

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

February 2-3, 2019

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Welcome to Saint Nicholas Parish!

We are glad you have joined us for worship. We invite you to join in our worship and singing as much as you feel comfortable. Songbooks can be found at the back of church near the entrances. Restrooms are in the back of church to the right of the stained glass window. A cry room can be found on the right side of church. Please let an usher know if you need anything. We hope you will come again soon.

Parish Vision Statement

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church is a community of grace, healing and salvation. Jesus Christ and his Gospel are the heart of our parish and it is in this sanctuary that we find a sense of meaning and purpose. The celebrations of Mass and the sacraments are the means by which we give glory to God. The Eucharist is the food that nourishes our life with Christ, and in him alone do we have faith and find our hope. Our love for Jesus makes us willing to share our time, talent and treasure with our neighbors on earth to build the Kingdom of God. St. Nicholas Church is our support and our family, and we welcome all to join us in worship and service.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Reverend Mel Ayala
Weekend Assistant: Reverend Paul Hill
Permanent Deacon: Deacon Perry Iannaconi
Dir. of Religious Education & Youth Ministry (Ext 109): Hope Benson
Dir. of Evangelization (Ext 111): Kathy Schmitt
Dir. of Music (301) 213-3031: Stu Knazik
Parish Secretary: Brinda Albert
Support Staff: Debbie Rausch

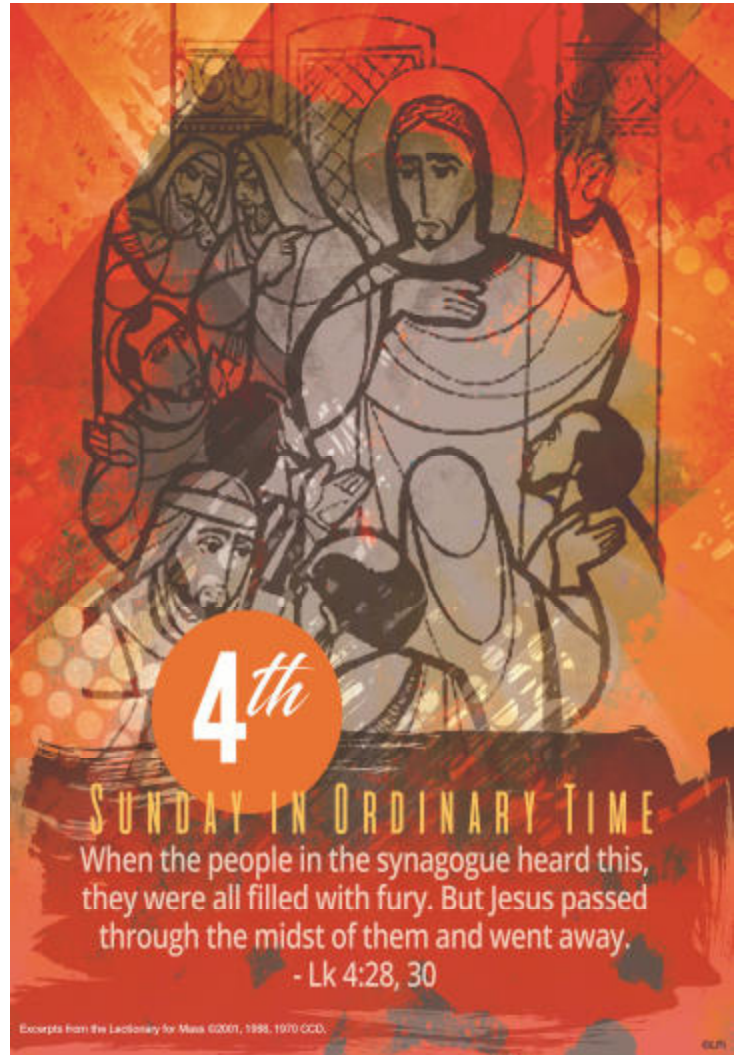
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

Daily Mass Monday to Saturday at 8:30 a.m.; additionally, First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration at 6:30 p.m.

Confessions Saturday from 4:00-4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Sunday Masses Saturday (Vigil) at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

New to the Parish? Welcome! Contact the Rectory Office or see an usher to register.



