

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
 They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce
 and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of
 your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning
 of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — That is why a man leaves his father and mother
 and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.
 (Gn 2:24)

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are
 being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 9:11)

Gospel — "Therefore what God has joined together, no human
 being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

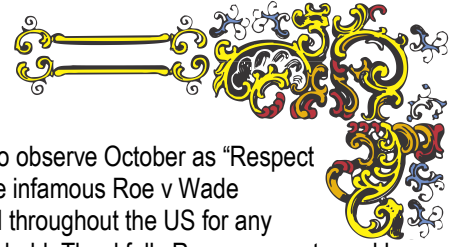
Mass Schedule:

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,

Since 1973 the Bishops of the United States have asked all Catholics in our nation to observe October as "Respect Life" month. Recall that it was in January of that year that the US Supreme Court rendered the infamous Roe v Wade decision which prohibited the States from outlawing abortion, effectively making abortion legal throughout the US for any reason, and, while Roe was in force, very few exceptions to abortion on demand were ever upheld. Thankfully Roe was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2022 by what is called the "Dobbs" decision. If you listen to the propaganda from pro-abortionists, one would think that the overturning of Roe meant that abortion was now illegal throughout the US. This is far from the truth. The overturning of Roe means that, unless the Federal government passes a new law or there is a constitutional amendment, the legality of abortion falls almost entirely to each State. Currently, according to a recent WSJ article, 14 States have protected the life of a baby in the womb by banning abortion and 4 others have the so called "Heartbeat Law", meaning babies in the womb are protected by an abortion ban after a heartbeat can be detected, which is about 6 weeks into the baby's fetal development. In those 4 States a baby's life is unprotected for the first 6 weeks of life. But, even if we add those States together, it is only in 18 out of 50 States where babies have protection by some kind of abortion ban. 18 other States have laws that ensure abortion and in the rest, like our own, there is no protection of the unborn baby, even though there is no law enshrining abortion. When you watch the news reports and especially the pro-abortion political ads currently running, you are led to believe that abortion has been all but completely outlawed. Would that this was true, but sadly it is not. The number of abortions in this country continues to rise at a horrific rate. This year already, there have been close to 700,000 abortions in our country. That doesn't sound like something that is restricted.

In 1973, the Roe decision did not come out of thin air. Support for legalizing abortion had been growing in our nation since the late 1950's. Laws restricting and banning abortion began in the 1800s. Abortion existed since ancient times, but was understood as a grave sin in the early Church and for many centuries it was so looked down upon that the cultural pressures of a largely Christian society kept it from being something publicly supported or largely sought after and so laws banning it were not seen as needed. That is not to say abortions did not happen. They did happen, but as it was not considered acceptable it was hidden and secret and if discovered it brought public scorn. For married couples abortion was almost completely unthinkable, as families welcomed having large numbers of children. Abortion was sought almost entirely by those who had children out of wedlock, something society largely understood and accepted as violating the law of God. The first civil laws prohibiting abortion were created to keep women safe from using chemical and herbal concoctions that were dangerous to their life and health. Equally dangerous were procedures done in secret by both the medically trained and the many more only claiming to be trained. Laws prohibiting abortion were overwhelmingly supported and lobbied for by doctors. Those early laws largely prohibited abortion after "quickening", which is when the baby is first felt stirring in the womb. Only later did medical science begin to more completely understand the development of the baby in the womb. As this knowledge grew, it became clear that a new life begins at conception and laws began to reflect that as well.

So what happened? How did we go in the span of less than fifty years from a society that saw abortion as murder to a society where the support for it grew to where there was lobbying in States across the country to allow abortion. In fact, in the years prior to Roe, 4 States legalized abortion and others were looking to do the same. Finally, it got to the point of seeking the intervention of the Supreme Court to establish it as a "right". We should recall that the Roe decision was not about life, but rather invented a right to privacy, not found in the constitution, to grant abortion as right as it declared it to be a private matter between a patient and her doctor. We can address that later, but, the question remains, how did support for it grow? The real answer is found in a shift in the attitude not towards life, but towards sexual relations. We may not remember this, but it was not only abortion that was outlawed, but also contraception. People began to view sexual relations for the purpose solely of pleasure, rather than as a God given gift to married life, a gift from which, by the love of man and woman, new life is given. And so, thinking of sexual relations for the purpose of their own pleasure, people began to demand contraceptives. As society wanted contraception, it then also wanted abortion in order to completely "liberate" sexual relations from the natural consequences, namely children. While abortion is the more serious sin, both abortion and contraception are spawned from eating of the same forbidden fruit, from turning away from the plan of God as to the procreative and unitive nature of sexual relations and turning towards creating for ourselves a meaning for these actions that is egocentric and hedonistic. In these sins, which are inseparably linked, man has once more rejected the Creator and His plan and has sought to go out on his own and take the authority that rightfully belongs to God alone as Creator. The procreative and unitive purpose of sexual relations are not without pleasure, but it is not pleasure unrestrained by responsibility or pleasure without a higher good. Accompanying this was also naturally a rise in materialism which began to cause families to desire fewer and fewer children. The temptation to materialism was made all the more possible by contraception and abortion. When we turn away from the plan of God, when seek to take the place of God, the consequences for humanity are always disastrous and destructive.

