

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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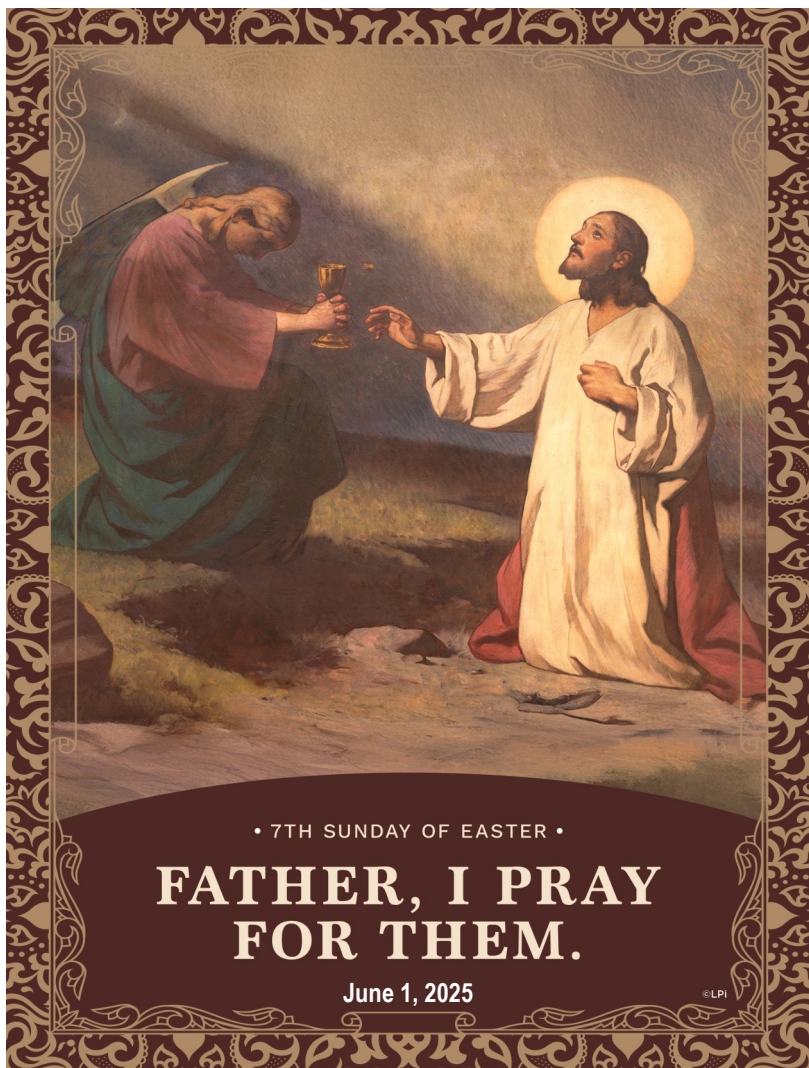
PREP:
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God. (Acts 7:55)

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Second Reading — "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rv 22:13)

Gospel — "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world." (Jn 17:24)

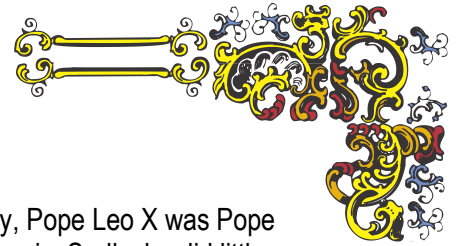
Mass Schedule:

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,

Today we will finish our series on popes named Leo:

Pope Leo X: (served 1513-1521) One of the four infamous popes of the Medici family, Pope Leo X was Pope during the Renaissance and was the Pope who had to condemn Martin Luther's 95 Thesis. Sadly, he did little good to prevent the Protestant fracture and thus lost much of Germany. Though he is considered to be a worldly pope who did spend lavishly and is probably one of the worst popes to every reign, the stories of his debauchery fabricated in the 17th century are clearly untrue. The next pope, Adrian VI, though having a short reign, was a much holier man who did much to strengthen the Church.

Pope Leo XI: (served for only 26 days in the year 1605) Another Medici, the nephew of Leo X. Sadly he caught fever on the day of his installation and never recovered. His own spiritual director was St. Philip Neri, which indicates his own desire for holiness and one wonders what kind of pope he could have been had he lived longer.



