

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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

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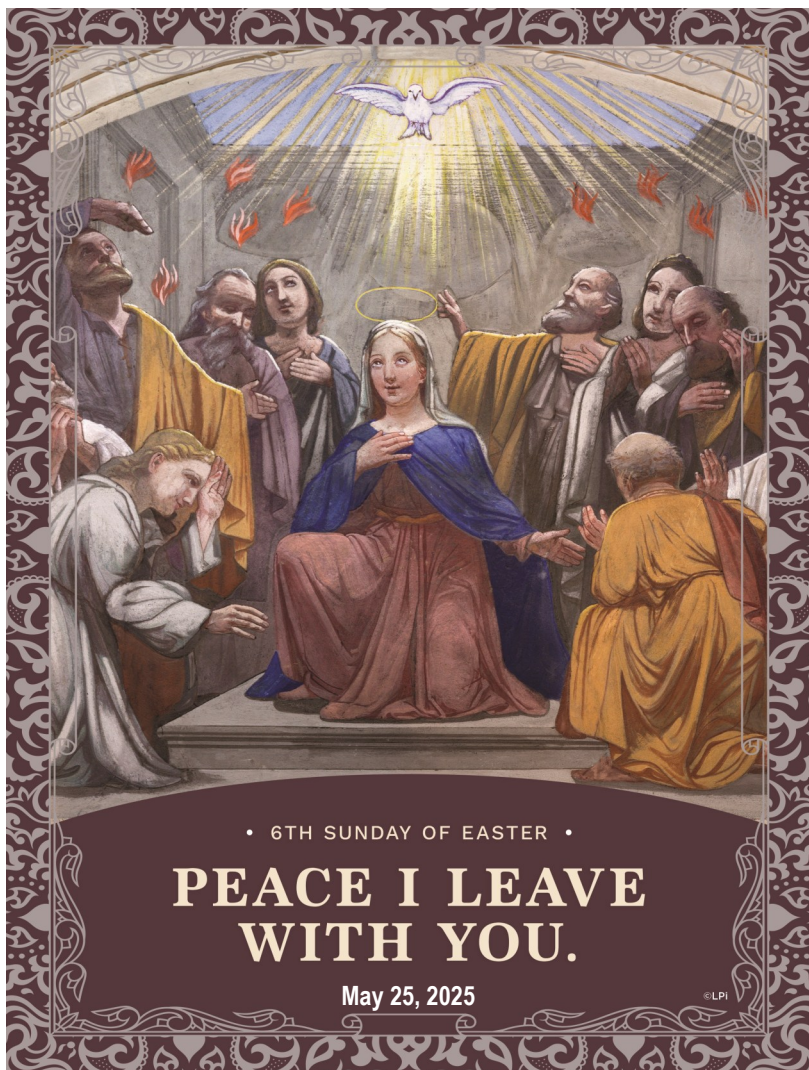
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading — The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

Gospel — "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)
Wednesday: 7:00 PM (**Ascension Vigil**)
Thursday: 7:00 AM (**Ascension**)

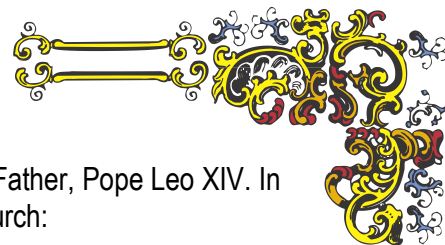
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

I must say I continue to be both impressed and inspired by our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. In his homily for last Sunday, at the Inauguration Mass, said this, referring to the Church:

"For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!"

How wonderful that he says the focus of the Church is to show Christ to the world, and that this is the path to peace and unity among all people. Drawing closer to Christ is the way to overcome every obstacle. This begins at the level of the parish, in fact at the level of each one of us as disciples. It is at the parish where our personal relationship with Our Lord is lived out. It is lived out together, and together, the family of our parish must reveal Christ to the world. This is why this pope, I believe, is going to seek to bring a greater unity to the Church herself. A unity that must be rooted in the truth that is Christ and the Love that is Christ. The Church, and so the parish, cannot be a beacon to the world, or to the community around us, without a unity rooted in both this very same truth and love. Love each other, as He has loved you, believe in the truth that is Christ and then this parish will always continue to thrive and grow and be a refuge of hope to our community.

Below we continue looking at pope's named Leo. I found it fascinating, I hope you do too.

Peace- Father Adam

Pope Leo V- (served as pope in the second half of the year 903) Captured, imprisoned and executed after only two months as pope by a rebellious cardinal who wanted to be pope. The historian Auxilius called him a man of God who led a praiseworthy life of exemplary holiness.