Sacrament of Baptism Congratulations on the birth of your child. To arrange your child's Baptism, parents shall be registered in the parish for at least three (3) months, then attend one required Baptism Preparation Class on Sun., Feb. 10, Mar. 10, or Apr. 14, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass; finally, the Baptismal Application & the Godparent Form must be completed and submitted. The Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled after the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on Feb. 24, Mar. 24, or Apr. 28. Please confirm the date with the Baptism Coordinator before making arrangements. For more information, contact Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or lp Cunanan128@verizon.net.

First Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation Contact the Director of Religious Education for more information.

RCIA If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wish to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, contact Kathy Schmitt (kschmitt123@yahoo.com).

Marriage Archdiocesan regulations require that preparation with a priest or deacon begins no less than six months prior to the date of marriage. Pre-nuptial counseling and instructions are required. Contact the rectory for more information.

Vocations Contact Father Mel or Deacon Perry if you are interested in vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, or religious life.

Anointing of the Sick Please notify us concerning any parishioners who are sick or homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes. In case of serious illness or sudden death, notify the rectory immediately.

Funerals Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Feb. 4	8:30 a.m.	For Vocations to the Priesthood
Tue. Feb. 5	8:30 a.m.	+Teresita Punsalan
Wed. Feb. 6	8:30 a.m.	For Healing in the Church
Thur. Feb. 7	8:30 a.m.	+Michael Crotty
Fri. Feb. 8	8:30 a.m.	+Yang Gomez
Sat. Feb. 9	8:30 a.m.	Mmgr. Dominic Sunday Ajayi [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)

Masses	Feb. 2 / 3	Feb. 9 / 10
5:00 p.m.	+Assunda Nuth	Sevilla & Lamberto Lauguico [50th Wedding Anniversary] (L)
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	For Our Country
9:30 a.m.	+Germaine Kanga	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	Mabeh Sih + Child (L)	Ezekiel & Gloria Ajetunmobi (L)

Oremus pro invicem

Please Pray For: Paz Belandres, Kelvin Brown, Florence Germann, Marion Gould, Merle Joseph, Gene Kearney, Joan Keating, Doris Menjivar, Zaida Morris, Therese Kenfack Ndongmo, Debbie Lynn Mauer, Dot Robel, Doris Rosenberg, Erin Tiamson, Ernestine & Oliver Wilford, & Henry Woloszyn. Call the rectory to add or remove someone.

St. Nicholas Prayer Warriors Send prayer requests to Rita McGlothlin, 301-498-7019, ritamarymcg@gmail.com.

Junior Prayer Warriors Our St. Nicholas Junior Prayer Warriors meet every 4th Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Info: contact Rita McGlothlin, 301-498-7019, ritamarymcg@gmail.com.

Just a Reminder!

Faith Direct I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Visit: www.faithdirect.net, & use our church code: MD607. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless you! Father Mel.

St. Nicholas Capital Campaign It is not too late to make a pledge to our Capital Campaign. Our roof is repaired & we are making the inside of the church ready for the forthcoming start of construction on the hall. Thank you!

International Catholics of St. Nicholas ICSN meets every 4th Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Info: Justin Harris, jumoharris@verizon.net.

Knights of Columbus Deacon John Lynn Council meets in the Social Area on every 2nd & 4th Tues., at 7:30 p.m. The 2nd Tues. is a social, with pizza, punch & an educational movie. (**Next Social:** Feb. 12th, at 7:30 p.m.). The 4th Tues. is the business meeting (**Next Bus. Mtg:** Feb. 26, 2019). Info: Charles Hall, Grand Knight, 301-395-8267, or knossingtongrang@aol.com.

Mass Intentions If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one (living or deceased), St. Nicholas has a Mass Intentions Book available in the Church Office (in back of church) after the weekend Masses & in the Rectory Office during the office hours listed on the front of the bulletin. Mass Cards are also available. There is a suggested donation of \$10-\$15. Thank you.

Domestic Abuse & Human Trafficking If you need help, 2-1-1 is the number to call. In Baltimore, call 410-685-0525. Elsewhere in Maryland, call 1-800-492-0618. Help at St. Nicholas for Domestic Violence can be had by appointment. Call 301-367-2568.