Pope Leo XII: (served 1823-1829) His papacy occurred in an era fraught with political upheaval and the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars, a time when the Catholic Church sought to reaffirm its authority and influence amidst the rise of secularism and liberalism. He was personally frugal and reduced taxes in the papal states but he did not control the budget well. His rigorous controls over the Jews (in the Papal States) led to widespread emigration. He conducted 15 beatifications, created Peter Damian a doctor of the Church, and approved the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Pope Leo XIII: (served 1878-1903) His papacy was most notable for the tireless efforts Leo made to bridge the gap between the thinking of the modern world and the Catholic Church. This included his reassertion that religion and science could exist in harmony. Born in 1810 near Rome, Leo XIII began life as Gioacchino Pecci. He is, of course, best known for initiating the practice of writing encyclicals which addressed the Church's understanding of the common good in the world, and especially the rights and dignities of the human person—in other words, social encyclicals, the most famous of which was *Rerum Novarum* (*Of New Things, On Capital and Labor*). Promulgated in 1891, this encyclical also emphasized the Catholic social principle of subsidiarity. Before he became Pope, Leo defended the claims of the papacy and helped to organize the First Vatican Council, which met in 1869-70 and defined papal infallibility. As pope, he displayed a profound interest in education and was known for his outstanding diplomacy with the various national governments. He initiated a revival of Thomism, emphasizing the importance of both St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas as an appropriate intellectual foundation for Catholic philosophical and theological study. He promulgated the encyclical *Aeterni Patris* especially to promote Thomism. He also created the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas and ordered the creation of the critical edition of his works known as the Leonine Edition. Pope Leo XIII also opened the Vatican Archives and refounded the Vatican Observatory. In addition to making the great John Henry Newman a Cardinal, he wrote no fewer than eleven encyclicals on the Rosary (for which he became known as the "Rosary Pope") and approved a number of scapulars. He fostered missions to Eastern Africa and both North and South America, and he consecrated the whole world to the Sacred Heart, began the First Friday devotions, and established the pattern of monthly papal prayer intentions. In 1893, he issued the encyclical *Providentissimus Deus* on the importance of Scripture for theological study. Pope Leo XIII created 147 cardinals during his long reign, of which only 85 were Italian, doing much to internationalize the College of Cardinals. He canonized many saints and declared four Doctors of the Church: Cyril of Alexandria, Cyril of Jerusalem, John of Damascus, and Bede the Venerable. He reassured Thérèse of Lisieux when she was discerning her vocation, and of course he composed and promulgated the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel which is once again being said at the close of Mass in many parishes throughout the world.



I hope you have enjoyed this little foray into Church history by looking at the 13 prior popes named Leo. As we have seen, some became entangled in the politics of the day, some made decisions the Church would later regret and some were deeply holy, saintly popes. Through it all, through servants both sinful and saintly, God continues to work, to guide and protect the Church, the Bride of Christ and all who are members of her. May our new Pope, the 14th to take the name Leo, be saintly and wise and may God protect him and help him to guide His Church today!

Peace- Father Adam



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 6/2	8:30 AM	Tommy Pignataro (Tom & Lisa Pignataro)
Tues 6/3	6:30 PM	Frederick & Annette Antoun (Cindy Saab)
Wed 6/4	8:30 AM	Clifford Steinmetz (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Thu 6/5	8:30 AM	Louise Yany (Sue Hankee)
Fri 6/6	No Mass	
Sat 6/7	4:30 PM	Joan Callie (Rita Brew)
Sun 6/8	8:30 AM	Gerry Haines (Elaine Jenkins)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Carl J. Niedzwiecki)

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 June 1 to 7

*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

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



Legacy Wall Tiles Reminder!

We're re-announcing the Legacy Wall Tile program, which helps support our preservation and restoration projects.

Purchase a tile for yourself, in memory of family or other loved ones, or by asking a business to purchase one as a "friend of the parish" - but please no advertising slogans or phone numbers. Business tiles are in a separate section of the wall.

Small tiles (4x8 inches, up to 84 characters) are \$100 and large tiles (8x8 in., up to 126 char.) are \$200. Forms are available in the porticos or by emailing the office. We need to order tiles in batches of at least 10, so please order and pay by June 30! We might not place another order until next year! If you have any questions, contact Jen Karmonick at 202-669-0836 or jenkarmonick@gmail.com.

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

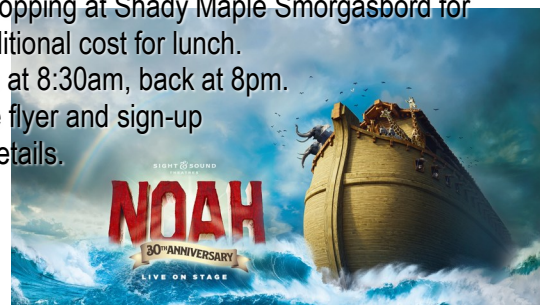
"Noah" Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster

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 Update

Dear Parish Family,

Due to scheduling conflicts, the date has changed for Father Adam's Farewell. It will be held after all masses on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15.

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 14 and June 15 for a special time 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.

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

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.



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!

Time for a Tune-up

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are at the St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson PA on June 20-22, and at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA on October 10-12 and November 14-16. For more info visit: <https://www.wme-philly.org>.



Boy Scouts

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