

St. Nicholas  
50 Years as a Parish  
1974 - 2024



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them. (Jer 31:9)

**Psalms** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

**Second Reading** — You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (Hew 5:6)

**Gospel** — Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." (Mk 10:51)

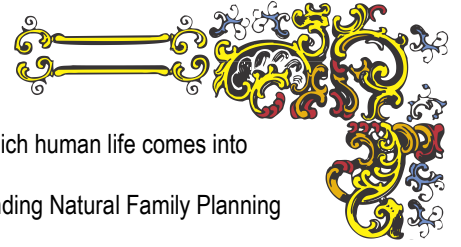
## Mass Schedule:

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 reflect on being Pro-Life, we need to understand that respecting the means by which human life comes into existence, that this too is sacred, is truly an aspect of being pro-life.

The following excerpts from an article by Deanna Johnston are a good help to understanding Natural Family Planning and its place in being Pro-Life.

Peace- Father Adam

## Using NFP is not always “easy.” by Deanna Johnston

I became aware of Natural Family Planning (NFP) when I was young; in fact, NFP was an integral part of my family's return to the Catholic Church. As a child, I remember seeing charts with the baby stickers and the colors. I attended a mother-daughter program once in grade school and again in high school that explained the goodness of God's design of the male and female bodies and the gift of fertility. Basically, I knew that NFP was a thing, that the Catholic Church liked it, and that at some point I would probably use it too.

When I finally took my first Natural Family Planning class as a single adult, I remember hearing things like, “It's easy to use!” and “It's 97-99% effective when used properly,” and “Couples who use NFP have a very low divorce rate.” I was sold! Who doesn't want an easy-to-use method that's *highly effective* and that will divorce-proof your marriage?

Fast forward to life as a newlywed. It did not take long to realize that charting for NFP as a married couple is very different than charting as a single woman. There were times when the chart was not so easy to interpret, when following the rules of the method was frustrating, and when I wondered, “*Is there something wrong with me? Am I just not cut out for this NFP lifestyle?*”

Learning NFP and actually living NFP can be two very different experiences. Over the years of working with engaged couples, I realized that some of the talks they were hearing on Natural Family Planning were similar to what I heard in my first class: it's easy, it works, and it's great for your marriage.

Let's be honest: when it comes to sharing Natural Family Planning with engaged and married couples, we are in competition with contraceptive culture. Sometimes, in our zeal for wanting couples to experience the fullness of what the Church teaches, we use language that only emphasizes the ease and effectiveness of a particular method and how great NFP can be for postponing pregnancy. However, when the conversation about NFP stops at merely postponing pregnancy, we aren't giving couples the whole picture: that the beauty and fullness of the Church's teaching on married love is a cross we embrace by placing our fertility in God's hands.

### NFP is *not* the rhythm or calendar method.

The Rhythm Method was developed in the 1930s and is based on calendar calculations and counting days. It attempts to predict when the fertile phase begins and ends but does not take into account that every woman and every cycle that she has is different. Modern methods of NFP are based on extensive and rigorous scientific research that considers a woman's changing signs of fertility. Because each woman and her cycle are unique, NFP involves the charting of daily observations to determine where she is in her cycle that day.

### NFP affirms the beauty of God's design of fertility in a man and a woman.

The contraceptive culture treats fertility like a disease. However, God's design is that men are fertile 24/7 and that women have monthly fertile windows, and his design is perfect. Human fertility does not need to be controlled or “fixed;” it's a gift that needs to be used responsibly.

### NFP is a powerful expression of holistic living and pro-woman healthcare.

Our culture is increasingly concerned with having organic and hormone-free food... so why would we want to pump our bodies full of hormonal contraceptives? Additionally, because NFP looks at the whole person, it provides valuable information regarding a woman's health. If she is struggling with something like infertility, endometriosis, or other reproductive health issues, methods such as FertilityCare and NaPro Technology can help get to the root of the issue.

### NFP is not “Catholic Contraception.”

Morally speaking, Natural Family Planning is very different from contraception. Contraception is the intentional sterilization of the marital act that essentially says, “Life is not welcome here.” NFP, on the other hand, always remains open to life, even if a couple chooses to wait until the infertile window to share in the marital embrace. As Archbishop Chaput's pastoral letter *Of Human Life* (1998) tells us, NFP differs not merely in style but in moral substance from contraception as a means of regulating family size. NFP is not contraception. Rather it is a method of fertility awareness and appreciation. It is an entirely different approach to regulating birth. NFP does nothing to attack spouse, or block the procreative nature of intercourse. The marriage covenant requires self-giving, and therefore open to the possibility of new life. But when, for good reasons, a husband and wife limit their intercourse to the wife's natural periods of infertility during a month, they are simply observing a cycle which God Himself created in the woman. They are not subverting it. And so they are living within the law of God's love.

### Natural Family Planning is a way of living that says, “Your Will, not ours, be done, Lord.”

Someone once told me that finances and fertility are the two most difficult things for married couples to entrust to God. No matter which method we are using, or whether the plan at the time is to achieve or postpone pregnancy, we are called to be open to life always. From personal experience, I can say that this can sometimes be extremely challenging and even a little scary. But honestly, it is so worthwhile. Trusting God with our family planning is not something that is easy to do, but through the grace that comes in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, Christ gives us what we need to say “yes” to God's plan. In the end, no matter what the chart says, when God says, “Let there be life,” there are no mistakes or accidents, only beautiful and precious gifts.





## Mass Intentions:

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
Mon 10/28	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Tues 10/29	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 10/30	8:30 AM	Robert Sanders (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Thu 10/31	7:00 PM	George Woytko and Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko)
Fri 11/1	7:00 AM	
Sat 11/2	8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
	4:30 PM	All Souls Intentions
Sun 11/3	8:30 AM	Michalene Schwenk (Faith Andrejack)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Joyful Chorale)

### St. Joseph Flowers

**October 27 through November 2**     *John and Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)*

### Blessed Mother Flowers

**October 27 through November 2**     *George Woytko and Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko)*

### Nov 1 All Saints Day

Masses: Vigil Oct 31 7PM;  
Nov 1 7AM

### ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY



### Nov 2 All Souls Day

Mass at 8:30AM

#### Special Remembrance

**for the This Years Deceased Parishioners**

at 4:30 PM Mass on Nov 2 (this Mass fulfills the  
Sunday obligation for Sunday Nov 3)



### 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.

### Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

10/13	Collection Envelopes	\$4,748.43
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Preservation & Restoration	\$345.00
	School	\$36.00



#### 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.

### Week of October 27 to November 2

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
John & Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)  
George Woytko and Rita Woytko  
(Mary Woytko)*

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

**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!

**Women of Hope Retreat Malvern  
Retreat House  
March 14-16, 2025**

**"The Eucharist - Food for the Journey"**

Ladies, join us for an inspiring weekend and renew your faith and relationship with the Lord. The retreat will be led by four dynamic and faithful women! You will be led in prayer, hear great talks, attend Mass & Adoration and much more.

**Cost:** \$275 includes overnight accommodations and meals.\* \$75.00 deposit to secure your spot

\*Virtual Option Available if 5 people register for Zoom  
Cost is \$75 per person

Register at: malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400

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: ☐



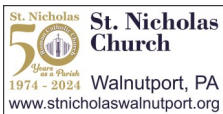
## 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

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  
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

## 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.

Daylight Savings Time  
Ends Next Weekend  
(November 3)

Turn your clocks **BACK!**