Altar Serving If you are at least 10 years old, have already received First Communion, and are interested in becoming an Altar Server, registration forms are available on the tables in back of the church. Please fill one out and put it in the return folder next to the forms. If you are already a server, please fill one out as well and leave it in the folder. Thank you. Info: Katie Vaughn, 301-906-9435, or ktvaughn1018@gmail.com.

St. Nicholas Young Adults Group The purpose of the young adults group at Saint Nicholas is to help engage youthful Catholics in their faith and to foster friendship, love, and hope among young citizens of the church. If you are seeking to learn more about your faith and have fun at the same time, then please join us and experience the joy of the Christian life. We welcome everyone between the ages of 18-40 (singles, couples, parents...etc). Our meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact: Elveda Doe, 301-408-9275, or elgradiadoe@gmail.com. Thank you.

Laurel Winter Shelter Shelter Coordinators Tom and Karen Arnold, Rick and Mary Boivin, and Mimi Nostro, wish to extend thanks to Fr. Mel, the church staff, and all who participated to make the shelter program a success this year. We hope to have as many of you as possible back for the program again next year!

Upcoming Events at St. Nicholas Parish

In His Presence In His Presence will be held on Wed., Feb. 6th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We will join in praise, reflection, Adoration, & healing prayer! All are welcome.

Spiritual Gifts Class Join Dave Michaels on Sun., Feb. 10th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Mother Teresa Classroom for a 90 minute introduction to Called & Gifted. See for yourself how you can uncover your Spiritual Gifts and unfold new meaning in your life. For more information, contact Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119 or kschmitt123@yahoo.com.

Bazaar Committee Meeting There will be a meeting of the Bazaar Planning Committee on Tues., Feb. 12th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Mother Teresa Room, to decide on the feasibility of having a scaled-down Bazaar this year. Questions: Pat, 301-776-4645.

Looking Ahead Every Lent, parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington collect food to help food-insecure families and individuals in our community. Food-insecurity is a local and national reality for many families. In Maryland, 10.1% of the population is food-insecure. The current partial government shutdown has not helped this situation. It does bring focus on how quickly any of us could become food and financially insecure. More info about our Lenten Food Drive and the CRS Rice Bowl Program will appear in the bulletin as we get closer to Lent. Thank you for all you do to help our community!

News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese

St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School News To apply, click the Admissions tab & select: "Apply Now". Preschool: children must be 4 by Sept. 1 & Kindergarten children must be 5. Info: 301-937-7154. Applications for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program are still open for **NEW** Families who would like to go to Catholic School next year. Aid is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. Applications are available now & need to be **completed by this Monday, February 4th**, for tuition assistance for the following school year. Info: <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>. School Hours: 8:10 a.m.-3:20 p.m.; Before Care Hours: 6:45 a.m.- 8:10 a.m.; After Care Hours: 3:20 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Info: Website: www.stjosrcs.org; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>.

Catholic School Open Houses Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Catholic schools instill a life-long love of learning in a safe & faith-filled environment. The Archdiocese of Washington has 93 Catholic Schools, from preschools through high schools. They are located throughout the District of Columbia & in five Maryland Counties: Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's. Take the first step by visiting an open house near you. Learn more at adwcatholicsschools.org, schools@adw.org, or 301-853-4518.

Office for Family Life Men's Retreat The Archdiocese of Washington's Office for Family Life invites you to a men's retreat in Kearneysville, West Virginia, on Feb. 8-10, 2019. The theme for the retreat is "Man's Vocation: Priest, Prophet, and King". It will be led by Fr. Dave Wells and Fr. Rick Kramer and includes talks, Mass, Adoration, & Confessions. Cost: \$235, double occupancy, includes accommodation & meals. It will be held at the Priestfield Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV, 25430. Register at: <https://2019adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com>.

