

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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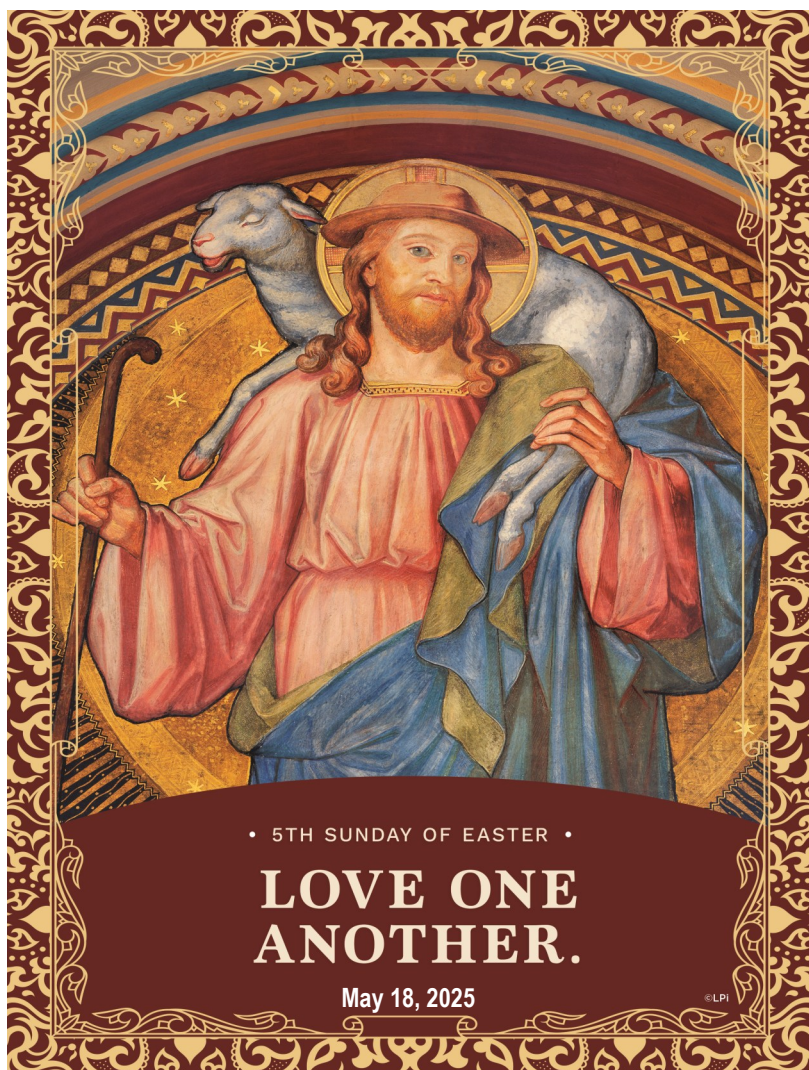
PREP:
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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484-272-2858

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www.ReportBishopAbuse.org



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalms — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

Second Reading — I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

Gospel — I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

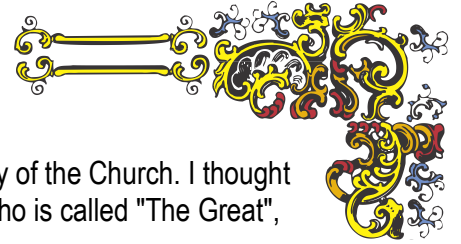
Mass Schedule:

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,

With the election of our new pope, there are now 14 Pope Leos in the history of the Church. I thought it would be interesting to see a little bit about them. The First Pope Leo, a saint who is called "The Great", and Pope Leo XIII are the most well known popes of that name.

Pope St. Leo the Great reigned as pope from 440-461. He is known for famously facing down Attila the Hun and preventing the sack of the city of Rome and the rest of Italy. He also was a teaching pope who advanced the Church's understanding of the papacy and of the understanding of Our Lord's human and Divine natures. He is honored as a Doctor of the Church. Only two other popes are bestowed the title "the Great", those being Pope St. Gregory I and Pope St. Nicholas I. There are some who wish to add Pope St. John Paul II to that list.

Pope St. Leo II served the Catholic Church as pontiff for less than a year from his coronation on August 17, 682 to July 3, 683. As a personally accomplished singer, he encouraged music in the church. Leo II also fought against heresy, approved the acts from the important sixth Council of Constantinople in 680 A.D, and kept positive relations with the Eastern Emperors in Constantinople.

