

**St. Nicholas**  
**50** Years as a Parish  
 1974 - 2024



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**PREP:**  
 Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month  
 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**  
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## 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)



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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## TODAY'S READINGS

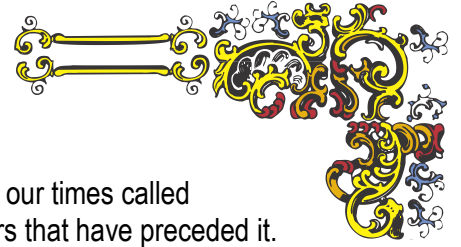
**First Reading** — I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

**Psalms** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

**Second Reading** — So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (Jas 2:17)

**Gospel** — "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

# *A Message from Our Pastor:*



Dear Parishioners,

Several times in homilies you have heard me mention one of the errors of our times called Modernism. Modernism has been called the synthesis of all the heresies and errors that have preceded it.

A heresy is a false teaching about some aspect or doctrine of our faith. Errors might be described the same way. Throughout our history these things have popped up, often created by a member of the clergy, and have led many people to confusion, false understandings and doubts about God Himself, our salvation in Christ and many other aspects of our faith. Sometimes these errors were about matters the Church had believed consistently but had not formally defined as part of the faith. Often these false teachings became widespread and took several centuries to correct. Most of them were never completely overcome and still exist even if no longer widely believed. Some see occasional resurgences.

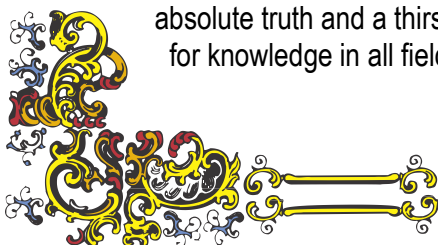
Modernism, which developed in the early twentieth century, is a resurgence of many errors that coalesce into one. Its adherents hold to the belief "that Christian dogma is historically contingent, continuously evolving, ultimately inexpressible in rational formulae, and ultimately discernible only on a subjective basis". (Excerpt From "Flee from Heresy: A Catholic Guide to Ancient and Modern Errors" by Bishop Athanasius Schneider)

This synthesizes all the errors that precede it on the basis that all of them took an approach to Christian doctrine that was subjective and that a particular aspect of faith was contingent and evolving. Modernism says all truth is contingent on its historical context, always evolving, even into something it was not, and therefore highly subjective, meaning that truth is not necessarily true for all times and peoples.

This error remains important for us to understand today for many reasons, including that so much of our contemporary society's issues, the issues that seem to divide our country the most, are debated from a Modernist perspective of truth. Modernism quickly gave rise to Moral Relativism, applying the Modernist understanding of truth to all morality. No doubt you have heard someone say, when confronted with a moral truth, that it is "not true for me!", or "that's your truth, not mine!". This way of thinking continues to be strong regarding many moral truths, despite the rather obvious fact that truth is true for everyone, and is not contingent, that is dependent, on the context of culture or generational differences.

There is good and there is evil and there is truth. None of these are created by man and none of these may be defined him. When something is true, just as when something is good or evil, it is so in and of itself and it's truth, it's goodness or it's lack of goodness (evil) is not contingent upon anyone of us. When we help others to the truth, especially the truth that bears on their eternal destiny, it is the most loving thing we can do, for we are helping them to the greatest good of all. As Pope St. John Paul II taught: "In fact, genuine understanding and compassion must mean love for the person, for his true good, for his authentic freedom. And this does not result, certainly, from concealing or weakening moral truth, but rather from proposing it in its most profound meaning as an outpouring of God's eternal Wisdom, which we have received in Christ, and as a service to man, to the growth of his freedom and to the attainment of his happiness."

It can seem like the whole world is against us in trying to deny the truth about God, religion, and morality. But just as we must take courage and never give in to the Modernist or Moral Relativist way of thinking, we must also take hope. Humanity is not lost, for we were made for God and made in His image and likeness and error will never completely satisfy us. To quote Pope St. John Paul II once more, "But no darkness of error or of sin can totally take away from man the light of God the Creator. In the depths of his heart there always remains a yearning for absolute truth and a thirst to attain full knowledge of it. This is eloquently proved by man's tireless search for knowledge in all fields. It is proved even more by his search for *the meaning of life*."



Peace -Father Adam



## Mass Intentions:

|           |          |   |
|-----------|----------|---|
| Sat 9/14  | 4:30 PM  | Craig Roth (Janice & Bob Bauer)             |
| Sun 9/15  | 8:30 AM  | Helen Anthony (Elaine Jenkins)              |
|           | 10:30 AM | Dennis Kuronya<br>(Charlene Kuronya)        |
| Mon 9/16  | 8:30 AM  | John & Eva Orsulak<br>(Anne & Dave Orsulak) |
| Tues 9/17 | 6:30 PM  | People of the Parish                        |
| Wed 9/18  | 8:30 AM  | Catherine Niedzwiecki<br>(Carl Niedzwiecki) |
| Thu 9/19  | 8:30 AM  | Patricia Shupp (Ellen Knoblach)             |
| Fri 9/20  | No mass  |   |
| Sat 9/21  | 4:30 PM  | John Gallagher<br>(Lorraine & Family)       |
| Sun 9/22  | 8:30 AM  | Terry Nacrito (Rosemary Eroh)               |
|           | 10:30 AM | Fred Kochmaruk Jr.<br>(JoAnne Kochmaruk)    |

## Counting Our Blessings

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| 9/1 | Collection Envelopes                        | \$4,817.00        |
|     | <b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b> | <b>\$7,352.00</b> |
|     | Preservation & Restoration                  | \$758.00          |
|     | School                                      | \$461.00          |

*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 September 15 to 21

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
Kathy & Paul  
Kathy & Paul*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of  
Kathy & Paul*



## Diocese of Allentown Blood Drive

The Diocese of Allentown announced that it will sponsor a diocese-wide blood drive from Thursday, Sept. 19 through Monday, Dec. 16. The drive will take place at all Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) fixed sites in honor of St. Januarius, the patron saint of blood banks. Monika



Wiegers, Director of Donor Relations, MKBC, thanked the Allentown Diocese in a press release for the support of their critically important mission. "In addition to saving lives, all blood donors who provide their parish's Blood Drive Sponsor Code at the time of their appointment will receive a St. Januarius medallion blessed by

the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown," said Wiegers.