Today, with the wonderful overturning of Roe v Wade, we have the opportunity to right the wrongs and the failures of the past hundred years. Not only in defeating abortion legally in our State and every State, but in bringing to people the truth of the God given meaning of life itself and the plan of God about how life is meant to come into the world. During this month of Respect Life, in this space we will seek to expose some of the lies about abortion and also proclaim the truth about life, a truth which is both good and beautiful.

Peace -Father Adam



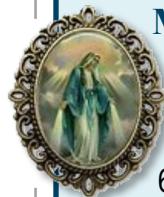
Mass Intentions:

Sat 10/5	4:30 PM	Jean & Fred Barlow (Kate Adams)
Sun 10/6	8:30 AM	Alois Badura (Elaine Jenkins)
	10:30 AM	James Karmonick (Elaine Jenkins)
Mon 10/7	8:30 AM	St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Tues 10/8	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 10/9	8:30 AM	Rob Broughor (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Thu 10/10	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Peter Wlodek)
Fri 10/11	No mass	
Sat 10/12	4:30 PM	Alois Badura (Bill & Janice Tanzola)
Sun 10/13	8:30 AM	Annette White (Theresa Speicher)
	10:30 AM	Earl C. Bird (Robert A. Bird)

Counting Our Blessings

9/22	Collection Envelopes	\$3,484.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$277.00
	School	\$243.00

Thank You!



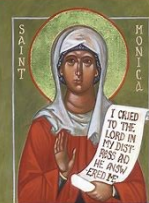
Miraculous Medal Novena

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 October 6 to 12

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

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

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

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area, such as prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc. Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484.597.3685

Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.



Boy Scouts

Boys Scouts meet Thursdays at 7 PM in the social hall. For more information, please call Mike, 610-824-6556.

Caring Cardmaking ♥ ♥ ♥

Our card making team at St. Nicks (Caring Cards) is in full swing. If you know of someone who is having surgery, is ill, is homebound or in a nursing home or hospice please contact us with their names and addresses so that we can get a card off to them. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:30 in the social hall.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 464-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.

We Need Your Help!

If you or you know a parishioner that is homebound or is in or going into in a nursing home or personal care facility, please let us know by calling the Parish Office.

St. Nicholas



50th 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.

Enjoy a delicious meal, then an afternoon mingling with your fellow parishioners while you listen to a live band and take part in the silent auction. See the slide show to view how much St. Nicholas Church has grown through the years.

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

SPECIAL NEED

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 50th 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.
You can also email digital photos to event@stnicholaswalnutport.org

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

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: ☐

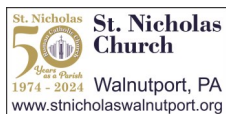
50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

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.



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



Observances for week of October 6, 2024

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life
Sunday
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women
who share their experience, strength and hope with each
other that they may solve their common problem and help
others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to
anyone who has the desire to do stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.



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!

Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail dkine224@gmail.com
with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the
power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our
prayer list is now connected with Sacred
Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a
Universal Prayer Chain. This is a HUGE
step for us because those on our prayer
list will be having prayers said for them
all over the world...Praise God!



If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound
Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone
can visit them.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick,
and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery.

Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and
their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our
Freedom!

St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month.
If you know of a family or person that can use a hand
at this time, please call the parish office.

North of 50 Chili Event

There's a chili in the air and the leaves
are falling! Join us for some
tummy warming chili on
October 22 at 12 Noon.

We will provide the chili, sign up for
"fixins" in the portico.

Hope to see you there!



Ann Orsulak 610 392 1092 Lisa Pignataro. 610 737 4716

October		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thu. 10/10	9:30 AM	Tom & Lisa Pignataro, Diane Turner
Thu. 10/17	9:30 AM	Tony Scarselletti, Carl Litwin, Tim Gregory