Pope Leo VI (served as pope for seven months from June of 928 until February of 929) Despite this short time in the office of the Holy See, he did manage to carry out a number of acts and Papal bulls. (Bulls are documents in which popes define church teaching or enact church law) The new pope affirmed those decisions that the Synod of Spalato had made. He also called on Christians to defend Rome from the invading Arabs. He also enacted laws to protect the sanctity of marriage.

Pope Leo VII (Served from 936-939) Probably a Benedictine monk, Leo VII was elected with the support of Alberic of Spoleto, the ruler of Rome at that time. Leo granted important privileges to monasteries, especially Cluny, and used Odo of Cluny as a mediator. He tried to bring reform to the clergy in ensuring that they help fast to the teachings of the Church. In a crucial moment for the church, Leo VII refused to permit the archbishop of Mainz to force convert and baptize the Jews living in Germany. Unfortunately, and tragically, Leo did give him authority to expel those Jews who did not convert to the Catholic faith from their resident cities throughout Germany.

Pope Leo VIII (Served from 964-965) First elected in 963 as an anti-pope, then elected legitimately in 964. Leo served for no more than two years in the papal office during a chaotic period in the Catholic Church. His ties to the Holy Roman Emperor led to many questionable decisions that perpetuated interference of the emperor in Church affairs.

Pope Saint Leo IX (served from 1049-1054) The primary goals of St. Leo IX were to eliminate the main evils that he saw in the church of his age. He wanted to do away with the selling and buying of church offices (simony), marriage among the clergy (concubinage), and secular ruler appointments of church offices (lay investiture). To accomplish such major reforms to the Catholic Church, Leo understood that he would need to transform the church into the centerpiece of Christian life and society. This very significant pope was famous for a series of Easter Synods by which he issued a number of decrees to accomplish his goals of reform. He led an army of Italians against Norman invaders. (He lost, was held captive for a time, but eventually won the respect and allegiance of the Normans.) He was canonized in 1082 by Pope Gregory VII.



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 5/26	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Tues 5/27	6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Wed 5/28	7:00 PM	John Stemetzki (Bill & Janice Tanzola)
Thu 5/29	7:00 AM	Donald Latshaw (Cindy Saab)
Fri 5/30	No Mass	
Sat 5/31	4:30 PM	Bruce Trexler (Elaine Jenkins)
Sun 6/1	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)

Paschal Candle

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



Blessing of the Front Exterior of Our Church

Please join me Sunday 1 June after the 10:30AM Mass
as we bless the recently refurbished front of our church
and our 3 new statues!

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 25 to 31

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

Summer Calendar of Events

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



Mass Times for Ascension Thursday

Wednesday Vigil: 7:00 PM after Benediction

Thursday: 7:00 AM



Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

5/18 Collection Envelopes	\$2,960.00
Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
Easter	\$1,000.00
Preservation & Restoration	\$41.00

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

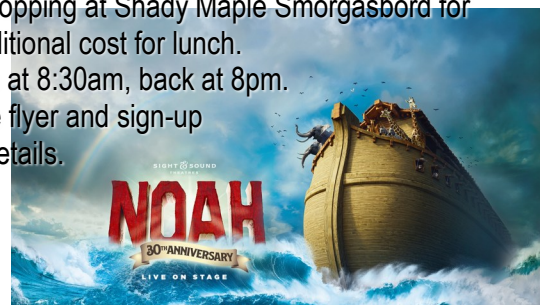
“Noah” Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster

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.

Farewell Announcement for Father Adam

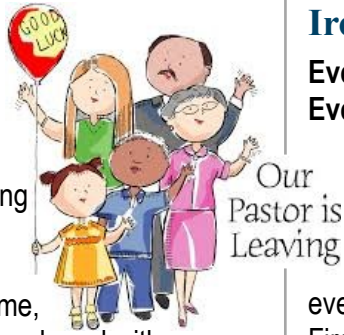
Dear Parish Family,

As many of you may already know, our beloved Father Adam will soon be leaving our parish to begin a new chapter in his ministry. While we are saddened to see him go, we are deeply grateful for the time, guidance, and spiritual leadership he has shared with us.

To honor and thank Father Adam for his dedicated service, we invite everyone to join us after all Masses June 7 and June 8 for a special time of coffee, donuts, other light refreshments and farewell fellowship in the parish hall. This will be a chance for you to personally say goodbye, share memories, and offer your prayers and well-wishes as he prepares for his next assignment at Immaculate Conception BVM Church in Douglassville.

Let us come together in gratitude and love to send Father Adam off with the blessings he has so generously given to us.

With heartfelt thanks,
Cindy Miller



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.



Boy Scouts

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

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.

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.

