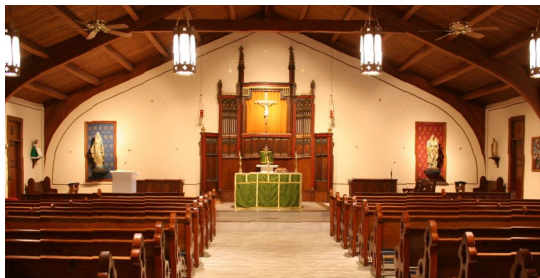


St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
 "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
 "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
 All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. (Heb 4:12)

Gospel — "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21)

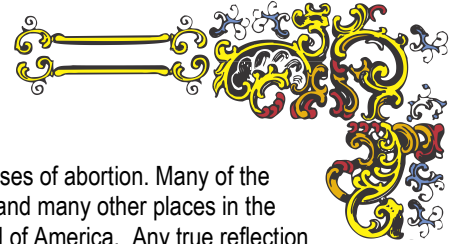
Mass Schedule:

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 we continue this month of Respect Life reflections, we are looking at some of the causes of abortion. Many of the young women who turn to abortion fall victim to the culture of death that has grown in our country and many other places in the world as well. At the forefront of the culture of death is the organization called Planned Parenthood of America. Any true reflection or analysis of abortion has to include the role of Planned Parenthood. If you saw the movie "Unplanned", you saw much of the truth of what goes on at Planned Parenthood exposed. While it makes its clinics out to be woman's health clinics, they are the single largest provider of abortions in our country, accounting for over 40% of all abortions. Only 6% of their services are true health services that are in the form of health screenings. The number of health services they provide continues to decline while abortion, contraception and gender changing hormone therapies rise. All of Planned Parenthood affiliates are required to perform abortions. When a young woman in a crisis pregnancy goes to a PP clinic, they will likely be talked into having an abortion.

The movie "Unplanned" does a good job of revealing the dangers for women who have abortions, especially at Planned Parenthood clinics. All abortions have serious health risks, both physical and emotional, not to mention the spiritual. In addition to the health risks posed by abortion procedures, Planned Parenthood strongly supports the dangerous abortion drug RU-486, promoted its expedited approval by the FDA, and volunteered to conduct early U.S. trials. Despite the dangers of this drug, not the least of which is the mother's death, Planned Parenthood is pressing to increase "self-managed" RU-486 abortions, so it can mail the pills to a woman and have her induce her own abortion at home after a brief online ("telehealth") conversation.

In 2015, a series of videos from an undercover operation by the pro-life Center for Medical Progress exposed how Planned Parenthood officials were selling baby body parts for medical research. The language and demeanor of the the Planned Parenthood officials was indeed chilling. Though trafficking in baby body parts is illegal, they had no problem getting around the law to make a huge profit from such sales. They even spoke about being able to get a "whole body" if needed and joked about being able to buy a Lamborghini from the profits. The video and audio recordings exposed an organization that has no regard for human life, no care for the health of the women it treats and revealed their true motives are the huge profit they can make from abortion. Even though it is listed as a non-profit organization, that is as far from the truth as it being a health service provider. Planned Parenthood executives are among the highest paid by non-profit organizations. Planned Parenthood nets over 60 million in annual profits. Government funding makes up about 40% of Planned Parenthood revenue.

Planned Parenthood not only supports abortion it fights any and all restrictions on abortion. Planned Parenthood has opposed, and filed suit against, reasonable and widely supported measures on abortion, even those protecting women's health and informed decision making. Their fierce opposition to reasonable restrictions include: laws to ensure a woman's informed consent, allow her to view an ultrasound before the abortion, or provide a waiting period for her to consider her decision; parental notification or consent before a minor daughter's abortion; conscience protections for physicians and nurses with moral objections to abortion; bans on the gruesome partial-birth abortion procedure or on other late-term abortions; health and safety regulations for abortion facilities; requiring abortion practitioners to have admitting privileges at a hospital in case of complications; and safety standards for the abortion drug RU-486. As long ago as 1983, the then-current president of Planned Parenthood of America co-authored and signed a notorious International Planned Parenthood Federation declaration urging affiliates to violate their own countries' laws and perform illegal abortions.

It should be no surprise as to the true nature of Planned Parenthood if we consider it's founder, Margaret Sanger, who was a racist and eugenicist. She wanted to exterminate the black community by sterilization and contraception. She spoke at KKK rallies and was admired by the German Nazi Party. She supported policies and laws that forced some 70,000 Americans to submit to forcible sterilization, in the name of purifying the human race. For many years, attempts have been made to cover up the truth about Sanger, to sanitize her legacy and true history. But the truth continues to come out, so much so that Planned Parenthood removed her name from their headquarters in New York. From its inception this is an organization that has promoted evil and that continues to do so to this day, all the while claiming to be something it is not.

If you have not seen the movie "Unplanned", it is eye opening and worth seeing. If you never saw the video or heard the audio of the undercover sting against Planned Parenthood, you may still be able to find it on the internet. You may also want to check out the website of the American Life League and their STOPP project, which is an initiative to expose the truth of Planned Parenthood.

What can we do about all this, how do we combat this evil in our midst? We must continue to demand our elected officials stop government funding of Planned Parenthood. We can also support women in crisis pregnancies by supporting organizations that offer true care and life saving and supporting alternatives to abortion. Right now we can all support the "Baby Bottle Campaign" run by our Knights of Columbus. The proceeds will all go to the the Cay Galgon Life Center and Care Net. Both are great local organizations that do tremendous work in supporting life. A large part of ending abortion is ending the myth that it is the only way out of a crisis or troubled pregnancy. We must ensure that every baby is wanted and provide the means of caring for every child. At the same time we must teach our youth that God's plan for marriage and family is the best way, the only way, and that includes understanding the meaning and purpose of our human sexuality, that sexual relations are a gift meant exclusively to married life. Chastity is an essential virtue to be lived by all people, young and old alike, and is not an unattainable ideal. But if our youth should fail at this, we must teach them that abortion is not the answer, and it should never even be considered as an option. Building a true culture of life requires both an unwavering commitment to promoting chaste living and a loving acceptance of the sinner who fails and who then must be helped to bring this new and precious life safely into the world.

Peace -Father Adam



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 10/14	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Joyful Chorale)
Tues 10/15	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 10/16	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich)
Thu 10/17	8:30 AM	Michael Bashore (Gloria & Adam Newhard)
Fri 10/18	No mass	
Sat 10/19	4:30 PM	Inga Kantz (Bill & Janice Tanzola)
Sun 10/20	8:30 AM	Mike Smith (Sue Hankee)
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Jr. & Thomas Papay III (JoAnne Kochmaruk)

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

9/29	Collection Envelopes	\$3,691.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$125.00
	Latin America	\$31.00



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.



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.

Week of October 13 to 19

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

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

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.

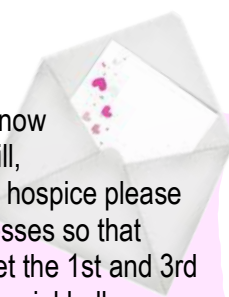


Boy Scouts

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.



October		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thu. 10/17	9:30 AM	Tony Scarselletti, Carl Litwin, Tim Gregory

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: ☐

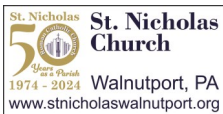
50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

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.



Mass of Remembrance

Please join us for a special
Mass of Remembrance at
4:30pm on November 2, 2024.

This sacred gathering will honor

and remember those parishioners we have lost this past
year, allowing us to come together in prayer and
reflection. There will be a General Reception with light
refreshments following the Mass.

Please join us as we support one another in faith and
remembrance.

Interested families please RSVP to
community@stnicholaswalnutport.org or call the Parish
office at 610-767-3107. We look forward to seeing you
there.

One Family for Thanksgiving

St. Nicholas parish is one family in the
Church, and we celebrate
Thanksgiving as family. There are
some who may not have a Happy
Thanksgiving because of financial concerns.



**As a Parish Family we would like to reach out to our
parishioners in need of assistance.**

There are several ways you can help. We are asking for
canned or boxed food donations that would be used
for a Thanksgiving Dinner, such as cranberry sauce,
vegetables, turkey gravy, instant potatoes, rice,
applesauce, or cake mixes. All food items can be brought
to the social hall before November 20th. Or **take an
envelope from the table in the portico marked
“Turkey” and make a monetary donation.** These
envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or
dropped off at the parish office by November 20th.

Finally, do you know of anyone in our parish or area that
needs assistance? Fill out the form in the portico and
place it in an envelope marked “TURKEY”. Envelopes
can be dropped in the collection basket or dropped off at
the church office. All information will be kept confidential.
Pick up will be November 23rd and 24th in the social hall.
The name of the family to receive the food package and
the family size is needed ASAP, but no later than
November 17th, so we can plan how much additional
food needs to be purchased.

Special Collection for Hurricane Victims

A special collection will take place on **Sunday, October
27th**, to benefit those affected by Hurricane Helene. This
collection will be called “Hurricane Helene Collection”,
no special envelopes will be provided.

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
Leighton.

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

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

