

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

June 22-23, 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

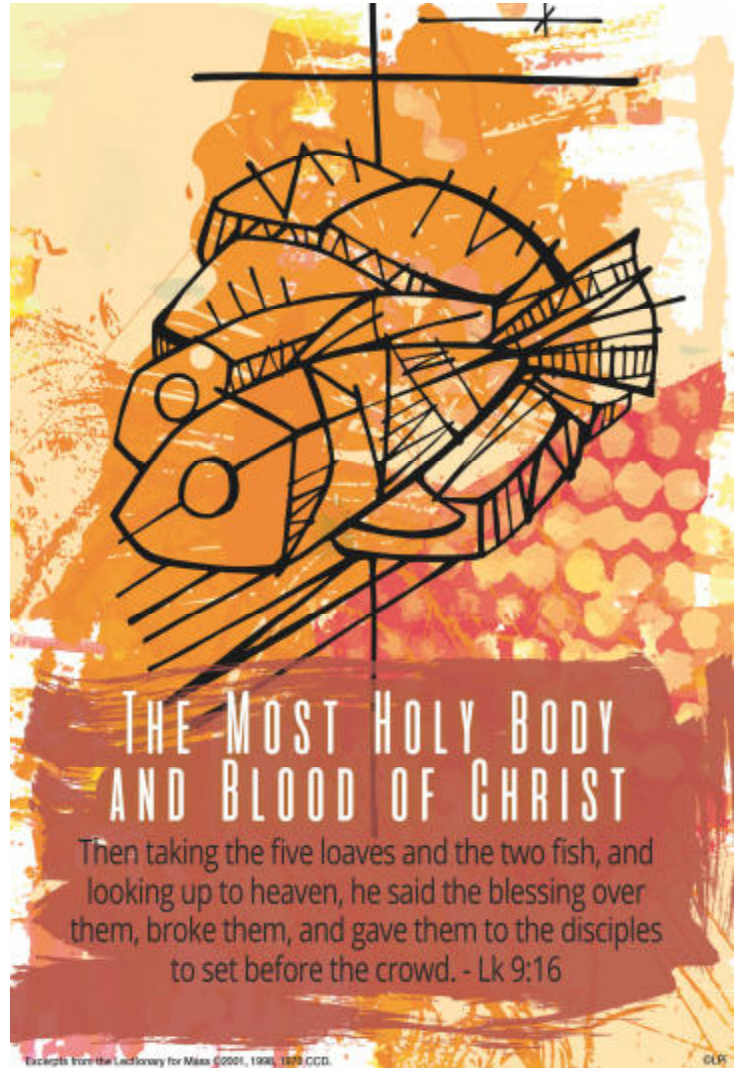
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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., Jul. 14, Aug. 11, or Sept. 8, 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 Jun. 23, Jul. 28, or Aug. 25. 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. Jun. 24	8:30 a.m.	+Jack Shaw
Tue. Jun. 25	8:30 a.m.	Jennifer McPherson [Birthday] (L)
Wed. Jun. 26	8:30 a.m.	Paz Belandres [Special Healing] (L)
Thur. Jun. 27	8:30 a.m.	+Maria Felix [Eternal Repose of her Soul]
Fri. Jun. 28	8:30 a.m.	+Nestor Cunanan
Sat. Jun. 29	8:30 a.m.	Violet Clamor Smialek [3rd Birthday] (L)
Masses	June 22 / 23	June 29 / 30
5:00 p.m.	+Charles Baker	Roncha Balmoris [Birthday] (L)
8:00 a.m.	Zeny Punsalan (L)	+Chet Holloman [Death Anniversary]
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Johna Perianayagam [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
11:30 a.m.	+Juanito Tuazon [RIP]	Parishioners of St. Nicholas

Oremus pro invicem

Please Pray For: Paz Belandres, Kelvin Brown, Florence Germann, Mia Jackson, Merle Joseph, Gene Kearney, Doris Menjivar, Zaida Morris, Debbie Lynn Mauer, Dot Robel, Doris Rosenberg, Erin Tiamson, Ernestine & Oliver Wilford, Henry Woloszyn, and our parishioners who are in assisted living, are homebound, in nursing homes, and their caregivers. Call the rectory to add or remove someone from this list.

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!

CRS Rice Bowl! Thank you, St. Nicholas, for your Lenten Rice Bowl donations totaling \$1686.00 for the Catholic Relief Society!

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 Please make a pledge to our Capital Campaign. Our roof is repaired & we are now in the construction phase of our new parish hall! Thank you!

2019 Annual Appeal! Our combined gifts touch thousands of lives, and help to support our seminarians. There are different ways to support the Appeal: sending your gift by mail, giving online at adw.org, or text "Give" to (301) 231-1816. Thanks for all you do!

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 on every 2nd & 4th Tues., at 7:30 p.m. The 2nd Tues. is a social, with pizza, punch & an educational movie. (**Next Social: Tues.**, Jul. 9th, at 7:30 p.m. The 4th Tues. is the business meeting (**Next Bus. Mtg:** Jun. 25th). 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.

Parish Safety Committee Father Mel is forming a committee of parishioners to periodically discuss matters of parish safety and security. The priority of the committee will be centered around safety and security matters at Saint Nicholas Parish. Father Mel is asking anyone with relevant backgrounds and experience such as first responders, (police, fire or emergency medical services), medical personnel, facilities engineers, communications, and parish ushers to please contact the office. Thank you.

St. Nicholas Young Adults Group The purpose is to help engage youthful Catholics in their faith & foster friendship, love, and hope among young citizens of the church. 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.

