. by Sr. Elizabeth Kovacs
Req. by Karen Heck

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

6:30 AM Maureen Lynn
12:10 PM Richard Caria

Req. by Diane and Colton
Req. by Joe Schwingen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 AM Joseph R. Proeller
12:10 PM Robert Barkus

Req. by Family
Req. by Jim and Shannon Hinkle

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 AM Patricia Gruskevicz, Birthday
6:00 PM (No Spanish Mass)

Req. by David

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 AM Maria Cao
12:10 PM Barbara Chamberlain

Req. by Family
Req. by Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00 PM Dolores Liscosky

Req. by son, Joseph

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Patrica Lynch, Birthday
10:00 AM Dr. Joseph Schwingen, Anniversary
12:15 PM (Spanish Mass) Living and Deceased of the Parish

Req. by Family
Req. by son, Joe

SANCTUARY CANDLES

FEBRUARY 28TH — APRIL 3RD

Church: In Memory of Rita Staley, Birthday
Req. by Pat Fagula and Family.

Chapel: In Memory of Margaret Bradshaw
Req. by Mark and Delphine Torbik on behalf of The Bereavement Committee.

Convent: In Memory of Joseph and Justina Onda
Req. by daughter, Mary Celeste.
To request a Sanctuary Candle, the donation is \$10.00.

BREAD & WINE

In Memory of John Sopp *Req. by* Maureen and Jim Williams on behalf of The Bereavement Committee. To request the Bread and Wine for the weekend, please call the Parish Office (570-823-7736).

REST IN PEACE A mass of Christian burial was celebrated this past week for Tracy (Belles) Ornoski. Our prayers go out to Tracy's family and friends. May they know the peace and consolation of the Risen Lord. May Tracy rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on Monday, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Please enter through the rear parking lot entrance. Confessions are also heard at:

St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Al's): Mondays 5:30-7 PM
St. Ignatius, Kingston: Mondays 5:30-7 PM
Our Lady of Hope (Maternity): Thursdays 6-7 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays during Lent:

5:15 PM - Traditional Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM - in Spanish

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS AND THE NEEDY

Donations may be made by placing \$15.00 in an envelope marked with the name of the person and who it is requested by, or by calling the Parish Office (570-823-7736). Please place the envelope in the collection basket by



Monday, March 23rd!

SUNDAY MARCH 1
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM (Spanish)
 Faith Formation Classes 11 AM—Noon School & Auditorium

MONDAY MARCH 2
 Mass at 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM Chapel
 Quilters Meeting 3:00 PM—7:00 PM Community Room
 Confessions 5:00 PM—6:00 PM Church
 St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union 11:00 AM—7:00 PM
 Taize Prayer Service 7 PM Church

TUESDAY MARCH 3
 Mass at 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM Chapel
 Eucharistic Adoration 7 AM-10AM, and 2 PM-4 PM Chapel
 Bible Study 11:00 AM—11:45 AM Rectory
 St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union 11:00 AM—7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4
 Masses: 6:30 AM; 12:10 PM Chapel
 Food Pantry open from 10:00 AM—Noon Parish Office
 AA 6:00 PM Community Room
 Faith Formation Classes 5:30 PM—6:30 PM School & Cafeteria

THURSDAY MARCH 5
 Mass at 6:30 AM Chapel and **NO** 6:00 PM (Spanish Mass)
 St. Nicholas Federal Credit Union 11:00 AM—7:00 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 6
 Mass 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM Chapel
 Stations of the Cross:
 5:15 PM Traditional Stations of the Cross; and
 6:00 PM (Spanish)
 Emmaus Group 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Community Room

SATURDAY MARCH 7
 Hispanic Retreat 10:00 AM—2:00 PM Community Room
 Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

SUNDAY MARCH 8
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 Daylight Savings Time Begins (turn clocks ahead one hour)
 Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM (Spanish)
 Faith Formation Classes 11 AM—Noon School & Auditorium
 Holy Name Society Meeting 6:30 PM Community Room



WEEKEND OF MARCH 7TH & 8TH			
Mass	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
4 PM		Marion Smith Patricia Donnelly	Janice Oliver Joseph Janc
8 AM	Julia Gallagher	Beverly Kemmerer Alyson Graham	Robert Reilly Beth Ridilla
10 AM	CJ Tigie Colton Schuler Tim Lettier	Chris Tigie Patrick Doyle	Patricia Baran Jessica Schuler

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. NICHOLAS - ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERING FEBRUARY 15TH:	
Sunday Offering:	10,463.00
Loose:	2,463.94
Monthly Membership/Dues:	1,597.00
Utilities/Heat:	875.00
Cemetery:	283.00
Care & Ed. of Priests:	184.00
Other:	95.00
Total Offering:	15,960.94

PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS:
Utility Expenses: *Boy it's been a tough winter!!*
 So you think your utility bills are high? In January, the Parish paid \$5,219.25 for natural gas, \$4,867.57 for electricity, and \$3,547.49 for water and sewer for a grand total of **\$13,634.31** for utility expenses. We feel your pain!!!

“NEW” SOCKS COLLECTION To help the homeless and to support St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre. “NEW” socks will be collected for **men and women, through March 29th.** Boxes are located in the church and elevator lobby area for your donation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER EASTER FLOWERS TO HOMEBOUND We are asking for volunteers to sign the sheets on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby area. We have over 70 parishioners! The plants will be delivered on the weekend of **March 28th & 29th.** If you know of anyone who is homebound or who may have been missed previously, call Sr. Anna (570-823-7736).



DIOCESAN EVENING PRAYER WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT The Cathedral of Saint Peter will offer several ways in which the faithful can deepen their relationship with Jesus during Lent. (CTV) Catholic Television will broadcast from the Cathedral of St. Peter the 5:00 PM Mass, every Sunday in March, followed by Evening Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:15 PM.



UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY on Sunday, March 8th, at 6:30 PM, in the Community Room.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY on Monday, March 9th, from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM, in the Community Room.

LITURGY MEETING on Monday, March 9th, at 6:30 PM, in the Rectory.

GENERAL BAZAAR MEETING on Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 PM, in the Community Room. Bazaar Chairmen, Co-Chairmen and Volunteers are asked to please attend.

SANDWICH MAKERS on Thursday, March 12th, from 10 AM—Noon, in the Community Room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, March 16th, at 6:30 PM, in the Rectory.

INFORMATION BOOKLET

 We would like to put together an INFORMATION BOOKLET that would include information about our Parish—the various committees and organizations in our Parish, which would be of interest to new parishioners, schedules and events, a brief history and other aspects of life here at St. Nicholas-St. Mary. Would you be like to take part in this venture? Please give a call (570-823-7736) as we attempt to get this venture off the ground.

DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THE POOR

 The Social Concerns Ministry of St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish will have a special collection during Lent to end Childhood Hunger, now through **Easter Sunday, April 5th**. (We'll gladly accept nickels, dimes, quarters and bills too!) The primary purpose is to meet the needs of those who are hungry, poor, or lacking basic necessities. Please consider contributing to this special Lenten Collection. Collection jars are in both lobbies.

LENTEN REGULATIONS On days of abstinence, no meat may be eaten by anyone who is 14 or older. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

 For children of the parish (ages 10 and younger) will take place on **Saturday, April 4th, at 2:30 PM**, on the back lawn at St. Nick's. Sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin boards in the Church and elevator lobby area. You can help by donating Easter treats such as candy, small "NEW" Easter plushies, plastic eggs or by making a monetary contribution. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours or at the Convent. (If possible, please drop off donations by Friday, March 20th. Thank you for your cooperation!)

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, March 15 -- Youth Mass 10 AM in Church, and **St. Patrick's Day Party** at 7 PM in School Gym.

Sunday, March 22 -- **Service Night** 6-8 PM in Community Room.

Saturday, March 28 -- **Confirmation Retreat** 11 AM - 3:30 PM at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston (**LAST CHANCE** for Confirmation students to make required retreat). Youth Group Questions/Information—Find us on Facebook: St. Nicholas-St. Mary Youth Group WB; email: SNSMyouthgroup@gmail.com and Instagram: snsmyouth_group_wb.

FOOD PANTRY Is open every Wednesday, at the Parish Office from 10:00 AM—Noon. Two forms of ID are required (one being a photo ID). Food items needed are: jelly, instant mashed potatoes, canned carrots and canned peas. Food can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the container in the elevator lobby.

LENTEN STEAMED CLAMS AT ST. CONRAD'S Every Friday during Lent you can order Steamed Clams at St. Conrad's YMS (across the street from the Rectory) from 7 PM - 10 PM. Pre-Orders are recommended and appreciated! Cost is \$9.00 per dozen. Please call Elaine (570-709-5692).

HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR APRIL Looking for a gift idea? Purchase a raffle ticket from the Holy Name Society for the evening daily number in the month of **April**. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after the weekend Masses. Cost is \$5.00.

OPERATION RICE BOWL During Lent, we come together to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty. Rice Bowls are located near the bulletins.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Please call the Parish Office (570-823-7736) to request a financial statement for the year 2025.

ST. NICHOLAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Theme: **Building a Firm Foundation**
In today's Gospel, we are invited to reflect on the spiritual foundation of our lives. Just as we strengthen our faith during Lent, we can also strengthen our financial future. **Credit Builder Loan:** Establish or repair your credit with a **\$500.00 loan** for one year at **9% interest**. Funds are held as collateral while you make on-time payments that build your score. **Tax Season:** Planning your return? Ask how **SNFCU** can help you save on your income tax. **Contact:** Call (570) 825-2640 for details.



SANTA MISA
EN ESPAÑOL

Entre Semana:
Los jueves a las 6:00pm
Fin de Semanas:
Domingos: 12:15pm

NORMAS PARA LA CUARESMA

Ayuno y Abstinencia

Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. Todos los católicos que hayan cumplido 14 años deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza, el Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. Todos los católicos mayores de 18 años hasta el comienzo de los 60 están sujetos a la obligación de ayunar, lo que significa que solo pueden tomar una comida completa y dos comidas más pequeñas, a menos que se les dispense o se les excuse.

DONACIONES PARA BENEFICIAR A LOS POBRES



El Ministerio de Asuntos Sociales de la Parroquia de San Nicolás-Santa María realizará una colecta especial durante la Cuaresma para erradicar el hambre infantil. Esta colecta comenzará el Miércoles de Ceniza, 18 de febrero, y finalizará el Domingo de Pascua, 5 de abril. (¡Aceptamos con gusto monedas de cinco, diez y veinticinco centavos, y también billetes!). El objetivo principal es satisfacer las necesidades de quienes padecen hambre, o carecen de lo básico. Por favor, considere contribuir a esta colecta especial de Cuaresma. Habrá recipientes para la colecta en ambos vestíbulos.

VÍA CRUCIS



Viernes de Cuaresma:
5:15 - Vía Crucis tradicional en Ingles
6:00 - En español

ATENCION EN ESPAÑOL

Los **martes, miércoles y viernes** habrá atención a la comunidad hispanohablante de 1:30p.m. a 5:00 p.m. (570-823-7736) o Lucia (707-719-2186).

BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS



Los bautismos se realizan todos los **primeros sábados de cada mes** a las **12 del medio día** y la **charla de preparación** para los papás y los padrinos es **cada 2 meses**. La próxima charla de preparación está programada para el **domingo 26 de abril del 2026** después de la misa de las 12:00 pm en el sótano de la iglesia para los Bautismos de **Sábado 9 de mayo y 6 de junio del 2026**.

Nota: Todos los **niños mayores de 6 años** de edad deben ir al programa de catecismo. Una vez que inician el catecismo ya se puede programar el bautismo.



Te invitamos al curso "Comprender la Biblia y el Plan de Dios",

Se lleva acabo todos los Domingo.

Lugar: Cafetería de la escuela.

Hora: 11:00 a.m. ¡Habrà café y donas para compartir! Trae tu Biblia, tu cuaderno.

¡Te esperamos !

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL

Los Pilares de Cuaresma

La **Parroquia invita a toda la comunidad** a participar en nuestro **Retiro Espiritual de Cuaresma**, un espacio de encuentro personal con Dios, de silencio, reflexión y renovación interior.

Fecha: Sabado 7 de Marzo del 2026.

hora: 10:00 am-2:00pm

Lugar: Salón Comunitario de la Iglesia.

Invitado especial: Emmanuel Escoto. (Nicaragua)

"No se lo pierda y aprovecha esta oportunidad de crecimiento espiritual."

ESTADO FINANCIERO 2025



Si usted necesita recibir su estado financiero de sus aportes a la Iglesia para hacer sus taxes, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial (570-823-7736) y nosotros gustosamente les enviaremos por correo.



ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

Los martes estará abierta la capilla de la iglesia para la Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento desde las 7 am a las 10 am y de las 2 pm a las 4 pm.

