

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

June 29-30, 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

<b>Pastor:</b>	Reverend Mel Ayala
<b>Weekend Assistant:</b>	Reverend Paul Hill
<b>Permanent Deacon:</b>	Deacon Perry Iannaconi
<b>Dir. of Religious Education &amp; Youth Ministry (Ext 109):</b>	Hope Benson
<b>Dir. of Evangelization (Ext 111):</b>	Kathy Schmitt
<b>Dir. of Music (301) 213-3031:</b>	Stu Knazik
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Brinda Albert
<b>Support Staff:</b>	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 Jul. 28, Aug. 25, or Sept. 22. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Jul. 1	8:30 a.m.	+Cesar Zagas
Tue. Jul. 2	8:30 a.m.	+Emily Lou Winter
Wed. Jul. 3	8:30 a.m.	Aimee Dizon [Thanksgiving] (L)
Thur. Jul. 4	10:00 a.m.	For the United States of America
Fri. Jul. 5	8:30 a.m.	+Gay Wilson [Death Anniversary]
Fri. Jul. 5	6:30 p.m.	Offertory Envelope Intentions
Sat. Jul. 6	8:30 a.m.	Greg Smialek [Gift of Peace of Mind] (L)

Masses	June 29 / 30	July 6 / 7
5:00 p.m.	Roncha Balmoris [Birthday] (L)	Dot Robel [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
8:00 a.m.	+Chet Holloman [Death Anniversary]	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	Johna Perianayagam [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)	+Mary Haigh
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Elveda G. Doe [Birthday] (L)

***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!***

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 & an educational movie. (**Next Social:** Tues., Jul. 9th, at 7:30 p.m. Movie: Pt. 2, "A Man for All Seasons", about St. Thomas More.) The 4th Tues. is the business meeting (**Next Bus. Mtg:** Jul. 23rd). Info: Charles Hall, Grand Knight, 301-395-8267, or [knossingtonrang@aol.com](mailto:knossingtonrang@aol.com).

**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.

**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 [elgradiadoc@gmail.com](mailto:elgradiadoc@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Care Partners** A new online group is being formed at St. Nicholas for anyone caring for an aging or disabled friend or relative. We're looking for a volunteer who is familiar with computers/social media & has a heart for caregivers, to set up and moderate an online caring/sharing/praying group. Absolutely no experience or expertise in care-giving is required! This is just a sharing group, not a source of expert advice. Many of us are dealing with care-giving challenges - you are not alone! Info: Sue LaCourse at [sueLacourse@juno.com](mailto:sueLacourse@juno.com), or 301-498-8421.

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

**John S. Mulholland Family Foundation** St. Nicholas was blessed to be able to help with the "Summer in the City Food Drive" for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Mr. Brian Mulholland replied to our query for a total of our food donations this past June 16<sup>th</sup>: "Between the change in the pickup date, the construction, & the morning Mass moving, we didn't get to see Father or you. We are grateful for your participation again this year. You were recorded at 1,350 cans. Actions, not words! God bless you & all the parishioners." Thank you to all who generously donated to this worthy program! More information about the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, named after their father, can be had at: [www.jsmf.org](http://www.jsmf.org), Facebook: @JSMFamilyFoundation, or 202-827-9997.

**Pro-Life** The Baby Bottle Drive has started. Remember, save your change for the Laurel Pregnancy Center's lifesaving work with moms, dads, and babies. Filled bottles are due on the Labor Day Weekend. Info: Christine Brett, [mshaun@aol.com](mailto:mshaun@aol.com). Thank you, so much for caring!

***News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese***

**33-Day Consecration to Jesus** The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division, invites parishioners to participate in a 33-day Consecration to Jesus through Mary, starting on Sat., Jul. 13, at 1:00 p.m., with a Rosary & Mass celebrated by Msgr. Balbago, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, DC. This is in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's 3<sup>rd</sup> apparition to the children. The Consecration takes place on Aug. 15, lead by Fr. Thomas Morrow, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, at St. Raphael Church, 12551 Falls Rd., Rockville, MD. You do not have to attend the Mass at St. Raphael to complete the Consecration. Info: Monica, 301-949-5710.

**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). "This month, we are addressing personnel changes in preparation for the upcoming school year. One major change is the departure of Monsignor Karl. While we are happy that our 10,000 Troops will finally have a military chaplain" at the helm", we are truly saddened to see him leave! We are looking to fill vacancies in the following positions:

Part-time Extended Care Director (ECP); Part-time Technology teacher; Kindergarten aide; & Extended care (After school) teacher aides. To apply, please Google, "ADW school jobs" and click on the "Schoolspring" job posting for the job of interest. We are looking for applicants who are kind, professional, & possess the "understanding", that we work collaboratively with parents in a Christ-centered environment to help each child become the person God has ordained them to be. Info: 301-937-7154. Summer hours for the school office will be posted soon. Info: Website: [www.stjosrcs.org](http://www.stjosrcs.org); Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>.

**Help Our Marriage** Are you frustrated or angry? 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 program beginning with a weekend on August 30th - September 1st, 2019, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://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. 30<sup>th</sup>. Info: 3015@retrouvaille.org, 443-400-7017, or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://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](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org), or 301-365-0612.

**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](http://www.DCpriest.org). Questions?: Office of Priest Vocations, [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org), or 202-636-9020.

**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](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.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](mailto:alice.case@loyolaretreat.org).

**This Week's Focus**

**In His Presence** Mass will be held, **in place of** "In His Presence", on Wed., Jul. 3, at 7:00 p.m., to celebrate our national holiday.

**First Friday Breakfast** First Friday Breakfast returns this Fall. The 6:30 p.m. First Friday Mass will be held, with Eucharistic Adoration following at 7:00 p.m., on Jul. 5, in the Rectory Chapel.

**First Saturday Devotions** The Marian Ladies invite everyone to pray, & sing the Rosary, this First Saturday, Jul. 6, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Info: call Luz at (301) 742-5965.

**St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School** St. Joseph's RCS is sponsoring Vacation Bible School, Mon., Jul. 29 Fri., Aug. 2, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., with optional Before Care and After Care from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost: VBS only- \$60, VBS + Before & After Care- \$200, VBS + Before & After Care + Lunch- \$225. **Registration Deadline:** Fri., Jul. 26, or until capacity is reached. Info & registration forms: [ecp@stjosrcs.org](mailto:ecp@stjosrcs.org), or call 301-937-7154.

**Sunday TV Mass** Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are home-bound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Info: [adw.org/tvmass](http://adw.org/tvmass), or 301-853-4517.

**This Week's Activities At-a-Glance**

<b>WED / 3</b>	There will be a Mass to celebrate our national holiday, <b>in place of</b> In His Presence this month, at 7:00 p.m.
<b>THUR / 4</b>	Happy 4th of July! - Morning Mass at 10:00 a.m.
<b>FRI / 5</b>	First Friday Breakfast returns in the Fall. The 6:30 p.m. First Friday Mass, with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00 p.m., will be in in the Rectory Chapel.
<b>SAT / 6</b>	The recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

**Readings for July 6 / 7**

First Reading            Isaiah 66:10-14c  
 Second Reading        Galatians 6:14-18  
 Gospel                    Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule for July 6 / 7**

	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EMHC</b>
5:00 p.m.	TBA	Rita Goerling Corinne Remy Kevin Igoo
8:00 a.m.	TBA	Luz Cunanan Brinda Albert Susan Habig
9:30 a.m.	TBA	Conrad Onuoha Ginny Brown Rick Boivin
11:30 a.m.	TBA	ML McKenna Ezekiel Ajetonmobi Gloria Ajetonmobi

**Altar Servers Schedule for July 6 / 7**

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Angelo	Carl Alex Clementine	Mia Noelle Chelsea	Elijah Eria 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](mailto:rauschda@gmail.com). Thank you.

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