Pope St. Leo III, the 96th pope, served the Church as the pontiff from the years 795 A.D. to 816 A.D. for more than 20 years. The interactions he had with Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne caused lasting implications for the temporal and ecclesiastical powers of the papacy and for relations with the Eastern empire and church. Sadly, he was not able to heal the divide between east and west and his support of the Emperor Charlemagne caused a lasting rift and pushed the papacy further into political life.



Pope St. Leo the Great



Pope St. Leo IV

Pope St. Leo IV served in the role of pontiff as bishop of Rome and Papal States' ruler from April 10, 847 A.D. until his death in 855 A.D. He has been immortalized for his work building the Leonine Wall that surrounds Vatican Hill and for repairing the substantial damage to churches in Rome caused by Arab attacks on the city. During his time the threat of invasion was imminent. Leo IV also put together an Italian cities' defensive league to fight the maritime Battle of Ostia in which they defeated the Saracens. Pope St. Leo IV also dealt with high ranking clerics who abused their power, to the point of excommunicating one prominent Cardinal.

Next week we will continue to look at some of the Popes named Leo.

Peace- Father Adam



Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



Mass Intentions:

Sat 5/17	4:30 PM	James Smith (Rolande Smith)
Sun 5/18	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich)
	10:30 AM	All Deceased Knights of Columbus Members #16656 (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Mon 5/19	8:30 AM	John Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
Tues 5/20	6:30 PM	Alfred & Jessie Saab (Cindy Saab)
Wed 5/21	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 5/22	8:30 AM	Nicholas Begovich (The Sparling Family)
Fri 5/23	No Mass	
Sat 5/24	4:30 PM	Helen Thompson (Gloria & Adam Newhard)
Sun 5/25	8:30 AM	Mary Babich (Elaine Jenkins)
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Jr. (JoAnne Kochmaruk)

Paschal Candle

Pascal Candle was donated by Dave & Mary FeKula for the Good Health of The FeKula Family



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 May 18 to 24

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of

Wednesday Adorers

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of

Wednesday Adorers

Summer Calendar of Events

May

20 Election Day

June

7 and 8 Coffee and Donuts after Mass

7 Night Sky – 8:00 pm at Delps Park

14 North of 50 Winery at 1:00 pm - Details to follow

20, 21, 22 Knights of Columbus Pocono Raceway Fundraiser

July

26 Sight and Sound Theater "Noah" (Drive Yourself)

August

3 Parish Picnic – 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Walnutport Canal Pavilion

15 Sight and Sound Theater "Noah" and Shady Maple (Bus Trip)

22 IronPigs Baseball Game – 7:15pm at Iron Pigs Stadium



Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses \$7,352.00

5/4	Collection Envelopes	\$4,439.00
	Mother's Day	\$1,093.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$803.00
5/11	Collection Envelopes	\$4,149.00
	School	\$265.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$330.00

MEMORIAL GARDEN PHASE III PAVER SALE

Pavers can now be purchased for permanent placement in Garden, located in church cemetery. Cost: \$125.00 per custom engraved paver. (up to 3 lines, 15 characters per line). Forms available on tables in Church Portico. Can be dropped in collection basket in envelope marked: Memorial Garden. Cash or check to: Kim McGonigle.

Please feel free to take & share forms with anyone who: served in military or knew Mike (Police, Firefighters, DARE students/families, EMS, Lehigh Township citizens, Knights, Church friends, etc.). Garden is Open to the public.

Any Questions please contact Kim: 484-221-1434.



Knights of Columbus



St. Nicholas Council #16656 A Star Award Council has been recognized for their church and community service and outreach programs.

Men that are practicing Catholics and 18 years old are eligible to join. Call the Parish Office for more information.

To make your registration easier, you can join the K of C online at kofc.org/JoinUs.

K of C General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:30 PM.

Pocono NASCAR Race Weekend

June 20-22 (rain date Mon 23)

Volunteers Needed! Come join us!

We get \$100/person/day! Signup sheet and information flyers are on the table in the portico. Questions? Call the parish office, 610-767-3107 or Tony Scarselletti 610-393-4671; ascarsel@ptd.net



Rosary Leaders Wanted



Would you prayerfully consider joining our ministry to lead the rosary 1x per month before Saturday 4:30 Mass or Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 Masses?

Call or text Michele at 484-695-8407

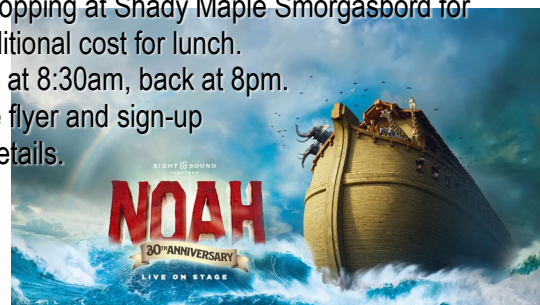
"Noah" Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster

Join us and journey with Noah as he builds the ark and faces the great flood in this larger-than-life production that brings the Bible's beloved story to life. Get your tickets now and be part of this extraordinary experience. Two dates: Saturday, July 26 at 3pm (tickets only and drive yourself) \$87.00 for adult, \$42.00 for child- Due by 6/8/25

or Friday, August 15 at 3pm bus trip (transportation and show). Limited number of tickets. Bus and Show Ticket for 8/15/25 - \$130.00 for adult, \$85.00 for child – Due by 6/29/25. Stopping at Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch. Additional cost for lunch.

Bus leaves at 8:30am, back at 8pm.

Please see flyer and sign-up sheet for details.



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, let the parish office know.

Calling ALL Preschoolers

SJNRS in Slatington has begun a Preschool for ages 3-5. It's an extremely flexible program with 2-5 days/week, & 1/2 or full day programs. There is flex admission during the school year. The program focuses on gross/fine motor skill development, social skills, religion, and hands-on learning for academics. Call the school @ 610-767-2935 for more information.



Fr. McElduff Scholarship

The Fr. McElduff Scholarship is available to all students entering grades Preschool through grade 9, attending a Catholic school. Download the form from the St. Nicholas website or stop by the parish office. Once the form is completed, return it to the Parish Office. The form must be completed and returned no later than May 25, 2025.

Call 610-767-3107 for any questions. Please Apply!



Announcement from The Page Turners Book Club!

After reading "With God in Russia" and "He Leadeth Me", the Page Turners are announcing the rest of 2025 book selections! Get ready for a year filled with intriguing mysteries, timeless classics, and thought-provoking reads. Here's the list of books we'll be diving into:

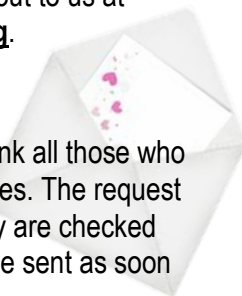
- ♦ **"The Thursday Murder Club"** by Richard Osman
- ♦ **"The Red Tent"** by Anita Diamant
- ♦ A **C.S. Lewis** book (title to be chosen)
- ♦ **"Unbroken"** by Laura Hillenbrand
- ♦ **"The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"** by Robert Louis Stevenson & Charles Raymond Macauley
- ♦ A **Stephen King** book (or something spooky for Halloween!)
- ♦ **"A Christmas Carol"** by Charles Dickens

We invite you to join us for a year of great reads and lively discussions! For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at community@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

Caring Cards Requests

The Caring Cards team would like to thank all those who requested cards for friends and loved ones. The request forms are on the table in the portico, they are checked weekly, and any requests for cards will be sent as soon as possible.

You can also still make card requests by contacting Pat Hunsicker at 484-464-7265. Thank you.



Iron Pigs Game

Event Date: August 22, 2025

Event Time: 7:05 game start

Cost: \$13 with \$2 ballpark credit for food or merchandise



Join your fellow parishioners for a fun and relaxing evening at the Iron Pigs Game. Stay and enjoy the Fireworks after the game. 30 seats have been reserved in section 105.

Sign-up sheets are available in the portico after masses. Last day to sign-up is July 20. Contact Carl Litwin at 610-767-2624 email clitwin1@gmail.com

Parish Picnic Planning Meeting

We're excited to begin preparations for this year's Parish Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, August 3! All parishioners and volunteers are invited to attend our organization meeting to help make this event a success.



Date: Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall

We'll be discussing event logistics, volunteer roles, food and activity planning, and more. Your ideas and support are greatly appreciated!

Let's come together to make this year's picnic a joyful and memorial event.

Warm Fundraising Welcome!

Welcome Laurie Ann Vincent, newly appointed Chairman and Jennifer Kamonick Co-Chairman of Fundraising!

They will be holding a meeting for any parishioner that would like to join the Fundraising Team and help support in Future Events! If you love supporting the community and love event planning, we want you to be a part of our team! We have exciting new Fundraising plans in the works! We would love your support!!

Please sign up in the portico for the Fundraising Team of St Nicholas! Let us know your availability so we can schedule a meeting that is convenient for all! We thank you in advance!! For further details please contact Laurie Ann @ 610-349-9546!

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

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| Sunday: | 5th Sunday of Easter |
| Tuesday: | St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest |
| Wednesday: | St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs |
| Thursday: | St. Rita of Cascia, Religious |
| Next Sunday: | 6th Sunday of Easter |