

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



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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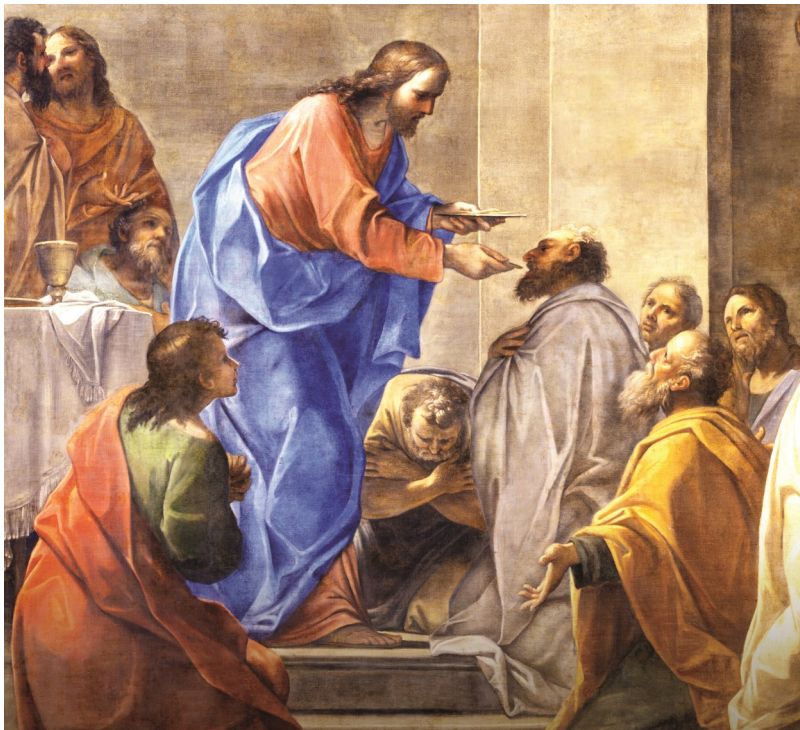
**PREP:**  
 Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month  
 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

**BVMSN Credit Union:**  
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## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. (Is 53:10)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

**Second Reading** — So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

**Gospel** — For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk 10:45)

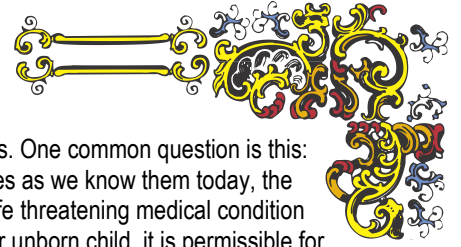
## Mass Schedule:

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,

During this month dedicated to the Pro-Life Cause, we continue to reflect on these issues. One common question is this: are there any circumstances when an abortion is acceptable? In terms of direct abortion procedures as we know them today, the answer is no. However, if a case arises, and sometimes they do, when a pregnant woman has a life threatening medical condition and the only medical intervention that will save her life is one that will also result in the death of her unborn child, it is permissible for this intervention to be done. This is morally permissible only if there is no reasonably safe way to save both lives. It is permissible as the medical procedure is one that saves a life and the intention of the procedure is not to kill the unborn child. In these cases, the loss of the child is tragic and not the intended consequence. Direct abortion procedures, those done at abortion clinics, are not life saving medical interventions. Despite the rhetoric to the contrary, abortion mills do not save lives. In fact, many women have to be rushed to a hospital from abortion mills to save their lives from the dangerous direct abortion procedures done in these places. Sadly, tragically, some of them do not make it.

We must also mention, that there are many mothers who, suffering a health crisis, risk their lives and some who give their lives, to bring their child to term. While this is not strictly speaking, morally required, the heroic sacrifices of these mothers for their children is to be honored and praised. Their witness both to the sacredness and beauty of their children's lives and to the sacrificial aspects of motherhood, is one that we must not fail to appreciate and love. We should sing the praises of these heroic women and hold them up as shining examples of the greatness of womanhood.