CONFESIONES



Hay confesiones todos los **lunes de 5 a 6 pm** en la iglesia St. Nicholas **en español. Si usted no puede asistir en esos horarios llamar a la oficina para sacar una cita al 570-823-7736.**

NO HAY MISA DE LOS JUEVES

El **5, 12 y 19 de marzo NO** habrá Misa los jueves. **Reanudaremos nuestras celebraciones el jueves 26 de marzo** como de costumbre a las 6:00 pm. Disculpas por los inconvenientes.

REUNIONES SEMANALES

- Renovación Carismática:** Los miércoles a las 7:00p.m.
- Movimiento de Cursillo:** Los jueves después de la misa de las 6:00p.m.
- Grupo de Emaús:** Los viernes a las 6:30p.m.

OPERACIÓN PLATO DE ARROZ



Durante la Cuaresma, nos reunimos para practicar la oración, el ayuno y la limosna, y al hacerlo ayudamos a muchas familias y comunidades a salir de la pobreza. Las cajitas de plato de arroz estarán disponibles cerca de los boletines.

PALABRA DE VIDA 01 DE MARZO

El Evangelio de la Vida "quiere ser pues una confirmación precisa y firme del valor de la vida humana y de su carácter inviolable, y, al mismo tiempo, una acuciante llamada a todos y a cada uno, en nombre de Dios: ¡respeta, defiende, ama y sirve a la vida, a toda vida humana! ¡Sólo siguiendo este camino encontrarás justicia, desarrollo, libertad verdadera, paz y felicidad!" (*El Evangelio de la Vida* 5).

NOTICIAS FINANCIERAS DE LA PARROQUIA:

Gastos de servicios públicos: ¡Ha sido un invierno muy duro! ¿Cree que sus facturas de servicios públicos son altas? En enero, la parroquia pagó \$5,219.25 por gas natural, \$4,867.57 por electricidad y \$3,547.49 por agua y alcantarillado, lo que suma un total de \$13,634.31 en gastos de servicios públicos. ¡Comprendemos su dolor!

ORACIÓN DE TAIZÉ ALREDEDOR DE LA CRUZ.



El lunes 2 de marzo a las 7:00 pm se celebrará un servicio de oración cuaresmal en la iglesia San Nicolás. Esta forma de oración es un estilo meditativo de oración comunitaria.

Los estribillos cantados y repetitivos crean un ritmo suave. La belleza de nuestras voces unidas en el canto se convierte en una puerta a la reflexión y la meditación. Rob Yenkowski, director musical del King's College, y el coro Cantores Christi Regis serán los ministros musicales de esta oración. Al final del servicio se realizará una ofrenda voluntaria en apoyo a los estudiantes del King's College por compartir su tiempo y su ministerio de oración. ¡La oración de Taizé sin duda enriquecerá su Cuaresma!

ACTIVIDADES PARA GRUPOS DE JÓVENES:

Domingo 15 de marzo: Misa para jóvenes a las 10:00 am en la iglesia; fiesta del Día de San Patricio a las 7:00 pm en el gimnasio del colegio.

Domingo 22 de marzo: Noche de servicio de 6:00 a 8:00 pm en el salón comunitario.

Sábado 28 de marzo: Retiro de Confirmación de 11:00 a 3:30 pm en la iglesia de San Ignacio, Kingston (**ÚLTIMA OPORTUNIDAD** para que los estudiantes de Confirmación asistan al retiro obligatorio). Para preguntas e información sobre el grupo de jóvenes, síganos en Facebook: St. Nicholas-St. Mary Youth Group WB; correo electrónico: SNSMyouthgroup@gmail.com e Instagram: snsmyouth_group_wb.

COOPERATIVA DE CRÉDITO FEDERAL DE SAN NICOLÁS

Tema: Construyendo una base sólida. En el Evangelio de hoy, se nos invita a reflexionar sobre la base espiritual de nuestras vidas. Así como fortalecemos nuestra fe durante la Cuaresma, también podemos fortalecer nuestro futuro financiero. Préstamo para la Construcción de Crédito: Establezca o repare su crédito con un préstamo de \$500.00 a un año con un interés del 9%. Los fondos se mantienen como garantía mientras realiza pagos puntuales que fortalecen su puntaje. Temporada de Impuestos: ¿Planifica su declaración? Pregunte cómo SNFCU puede ayudarle a ahorrar en su impuesto sobre la renta. Contacto: Llame al (570) 825-2640 para obtener más información.

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