Blood and platelet donations can be made at the following MKBC locations: Allentown: 1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Suite 130 Allentown: Five City Center, 740 Hamilton St., Suite 120. Bethlehem: 1465 Valley Center Parkway. Easton: 3765 Nicholas St., Suite B. Pittston: 400 Route 315, Suite E. Reading: 2745 Leisch's Bridge Road (for GPS, use: 047 Old Bernville Rd). Ewing/Trenton (NJ): 400 Main Boulevard East, Suite 601. To be eligible to donate blood, individuals must be at least 16 years old (with parental consent required for 16-year-olds), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in good health. More eligibility guidelines are available on the MKBC website at [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org).

Appointments can be made by calling 800-B-A-DONOR (223-6667) ext. 2, online at [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org), or via the MKBC Mobile Donor App (which can be downloaded at Google Play or the Apple Store).

See the AD Times for full story and more information.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

### 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.

For ticket payments, event details, and Sponsorship/Donation/Advertising in our program book opportunities:  
<https://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Anniversary.htm>  
Or email: [event@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:event@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

### Gala Menu:

- ◆ Appetizer - Assorted Bruschetta
- ◆ Buffet Style Dinner includes Garden Salad, Bourbon Glazed Salmon, Tenderloin Tips Stroganoff, Rice Pilaf, Haricoverts (French Green Beans), Glazed Carrots
- ◆ Dessert Table by St. Nicholas Church
- ◆ Coffee/decaf/iced tea/lemonade
- ◆ Cash Bar

### Opportunities to Help Make the Celebration a Success

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Committee is seeking **photos of the Church/Congregation** and volunteers for **desserts for the event**.

For photos contact Robert Stettner at 610-554-4099

For desserts, please sign-up on the clipboards by the church doors or contact Lisa Pignataro at 610-737-4716 or email: [event@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:event@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: ☐

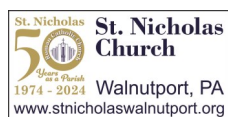
## 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

ADULT-UNISEX SIZING—CHILDREN'S  
SIZING

**Sale ends November 1, 2024.**

Merchandise: Polo Shirt, Zip Hoodie,  
Pull Over Hoodie, T-Shirt, Bumper Magnet  
and Christmas Ornament.

Order forms and item description/cost can be found  
in the East and West Vestibules of St. Nicholas  
Church Walnutport.



Or Visit the Anniversary  
Page of the St. Nicholas  
Website to order on-line.



## Men's and Women's Malvern Retreats

A retreat. A period of refreshment, support, reassurance,  
learning,  
and concentration on the most  
important gift in your life:

YOUR\_LIFE, the gift from God. We  
have experienced this at Malvern  
Retreat House, 'St. Joseph in The  
Hills', Malvern, PA. Our Lehigh Valley men's retreat  
group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would  
like to invite men and women to experience the same  
excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend.  
Learn, reflect, "dump your stuff", fortify yourself, increase  
your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the  
men's weekend, Sep 6, 7, and 8; or the women's  
weekend, Sep 13, 14, and 15; Fri night to Sun morning.  
Welcome!



Anthony Scarselletti, Our Lady of Perpetual Help group,  
610-393-4671, [OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com)

## Open Your Pages to Frankenstein

Page Turners is thrilled to announce our  
next book club pick: Mary Shelley's  
timeless classic, "**Frankenstein.**"  
Whether you're revisiting this iconic tale  
or reading it for the first time, we promise  
an engaging and thought-provoking  
discussion. The 1818 and 1831 versions  
will be discussed beginning September 17-October 15.



Televised play on October 29. All meetings are at  
7:15pm in the Parish Center. Please contact  
[community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org) for details.

## Parish Directories Have Arrived!

If you and your family were photographed by Universal  
Church Directories we have good news. The directories  
have finally arrived! If you have not picked up your  
directory, you can do so at the Parish Office.

Extra Church Directories are on sale at the Parish  
Office during business hours. The cost is \$15.  
Quantities are limited.

## Coffee & Donuts Weekend

Join us for a little socialization  
while enjoying Coffee and  
donuts, cheese and wine  
the weekend of  
September 28 and 29.



## Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas  
2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35  
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,  
17/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,  
5/Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and  
22/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk  
7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-  
20/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

## Fall Grape Vine Wreath Making Event

Get ready to embrace the beauty of fall by making  
your very own handmade 18" grape vine wreath on  
September 24 from 6:30-8pm in the Social Hall.

The cost is \$12.00 and includes all supplies.

Bring a snack to share, BYOB, beverage. Please sign up  
in the portico.

Any questions, please contact Deborah Fritz at  
610-463-6093 or Crystal Zambelli at 610-554-3845 or  
email [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)



| September  |         |   |
|------------|---------|---|
| Date       | Time    | Cleaning Volunteers                                 |
| Fri. 9/20  | 9:30 AM | Tim Gregory, Carl<br>Niedzweicki, Tony Scarselletti |
| Thur. 9/26 | 5:30 PM | Meg Schell, Jim Boyle,<br>Marie Brunst              |