What about cases of rape and incest? Let's be clear about this first, rape is a horrible crime and grave sin. Rapists should be dealt severe punishment by our justice system. That said, we must also know that due to the horrible trauma of the event, it is extremely rare that a pregnancy results from a rape. In those rare cases, the child in the womb is also an innocent victim. It is never permissible to punish the innocent for the crimes of another. In this case we are talking about punishing an innocent victim with death. Those who advocate for allowing abortions for those rare pregnancies that are the result of a rape, are advocating that an innocent suffer a much more severe punishment than the actual criminal. This makes no sense in any way, certainly not morally, not according to any sense of justice. In these rare cases, what is needed for the woman, of course also a victim of this terrible crime, is much counseling that helps her recover, and as part of that counseling, real help in bringing the child to birth and then deciding if giving the child for adoption is the right choice for her. Our adoption laws and procedures are another area where we need to build a stronger pro-life culture. There are many couples who are looking to welcome children by adoption and we need improvements in that process. When a pregnancy arises out of an incestuous relationship, the same holds true as in cases of rape, especially as to the innocence of the child in the womb. Again the answer here is not abortion but good counseling that promotes healing and support to bring the child to birth and then decide if adoption is the right choice for the mother in her particular situation.

Why do we hear the pro-abortionists constantly call for exceptions in law to allow for abortions in the case of rape and incest, especially in the States that protect life in the womb? The pro-abortion lobby's push for these exceptions has nothing to do with numbers, as the actual number of pregnancies resulting from rape or incest is quite low. Likewise the number of abortions due to these has always been a small fraction, about 1.5 %, of all abortions each year. The real reason for the push for these exceptions is to create an acceptance of abortion in some circumstances. In the case of rape and incest, we are quite naturally and quite rightly, sympathetic to the plight of the women who have been victimized. The pro-abortion lobby seeks to exploit that sympathy by redirecting it to accept that abortion in these cases can be justified. Once one accepts that abortion can be a valid solution in these extreme circumstances it paves the way for a more wider acceptance of abortion as an answer in other difficult circumstances. We must not be fooled by the lies and deceptions of the pro-abortion lobby. The direct killing of innocent life is never a valid solution to any of life's problems, no matter how tragic and sad those problems may be.

What about an exception for the health of the mother? This too is a ruse. Health is not the same as life, which we covered in the beginning of this reflection. The health exception is one that would in effect allow abortion for any reason whatsoever. For example, a pro-abortion doctor might suggest to a woman that this pregnancy has caused her to be anxious or feeling depressed. That would be all that is needed to qualify for an abortion under a health clause. Again, we must not be fooled by the pro-abortion lobby which seeks to use clever word-smithing to hide their actual intent.

We close this weeks reflection with the words of St. Mother Theresa given at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC in 1994. In her speech, she said: *"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts."*

*By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion... I will tell you something beautiful. We are fighting abortion by adoption — by care of the mother and adoption for her baby. We have saved thousands of lives... Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted and to give that child to a married couple who will love the child and be loved by the child.*

*If we remember that God loves us, and that we can love others as He loves us, then America can become a sign of peace for the world. From here, a sign of care for the weakest of the weak — the unborn child — must go out to the world. If you become a burning light of justice and peace in the world, then really you will be true to what the founders of this country stood for."*

Peace -Father Adam





## Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 10/21	8:30 AM	Scott Bivans (Mary Woytko)
Tues 10/22	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 10/23	8:30 AM	Barbara Perna (Faith Andrejack)
Thu 10/24	8:30 AM	Royann Houck (John & Darlene Madura)
Fri 10/25	No mass	
Sat 10/26	4:30 PM	Loretta Kropf (Bill & Janice Tanzola)
Sun 10/27	8:30 AM	John & Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
	10:30 AM	Stasia Lukasik / Ed Lukasik

## Counting Our Blessings

10/6	Collection Envelopes	\$5,394.06
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Preservation & Restoration	\$587.00
	School	\$230.00

*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 20 to 26

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

*St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

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

**VOTE**

then let us **COOK** for you on

**ELECTION DAY 2024**

St. Nicholas Church Kitchen will be  
open for take-out 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Breakfast Sandwiches | Halupki | Haluski  
Homemade Pierogi | Sausage & Peppers  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches | Steak Sandwiches  
And More!

## Observances the week of October 20, 2024

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission  
Sunday

Tuesday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 10/25	9:30 AM	Faith Andrejack, Theresa Taddeo, Carl Niedzwiecki
Thu. 10/31	5:30 PM	Meg Schell, Jim Boyle, Marie Brunst

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.

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](https://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Anniversary.htm)  
Or email: [event@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto: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 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.  
**You can also email digital photos to  
[event@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto: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](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: ☐

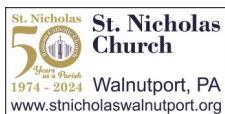
## 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

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.



## 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

