

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

February 9-10, 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.



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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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 ipcunanan128@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. 11	8:30 a.m.	+Gerard Robert Bernacchia
Tue. Feb. 12	8:30 a.m.	Veronica Olusola Obayi [Thanksgiving] (L)
Wed. Feb. 13	8:30 a.m.	Seun Emenanjo [Birthday] (L)
Thur. Feb. 14	8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Thesophilus Fadeyi [Ordination Anniversary Thanksgiving] (L)
Fri. Feb. 15	8:30 a.m.	+Theresa Norma Stewart
Sat. Feb. 16	8:30 a.m.	Genevieve Ore Obayi [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
Masses	Feb. 9 / 10	Feb. 16 / 17
5:00 p.m.	Sevilla & Lamberto Lauguico [50th Wedding Anniversary] (L)	+Lilia Tinio [Repose of Her Soul]
8:00 a.m.	For Our Country	+Abraham Joseph
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Franklin & Andre Eba (L)
11:30 a.m.	Ezekiel & Gloria Ajetunmobi (L)	Parishioners of St. Nicholas

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.: *St. Philip Neri*). The 4th Tues. is the business meeting (Next Bus. Mtg: Feb. 26, 2019). Info: Charles Hall, Grand Knight, 301-395-8267, or knossingtonrang@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

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 & individuals in our community. Food-insecurity is a local & national reality for many families. In Maryland, 10.1% of the population is food-insecure. More info about our Lenten Food Drive, the CRS Rice Bowl Program, the up-coming liturgical schedule, and other activities will appear in the bulletin as we get closer to Lent. Thank you for all you do to help our parish and our local community!

“Vocations Tree” Coming Soon! What’s a “Vocations Tree”? Shortly before Ash Wednesday, you’ll find a “tree” in the church foyer covered with cards that each feature a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Washington. We invite you to choose a card (or more than one!) and commit to praying a short prayer for that seminarian each day during Lent as part of your Lenten activities.

Adult Confirmation Classes We will have six preparatory classes on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in church, from Feb. 24-Mar. 31. Confirmation is Jun. 9th at the Cathedral. These classes are for Catholic adults, 18 years and older, who have been baptized & made First Communion, but need the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119, or kschmitt123@yahoo.com, to sign up.

Small Group Leaders Needed We will have small groups meeting during Lent to discuss the Sunday readings from Mass, & leaders are needed. We will use a booklet from Renew International (cost is \$12). This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith! You decide the time & day. To volunteer, please contact Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119, or kschmitt123@yahoo.com.

Bus Trip to the Museum of the Bible The Social Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible, on Sat., Mar. 9th. Sign-ups will be in the “new” social area soon. Cost and further details will be in a later bulletin. Questions: Sonia- 240-264-1821.

News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese

“Respect Life” Training Seminar 40 Days for Life will sponsor a training seminar on Sat., Feb. 23rd, at St. Hugh Church’s Grenoble Hall, 135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD, 20770, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. It will teach how to advance the cause, respecting life, working as a team leader of one of five work groups. Register at: <https://www.justRSVP.me/40daysclass>. Donation:\$10 at the door. Lunch & refreshments are included. Info: Tom, 240-593-6982.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington This organization is for single Catholics, ages 21-65-plus, meeting in social, religious, & cultural settings. Info: Tricia at 301-460-9195, or <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org>.

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. 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 adwcatholicschools.org, schools@adw.org, or 301-853-4518.

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.

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.

Help for Marriages in Trouble Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Have you stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, call 443-400-7017, email 3015@retrovaille.org, or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Maryland Catholic Conference The Conference’s staff is addressing a host of legislative issues of interest to Catholics in Maryland served by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington. Want to stay informed? The Catholic Advocacy Network will send you updates. Sign up at: <http://www.mdatholic.org/joincan>.

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 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	
SUN / 10	Dave Michaels introduces the Called & Gifted Seminar, which explores one’s Spiritual Gifts, today , at 1:30 p.m., in the Mother Teresa Room. All welcome!
MON / 11	Religious Ed– 7:00-8:15 p.m., Grades 7-8
TUES / 12	RCIA– 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Knights of Columbus Social, Pizza & Movie, “St. Philip Neri”, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church, all are welcome; Bazaar Planning Committee Meeting, Mother Teresa Room, 7:00 p.m.
WED / 13	Charismatic Prayer Group- 7:00-9:00 p.m.
SAT / 16	Religious Ed– 9:30-10:45 a.m., Grades 1-6

Readings for February 16 / 17

First Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-8
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel	Luke 6:17, 20-26

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for February 16 / 17

	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Katie Vaughn Martha Edmonds	Kevin Igoe Katie Vaughn Rita Goerling
8:00 a.m.	Esther Olaley John McLean	Victor Gaw Susan Habig Basilia Ihenachor
9:30 a.m.	Dave Ranaghan Sharon Campbell	Conrad Onuoha Andre Eba John Oliver
11:30 a.m.	Charles Hall David Flynn	Kenneth King Obi Anyanwu Martha Borger


Altar Servers Schedule for February 16 / 17

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Thalia	Brandon Gabriel Raphael	Ryan Mia Noelle	Amani Anthony Victoria Noela

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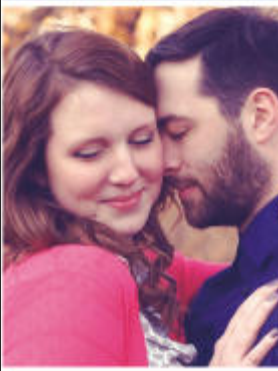
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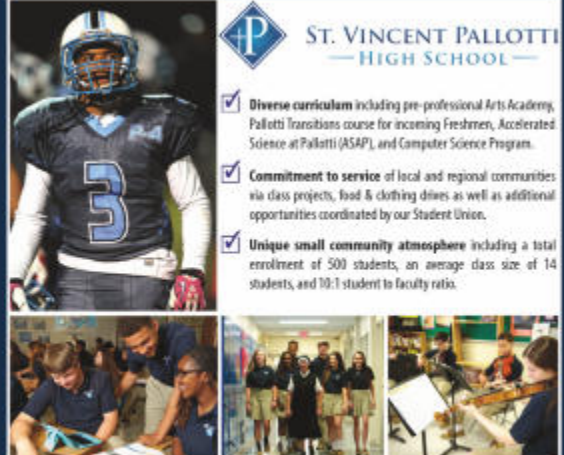


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