Parent Care Support Group Do you have parents (or other relatives) who are having health or other challenges and are relying on you for support? Or, do your parents live in another state or country & do you deal with the frustration of not being there to help? All of these situations create a lot of stress and worry. Well, you are not alone! Your Parish Council is looking for someone who would be willing to organize a support group for those taking care of aging or disabled relatives. If you're a caring person and feel God may be calling you to this ministry, please contact Sue LaCourse at 310-498-8421 or sueLacourse@juno.com. Thank you!

Pro-Life The Baby Bottle Drive continues through the summer. Save your change for the Laurel Pregnancy Center's lifesaving work with moms, dads, and babies. Filled bottles are due on Labor Day Weekend. Thank you, so much for caring!

Social Committee Tickets for the musical, Grease, to be performed at Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia, on Sat., Jun. 29, at 6:00 p.m., **are sold out**. Thank you!

News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese

Help Our Marriage Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 30th - September 1st, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org.

Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry Mike & Theresa Lagonigro help run the successful & canonically recognized Retrouvaille Program in Maryland & the District of Columbia. It is a non-profit and all volunteer ministry begun in 1977 and is the best kept secret in marriage ministry!. The Lagonigro's turned their struggling marriage around through Retrouvaille. The next program starts Aug. 30th. Info: 3015@retrouvaille.org, 443-400-7017, or www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Thank you.

Silent Retreat Weekends Retreats for men & women based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola are offered. Upcoming dates: Spiritual Exercises for Women—Sep. 6-8, 2019 / 3-day retreat / \$250 per person. Spiritual Exercises for Men— Aug. 16-18, 2019 / 3-day retreat / \$250 per person. Location: Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 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. Let Jesus multiply the love in your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Oct. 25-27, in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

Quo Vadis Camp The Office of Priest Vocations' Annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school-aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary on Jul. 28-31, 2019. These young men will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, fraternity, sports, & reflection. Bus transportation is available. Info & open registration are available at: www.DCpriest.org. Questions?: Office of Priest Vocations, vocations@adw.org, or 202-636-9020.

Office of Consecrated Life The Office of Consecrated Life serves the religious brothers, sisters, and priests; hermits/anchorites/virgins; & members of Societies of Apostolic Life & Secular Institutes in the Archdiocese of Washington. Are you interested 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.

Volunteer Events with Catholic Charities Is your family looking for something to do together? Is your parish group or friend group looking for a way to build community? How about doing a one-time, short-hours project, making a difference to the people in our care: clean up a shelter, pack breakfast bags (Cup of Joe) for people who stay in our shelters, help load up food packages, & more. Choose from 24 projects a month: do one or do many! Most are appropriate for families and high school students. More info & to apply: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/>.

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 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.org, or www.ivcusa.org (click on "DC-Metro MD").

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>.

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.

Sunday TV Mass 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.

TV Mass for the Homebound Another option for those who are homebound is to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (WMDE, channel 36 at 8:00 a.m. & WJAL, channel 68 (LATV) at 9:00 a.m.).

Renting in Maryland? You might be eligible for a State Tax Credit. Maryland has a program that assists low income renters who are over 60 years old, permanently disabled, or have a dependent under 18. For more information, contact the Housing Partnership Initiative, hiphomes.org, at 301-916-5946, or ccastro@hiphomes.org, or MarylandTaxCredit.com.

Crab Feast at Loyola on the Potomac Sun., Sept. 8, a Crab Feast will be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m., at Loyola on the Potomac (a Jesuit Retreat House), 9270 Loyola Retreat Rd., Faulkner, MD, 20632. It will include: all you can eat crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, watermelon, etc. Early Bird adult tickets: \$50, (\$65 after Sept. 1), children (7-12):\$35, 6 & under: free. Info: Alice Case, 301-392-0819, or alice.case@loyolaretreat.org.



Items of Interest

St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School News To apply to St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School, click the Admissions tab & select: "Apply Now". Preschool: children must be 4 by Sept. 1 & Kindergarten children must be 5. Space is quickly filling up for the 2019-2020 school year. (The first day of school for the next school year is August 27). Info: 301-937-7154. Summer hours for the school office will be posted soon. Info: Website: www.stjosrcs.org; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>.

Knights of Columbus Summer Camp K of C Council #2809 is starting registration for their 19th year of camp at 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD, 20740. Camp runs from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., with before-care starting at 7:00 a.m. & after-care ending at 6:00 p.m. We accept campers 4-15 (other ages based on director's discretion). We offer swim lessons, art & crafts, games, sports, & free swimming at our extensive facility. Several dates and sessions are offered. (See the flyer in the vestibules). The registration form can be downloaded at: <http://kofccamp.wordpress.com>. Info: Anne Irwin, 240-389-2267, or kofccamp@gmail.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.mdccatholic.org/joincan>.



This Week's Activities At-a-Glance

WED / 26	Charismatic Prayer Group-7:00-9:00 p.m.
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Readings for June 29 / 30

First Reading	1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
Second Reading	Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel	Luke 9:51-62

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for June 29 / 30

	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Sue Griebner Katie Vaughn	Rita Goerling Gloria Hynes Katie Vaughn
8:00 a.m.	Sharon Campbell Tita Banez	Susan Habig Basilina Ihenachor Brinda Albert
9:30 a.m.	Oliver Wilford Justin Harris	Justin Harris Patricia Schmidt Robert Randolph
11:30 a.m.	David Flynn Brandon Langmia	Luz Cunanan Obi Anyanwu Praxi Belandres

Altar Servers Schedule for June 29 / 30

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Shean	Esther Raphael Clementine	Mia Noelle Chelea	Ryan Noela Tony

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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