Making Valentines for Homeless Women The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a card-making event from 2:00-4:00 p.m., on Sun., Feb. 10th, at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Wheaton, MD, 20902, to create cards for residents of the Harriet Tubman Shelter in DC. All supplies will be provided. Come as you are for fellowship and snacks. (Ages 16 and older are welcome). Ticket cost: \$5 at ValentineParty.eventbrite.com. Questions: Rose Folsom, ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

Office of Consecrated Life The Office of Consecrated Life serves the religious brothers, sisters, and priests; hermits/anchorites/virgins; and members of Societies of Apostolic Life & Secular Institutes in the Archdiocese of Washington. Do you have an interest in the religious life & wish to discern further? Info: Sr. Gilmory Kay, RSM, Archdiocesan Delegate for Consecrated Life, 301-853-4576, kayg@adw.org, or Martin Mitchell, 301-853-4490, mitchellm@adw.org.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps The IVC, a Jesuit-sponsored organization that provides men & women aged 50+ (retired or semi-retired) with opportunities to share their skills, talents & life experiences with nonprofit organizations that assist the materially poor or address policy issues related to poverty, is looking for volunteers. It has a spiritual reflection component that helps volunteers discover deeper meaning in their service. Info: Mike Goggin, Director of the DC/Metro MD Region, 202-277-4447, mgoggin@ivcusa, or www.ivcusa (click on "DC-Metro MD").

Daily Rosary Call The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Daily Rosary Call from Sept. 5, 2018 - Sept. 4, 2019, at 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, from Mondays through Saturdays, for the healing of the Church and its members. All are invited to participate. The number to call: 605-468-8016 & insert the code- 357090#. Info: archdiocesecw@gmail.com.

Marriage Renewal Workshop Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center will hold a marriage workshop entitled, "Healing Your Love: Tools for Overcoming Obstacles in Marriage". It is a Christ-centered workshop that helps couples looking to reconnect, repair, and re-energize their marriage & is scheduled for Mar. 9-10 & Nov. 16-17, 2019. Cost: \$600/couple. Included in the program: the 2-day workshop fee, materials, expert therapist & facilitator guidance, & breakfast, lunch, snacks, & beverages throughout the weekend. (Please note: it is **not** an overnight program). Info & to register online: www.ourladyofbethesda.org, 301-365-0612. Location: 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD, 20817.

Sunday TV Mass Do you know someone who can't get to Mass on Sunday? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Info: adw.org/tvmas, or 301-853-4517.

Items of Interest

Silent Retreat Weekends Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers retreats for men and women based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Upcoming dates: Spiritual Exercises for Women— Apr. 12-14, May 31-Jun. 2, & Sep. 6-8, 2019 / 3-day retreat / \$250 per person. Spiritual Exercises for Men— Mar. 15-17, & Aug. 16-18, 2019 / 3-day retreat / \$250 per person. Location: 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD, 20817. Info: www.ourladyofbethesda.org, or 301-365-0612.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives the tools for a strong vibrant marriage. Start your new year out right and sign up today for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb. 8-10 or Oct. 25-27 in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. Early registration is highly recommended. More info: www.moments4marriage.org.



This Week's Activities At-a-Glance

SAT / 2	Religious Ed— 9:30-10:45 a.m., Grades 1-6; First Saturday Marian Devotions (Rosary) recited after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are welcome!
MON / 4	Religious Ed— 7:00-8:15 p.m., Grades 7-8
TUES / 5	RCIA— 7:00-8:30 p.m.
WED / 6	In His Presence— 7:00-9:00 p.m.
SAT / 9	Religious Ed— 9:30-10:45 a.m., Grades 1-6

Readings for February 9 / 10

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
 Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for February 9 / 10

	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Miki Hickey Hope Benson	Marion Gould Corinne Remy Sharon Tredway
8:00 a.m.	Chuck Murnane Chuck Wolters	Rita Olaley Benedict Olaley Donna Cellini
9:30 a.m.	Mary Boivin Stefan Abresch	Rick Boivin Metuge Antoinette Ginny Brown
11:30 a.m.	Arnie Rausch Mary Kiganda	Ezekiel Ajetunmobi Chichi Adol Praxi Belandres


Altar Servers Schedule for February 9 / 10

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Dominic Simon	Carl Alex Joie	MaryAnn	Angela Eria Elijah Anthony

Parish Bulletin Deadline Please submit items by Thurs., at Noon for publication in the parish bulletin 10 days later to Debbie at rauschda@gmail.com. Thank you.

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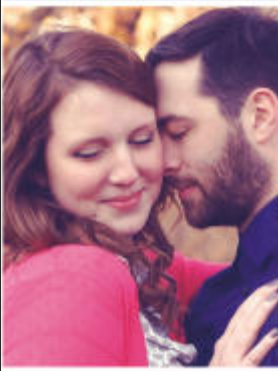
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