



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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484-272-2858

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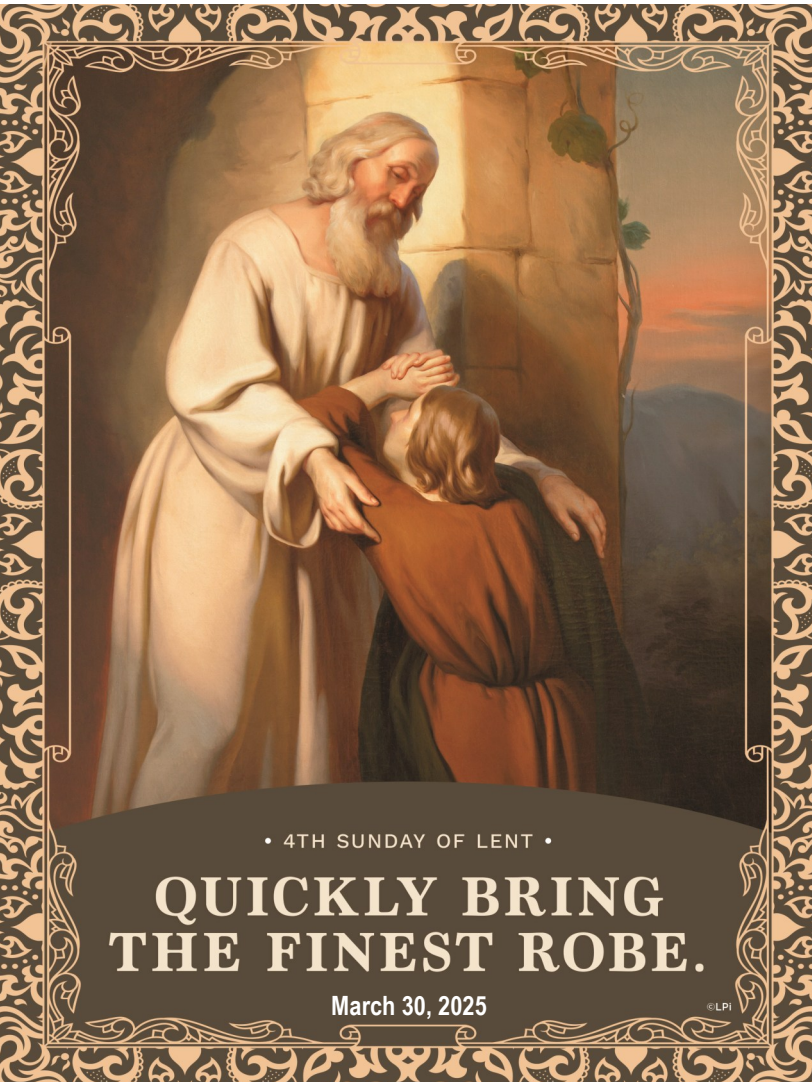
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading — And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel — “But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

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)

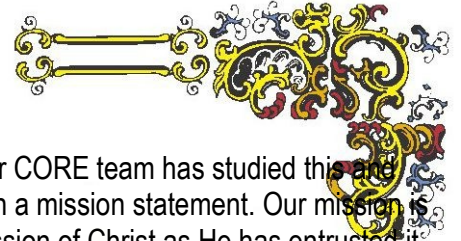
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament

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,

Last weekend I spoke about the parish survey done last year and that our CORE team has studied this and looked to use that survey to begin to develop a plan for our parish. We began with a mission statement. Our mission is to live out here in our local community the Mission of the Church, which is the Mission of Christ as He has entrusted it to His Church. Our Parish Mission Statement must embody and represent the Mission of the Church of Christ and reflect how we live the mission here and now. All that we do as a parish is to be in keeping with our mission and supportive of it.

Our Mission Statement is: "St. Nicholas is a Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Allentown that seeks to live the Catholic Faith in love together through our practice of the Sacramental Life, meditating on the Word of God and sharing the joy of the Gospel with our community."

The opening words reflect our unique identity. We are St. Nicholas- a Catholic Parish. Church law defines a parish as a certain community of the Christian Faithful stably constituted in a particular church (i.e. a diocese), whose care is entrusted to a particular pastor, under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop. This legal definition helps us to see that a parish is part of a Diocese, which we identify in our mission statement. A parish is not an island, nor does it create itself. Our parish is a vital part of the Body of Christ and this bond is ensured by our union with our bishop, who is a successor of the apostles and who is in communion with the successor of St. Peter. This bond ensures both the continuity and purity of our worship and our belief. We believe from within the Church and we worship as the Church. Continuity of right worship and right belief is essential to our mission, in fact, without that, there is no mission.

We live our Catholic Faith in love together. This speaks to our unity, which is built on faith and lived out in charity. Our charity to each other is a hallmark of what it means to be a disciple. Our charity to each other is also the first means by which we evangelize the world. Seeing us live the Gospel in love is a powerful attraction to the Way of Christ.

We live the Gospel through the sacraments. These are the great powers that flow from Christ's Body, bringing the grace of salvation, which heals, forgives, cleanses and sanctifies all who will come to Him. From the grace of the sacraments the whole world is transformed, evil is defeated, Christ conquers. At the heart of the sacraments is the Holy Eucharist, the source and the summit of our lives.

We meditate on the Word of God. Through His Word, God has revealed His very self and all that we need to know. In His revealed Word we find the blueprint for human life, we discover the meaning and purpose of our creation and discover that the brotherhood and solidarity of humanity is deeply rooted in the Fatherhood of God.

We share the joy of the Gospel. The Good News given to us is not to be hidden away. It is to be shared. We do that by word and action, in proclaiming and giving witness to the truth and in generous works of charity. We do this individually as disciples and together as a family of faith.

In all of this we support each other in growing together in holiness and helping each other along the way to eternal life. This is what a parish is and what a parish does and how blessed we are to be here at St. Nicholas!

Peace- Father Adam

Readings the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53



Extra Confessions for Lent

- Tuesday April 1 7PM
- Thursday April 3 7PM (AT SACRED HEART PALMERTON)
- Sunday April 6 at 3PM (AT ASSUMPTION SLATINGTON)
- Wednesday April 9 at 5:30PM
- Tuesday April 15 at 5:30PM
- Wednesday April 16 at 7:30PM



Mass Intentions

- Sat 3/29 4:30 PM Bruce Trexler (Mary Louise Trexler)
 Sun 3/30 8:30 AM George Woytko
 (Mary Woytko & Susanne Amici)
 10:30 AM Cliff Steinmetz
 (The Heiczinger Family)
 Mon 3/31 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Tue 4/1 6:30 PM George Woytko (Carl Niedzwiecki)
 Wed 4/2 8:30 AM Mike Harkness (Ellen Knoblach)
 Thu 4/3 8:30 AM Nadene Bullock (Health/Living)
 (Ellen Knoblach)
 Fri 4/4 No Mass
 Sat 4/5 4:30 PM Bruce Trexler (Family)
 Sun 4/6 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Catherine Niedzwiecki (Joe Hrobat)

Counting Our Blessings

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| 3/9 | Collection Envelopes | \$4,298.00 |
| | Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses | \$7,352.00 |
| | Ash Wednesday | \$864.00 |
| | Preservation & Restoration | \$536.00 |

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!



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place every Wednesday of Lent after 6:30 Benediction beginning March 12.



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 March 30 to April 5

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of St. Nicholas Memorial Society Wednesday Adorers

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

Free Lenten Movie Event

Join us for a special movie event featuring films for all ages on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at noon.

"The Passion of the Christ" directed by Mel Gibson (for adults) in the Social Hall

"VeggieTales" (for children) in the Parish Center

Please sign up in the portico or email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org



Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail dkine224@gmail.com with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our prayer list is now connected with Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a **Universal Prayer Chain**. This is a HUGE step for us because those on our prayer list will be having prayers said for them all over the world...Praise God!



If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick, and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery. Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!

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.

Fun Plant & Sip Event

Join us for our Plant & Sip event, where you can unwind, have fun, and let your inner gardener shine on

Tuesday, May 13 from 6:00 to 7:30pm!

Bring your container and choose between planting a flower or tomato plant.

Flower cost is \$25. Tomato Plant is \$15. Sip & relax while you get your hands dirty and embrace your creativity. Meet in the Church parking lot. RSVP by signing up in the Portico. Any questions, please contact Deborah Fritz at 610-463-6093 or Crystal Zambelli at 610-554-3845 or email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

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.

St Nicholas' Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio and Exposition of Relics of Saints and Martyrs

A special Parish event at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA, will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025. Father Adam will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Grace Chapel, starting promptly at 11:30 AM. Immediately after mass the itinerary includes: Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio and Self-guided tour of the Exposition of Relics of Saints and Martyrs (starts at noon) and the Museum in the Cultural Center. The Exposition of Relics is only available from April 23 to May 1. Pavilion is available for those who wish to bring a lunch. Own transportation. Centre closes at 4:30 PM. Please sign up in the portico or email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org.



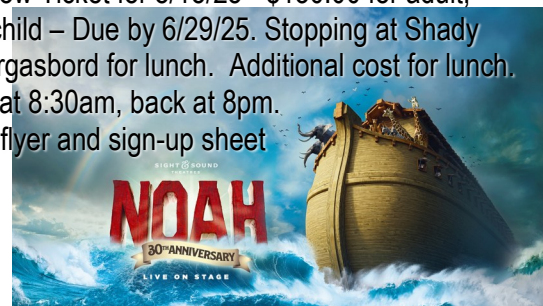
"Noah" is coming to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster

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) or Friday, August 15 at 3pm bus trip (transportation and show). Limited number of tickets.

Show only Ticket for 7/26/25 - \$87.00 for adult, \$42.00 for child- Due by 6/8/25

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 Church Homemade EASTER CANDY, BAKED GOODS, & CRAFTS Sale

April 12: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. & April 13: 9 a.m. - Noon

4412 W. Mountain View Dr., Walnutport

Filled Eggs • Bunnies • Lollipops • Crosses • Chips • Pretzels • Nuts and More!

Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-orders are recommended!

Pre-order options:

- Pick up an order form available in the vestibules
- Go to <https://form.jotform.com/230387489024158> to order on-line
- Or scan this QR code



All pre-orders are due by March 31 and will be confirmed once received!

We Hope to See You at the Sale!



Observances the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: April Fools' Day
Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
(See Saint Biography)
Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Our Bible Study began February 27th and continues every other Thursday until June 5, 2025. This is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this Bible Study places you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.



Join us for this 8-week video study program. We meet every other week from 6:30PM to 8:15PM for an engaging video presentation by Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, call or text Gene Ballas at 610-533-1617 and/or geneballas@msn.com. We hope you will join us!

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

Spring Cemetery Clean-up

All decorations in the cemetery are to be removed and disposed of by April 5. Also, please do not place any plastic in the cemetery burn pit.

Saint Biography | St. Isidore

Isidore of Seville was a scholar, theologian, and archbishop of Seville.

After the death of his brother, Bishop Leander of Seville on 13 March 600 or 601, Isidore succeeded him to the See of Seville presiding over several synods and a National Council.

Isidore was one of the last of the ancient Christian philosophers. He has been called the most learned man of his age by some scholars, and he exercised a far-reaching and immeasurable influence on the educational life of the Middle Ages.

The Eighth Council of Toledo (653) recorded its admiration of his character in these glowing terms: "The extraordinary doctor, the latest ornament of the Catholic Church, the most learned man of the latter ages, always to be named with reverence, Isidore".

Isidore's authored more than a dozen major works on various topics including mathematics, holy scripture, and monastic life in his lifetime. All were written in Latin.

Isidore of Seville died on 4 April 636 after serving more than 32 years as archbishop of Seville. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1722 by Pope Innocent XIII. Today, St. Isidore Island in Antarctica is named after him.

