

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



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

**Psalm** — The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

**Second Reading** — And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

**Gospel** — "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

## 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)

# *A Message from Our Pastor:*



Dear Parishioners,

As you will remember during this past Lent you were given the opportunity to take a survey about your faith and your experience of our parish life called the Disciple-maker Index. We have begun working with a coach from the Catholic Leadership Institute to review our results and to use them to help us craft a pastoral plan for our parish that will include 3 goals and some concrete ways of pursuing those goals. I thank you for your input and look forward to sharing more in the near future.

Last week we looked at two errors to faith that are prevalent in our society today, namely modernism and its offspring moral relativism. This week we will look at another error and its offspring, Religious Indifferentism and its offspring Religious Pluralism. Religious Indifferentism holds that all religions are equal and equally able to bring man salvation, and that there is no one true religion nor is there any obligation on us to seek the one true faith. This was all condemned by three popes, first by Venerable Pope Leo XIII in 1824, by Pope Gregory XVI in 1832 and by Venerable Pope Pius IX in 1864. In condemning this error the popes relied on Sacred Scripture and the consistent teaching of the Church from the very beginning. Religious Pluralism holds that all world religions are positively willed by God, in other words that God has actively inspired them and desired them to come about, and that they are therefore sanctifying for those who adhere to them.

You probably recognize these ideas and sadly may have heard them passed off as the “new” teaching of the Church. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Second Vatican Council clearly reaffirmed that there is only one true faith and we have an obligation of conscience to seek that truth. It also made clear how those of differing faiths can come to salvation, that is, by their seeking of the truth and trying to live by it which then joins them by desire to Christ, Who is the Truth, and to His Church, the custodian of His truth and grace. Everyone who is saved is saved by Christ’s sacrifice and the grace that He has bestowed from it on the Church, which dispenses that grace. No one can be saved by the practice of a false religion per se. Meaning that if someone who is not Catholic is to be saved, it is by Christ and by their individual seeking the truth and striving to live it, which joins that person to Christ and His Church and not because of any worship found in any other religion.

“Only the religion established by God and fulfilled in Christ, with its divinely revealed worship, is supernatural, holy, and pleasing to God. All other religions are inherently false, and their forms of worship pernicious, or at least unavailing for eternal life.”

“There can be no true religion other than that which is founded on the revealed word of God: which revelation, begun from the beginning and continued under the Old Law, Christ Jesus Himself perfected under the New Law.”

“God has revealed the way in which He desires to be worshipped in Christ, and “the Catholic Church is alone in keeping the true worship.” To practice a false worship, or neglect to discover and offer right worship, offends God and harms the soul” (*Excerpts From: Flee from Heresy: A Catholic Guide to Ancient and Modern Errors by Bishop Athanasius Schneider*)

This is not to disparage anyone who practices another faith or religion. On the contrary it is their sincerity in seeking truth and very often their zeal that we should and do recognize as worthy of commendation and which can give to all of us a profound example of seeking God. We must however, not be fooled into thinking that any other religion is in and of itself a good willed by God or that it affords in and of itself a means to eternal life. “Although God is able to give graces to a man who practices a false religion in view of his innocent ignorance and sincere good will, such graces would in nowise be mediated by or owing to the false religion itself. Rather, grace may be given despite the man’s error, and in order to lead him out of that error into the truth of right faith.” (*Excerpt From: Flee from Heresy: A Catholic Guide to Ancient and Modern Errors by Bishop Athanasius Schneider*)

The only religion that God wills is the one He has revealed, beginning with the Jewish religion, which has been fulfilled in Christ, and Who established the One, True, Catholic and Apostolic Church, namely the Catholic Church. To believe in Christ is to be a true child of Abraham. (*see Galatians 3:29*) Other religions arise, even with good intentions, from ignorance or worse from sin or even as a working of the Evil One, whose purpose is to confuse and lead us astray. “It is necessarily impossible for God, the Supreme Truth, to be the author of any error whatsoever” (*Pope Leo XIII*). God cannot reveal Himself as one thing to some people and another to others. It is also impossible for God, Who is One, to desire disunity or disharmony among those He has created to be one in Him.

We should not assume from this that if we are Catholic we are automatically going to heaven. Nor should we assume others are not. What we should realize is that God revealed Himself to man through Christ, Who established One Church for the salvation of all and that in the Church we have ALL the means necessary for this. It is still up to us to make good use of these means and never take for granted the gift of eternal life. Perhaps the most perilous lie of all is that everyone just gets to go to heaven no matter what. The Lord Himself is so clear that is not the case. “The road to damnation is wide and many choose to walk it.” (*Mt 7:13*.) We indeed ought to be about the business each day of securing eternal life through fear and trembling, and this with great hope and gratitude for all the gifts of grace the Lord offers us in His Church.

Peace -Father Adam



## Mass Intentions:

Sat 9/21	4:30 PM	John Gallagher (Lorraine & Family)
Sun 9/22	8:30 AM	Terry Macripo (Rosemary Eroh)
	10:30 AM	Fred Kochmaruk Jr. (JoAnne Kochmaruk)
Mon 9/23	8:30 AM	Patricia Shupp (Ellen Knoblach)
Tues 9/24	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 9/25	8:30 AM	Deb Kudla
Thu 9/26	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Anne & Dave Orsulak)
Fri 9/27	No mass	
Sat 9/28	4:30 PM	Margaret Kroboth (Elaine Jenkins)
Sun 9/29	8:30 AM	John Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedziecki (Carl Niedziecki)

## Counting Our Blessings

9/8	Collection Envelopes	\$5,407.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Preservation & Restoration	\$335.00
	Mission Co-Op	\$310.00

*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 22 to 28

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
Wednesday Adorers*

*St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of  
Wednesday Adorers*



## 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.

St. Nicholas



## 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.



## Coffee & Donuts Weekend



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

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Dear parishioners of St. Nicholas,

It is that time of the year when we, once  
again, ask your support for the Annual  
K of C Baby Bottle Campaign to support  
LIFE. We donate ALL of the proceeds to two  
organizations, Cay Galgon Life Center of Bethlehem,  
and Care Net of Lehigh.

You can put change, dollars of any amount, or checks  
made out to **K of C #16656** in the baby bottles. On the  
checks, mark in the remarks column, "Baby Bottle  
Campaign".

The Knights of Columbus thank you very much for your  
generous support. May God Bless You.

Carl J. Niedzwiecki, Chancellor, St. Nicholas, K of C  
#16656



## 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)



## Annual Blessing of Pets

We invite you to bring your pets  
for our annual Pet Blessing on  
Sunday, October 6th at 12:30 in  
the "BARKING" lot.

Hope to see you and your special friends!

## 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.



# This Weekend!

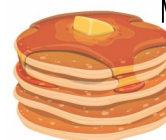


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## All You Can Eat Breakfast

**\$10 - Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■  
Under 6 Free**

Pancakes  
Sausage  
Home Fries  
Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets  
Creamed Chip Beef  
Ham  
Toast

**Sunday, September 22, 2024  
8am - 12:00pm**

## In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A Portion of the Proceeds will benefit St Nicholas Parish  
and Habitat for Humanity.

### September

Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thur. 9/26	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst