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Diego Is Home: Thanks Be to God!

Update by Bernadette Lloyd Adams, Godmother to Diego

Diego is home!

Thanks be to God he is doing much better than before.

He had to return to the hospital for four weeks after not being able to gain sufficient weight. While he was there the doctors discovered that his feeding tube (which went through his nose) was causing him to vomit, which explains his inability to gain weight. The doctors changed his feeding tube to be a G tube, one that goes directly into his stomach.

Since the feeding tube transfer, he is much happier and gaining weight!

The doctors were also able to give Diego hernia surgery which, thank God, went well.

Perhaps the most frightening part of the hospital stay was Diego's pneumatosis: a condition which traps air inside of the bowels. The way that the doctors fixed the pneumatosis was by not feeding Diego so that his stomach emptied out completely in order for his bowels to rest. Diego was six. days. without. food.

Now imagine the worry and sorrow of these poor parents Maria and Andres who are watching their child cry for food for six agonizingly long days. I am sure it would send any one of us into a spiral of despair in God's mercy and providence.

Thanks to your prayers that has not happened.

Thanks be to God Diego survived those six days AND is now home!

So, what's next? The doctors have informed Maria and Andres that if he continues to gain weight steadily that he will be ready for his next surgery in a few months which will be another open-heart surgery called the Yasui procedure.

Please continue to pray for the Youshimats family, who are in serious need of the Divine Assistance.

How can we expect, in Christian Hope, as an extension of liturgical & family & personal prayer, that He will come swiftly to their aid?

One way is by the alms-giving of us, the Family's fellow-members in the local Body of Christ.

Please do continue to offer your benefactions for the family. Donations of money do help Andres to recover months of lost wages, cover weekly travel between Willow Have Farm & CHOP, meals away from home, medical-related expenses, and Lord knows how many other immediate needs as they care for Diego through the surgeries ahead.

You may of course present gifts directly to Andres and Maria when you next meet them. Or, donate online through the SNBS, which will restrict 100% of your gift to pay off their debts in your name and in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.

Donate to Assist the
Youshimats Family

A Work of Charity Bears Fruit

Several years ago, a married couple, Holy Ghost parishioners, and their children were on their way to Mass when they encountered a woman alone on the ground in need at a gas station. It was cold, and she had nowhere to go. They invited her to come with them to Mass and afterward welcomed her to the parish agapē.

That simple act of charity became something more. The Friends of St. Nicholas took up her case, providing temporary lodging, food, transportation, a phone, and other assistance as she worked to regain stability. Eventually, we lost contact with her and could only pray that she had found her way forward.

Recently, completely unexpectedly, the parishioner received a text from her. Three years later, she is back on her feet. She has two jobs, a car, a home in New Jersey, and, perhaps most importantly, a support system.

Her message is a wonderful reminder that we do not always get to see the fruits of an act of charity. Sometimes we simply help the person God has placed before us and entrust what follows to Divine Providence.

Message received:

Hey it's Cynthia 3 years ago you and your wife saw me on the side of a gas station and took me to your church

My life was in a bad spot. And you didn't even know me and you and your family helped me out. Just wanted to say thank you. I'm back on my feet I live in Ventnor nj I have 2 jobs a car now and a support system. So thank you for taking a chance on a complete stranger. Hope you and your family is well. Thank you

Thanks for being the first good people I met since I've been on the east coast. Take care

A Work of Mercy Close to Home

Following major surgery in June, Pamela, a convert received into Holy Church by Fr. Favole, and who had previously been a happy part of the St. Stephen's parish community, returned to the Lehigh Valley after several years in Georgia. Still recovering from a serious surgery and not yet able to resume regular employment, she found herself with few resources and several immediate needs. Holy Ghost parishioners Reuben & Tessa DeMaster generously provided her with housing at Willow Haven Farm and practical support while she recovered, and the other Friends of St. Nicholas soon began working with her to determine how the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society could help.

The SNBS responded with practical assistance aimed at helping Pamela regain stability. The Friends arranged payment of several pressing obligations and then helped make possible her return to Savannah, where her household belongings and personal effects remained in storage. With assistance from our sister charitable organization, **the National Coalition of Clergy & Laity (NCCL)**, transportation was arranged so that Pamela could retrieve her possessions, close out her affairs in Georgia and bring her belongings home to Pennsylvania. Mrs. Tami Koerber graciously arranged for Pamela to stay with devout couple in Savannah.

This is precisely the sort of quiet work for which the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society was established: Roman Catholics recognizing a neighbor in difficulty and responding with concrete acts of charity. In Pamela's case, that meant not merely easing an immediate burden but helping provide the practical foundation from which she could recover, return to work and once again establish herself in our community.

Pilgrimage for Restoration

Join fellow Catholics for the 31st annual, all-traditional Pilgrimage for Restoration to the **Shrine of Our Blessed Lady's Martyrs at Auriesville, New York**, September 25–27, 2026. Make pilgrimage in penance and reparation for sin, to beg God's help for your needs and intentions, and to give thanks for His many blessings.

To learn more or register, speak with parishioners who have made the pilgrimage, take a postcard from the front or back of the church, or visit **Pilgrimage-for-Restoration.org**.

Please Support Our Sacred Music Ministry

The Choir Director plays a vital role in preserving and promoting the Church's sacred musical tradition at the parish. Its work includes preparing, teaching, and directing Gregorian chant and other sacred music for the weekly holy Mass, helping to foster the beauty and reverence proper to the Holy Sacrifice.

The Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society provides a modest stipend to assist with expenses connected with this ministry, including travel and the purchase of music resources. **Donate online** or use a donation box located near the confessionals and the Infant of Prague statue on the St. Joseph side of the church. As you enter or leave church, please consider placing spare cash in the box to support this worthy ministry. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Are You Willing to Serve?

The Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society is seeking committed Catholics to help strengthen and expand its charitable work within our community. Since 2018, the Society has assisted individuals and families in need through all sorts of works of mercy, financial aid, scholarships, job search, moving, and you name it.

We invite Friends of St. Nicholas (as we call ourselves) to join the charity. We are also seeking volunteers for the Board of Directors, including Treasurer, Secretary and Director positions. Experience in finance, accounting, law, social work or assisting the homeless would be valuable but not necessary. Board service offers an opportunity to contribute your skills directly to the Society's mission and help guide its charitable efforts.

If you are interested in serving, please contact an SNBS Officer or **Info@SaintNicholasBeneficial.org**. You can also support the Society by volunteering, becoming a Friend of St. Nicholas or **making a donation**.