

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

July 6-7, 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 Deacons: Deacon Eric C. Simontis
Deacon Perry Iannaconi

**Dir. of Religious Education
& Youth Ministry (Ext 109):** Hope Benson

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(Ext 111):** Kathy Schmitt

Dir. of Music (301) 213-3031: Stu Knazik

Parish Secretary: Brinda Albert

Support Staff: Debbie Rausch

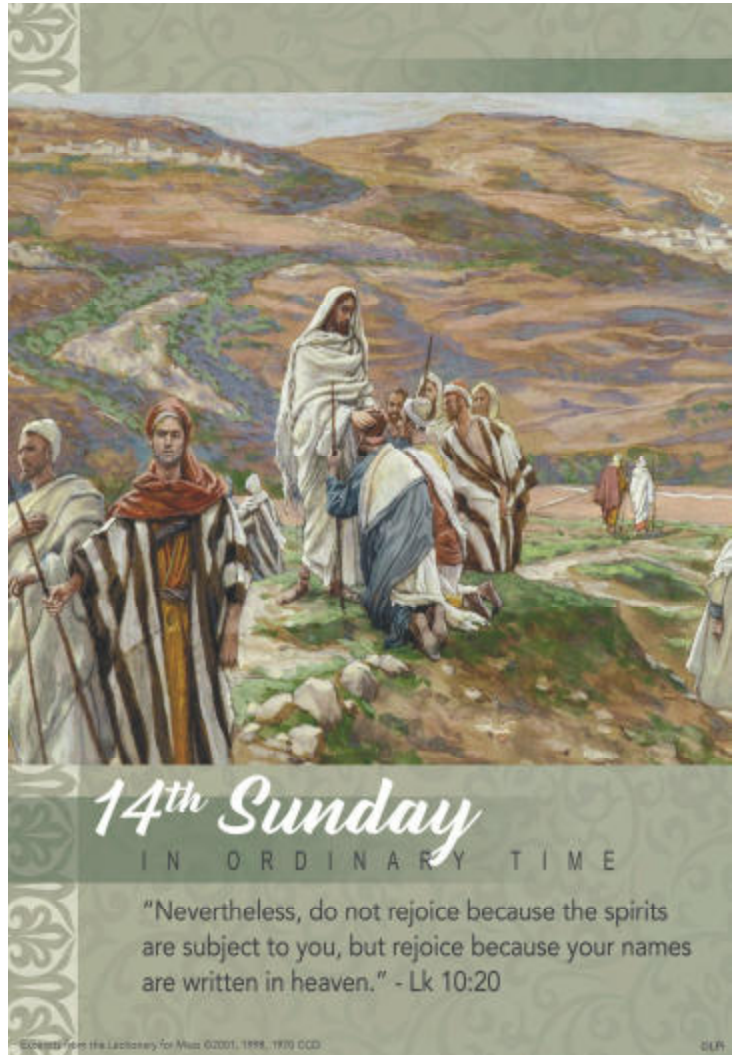
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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 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 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. Jul. 8	8:30 a.m.	John Dada Ajayi [96th Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
Tue. Jul. 9	8:30 a.m.	+Frederick Adams
Wed. Jul. 10	8:30 a.m.	+Kevin Terry Beard
Thur. Jul. 11	8:30 a.m.	+Hermina Beck
Fri. Jul. 12	8:30 a.m.	+Michael Crotty
Sat. Jul. 13	8:30 a.m.	+Ed Hynes

Masses	July 6 / 7	July 13 / 14
5:00 p.m.	Dot Robel [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Jeanette Pultorak
9:30 a.m.	+Mary Haigh	Joyce Alcoseba [Healing & Protection] (L)
11:30 a.m.	Elveda G. Doe [Birthday] (L)	Chuka & Ebuka Anyanwu [Happy 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!

Sales Ads for the Bulletin Lois Gerber, from Liturgical Publications, the company that publishes our bulletin, will be in our office, **this coming week** of July 8, 2019, working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. If you would like to run an ad, or need more information, please call Lois Gerber at 410-925-3242. Consider purchasing an ad for a business, a family, a charity, in memory of a loved one, a service organization, etc. Your support in purchasing an ad, helps the community, our parish, & helps to pay for the publication of our bulletin. Thank you!

First Friday Breakfast Update First Friday Breakfast will break for July and August, and will return on First Friday, September 6th. Have a nice Summer!

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.

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

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!

Pro-Life The Baby Bottle Drive has started. Extra bottles are in the Social Area, if you missed getting a bottle. 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!

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 and an educational movie. (**Next Social:** Tues., Jul. 9th, at 7:30 p.m., with Pt. 2 of "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 knostringtongrang@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 has formed 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.

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, or 301-498-8421.

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; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>.

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, or call 301-937-7154.

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? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands 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.

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.

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.

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola The feast will be celebrated at Loyola on the Potomac and St. Ignatius, Chapel Point, on Jul. 28, with a 12 Noon tour of Chapel Point by Fr. Tom Clifford, S.J., and Mass at 1:00 p.m. A picnic will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Loyola on the Potomac. Reservations for the picnic are required: Alice Case, 301-392-0819, or alice.case@loyolaretreat.org.

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 3rd 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.

Items of Interest

John S. Mulholland Family Foundation St. Nicholas was blessed to be able to help with the "Summer in the City Food Drive" for the 6th consecutive year. Mr. Brian Mulholland replied to our query for a total of our food donations this past June 16th: "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 info about the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, named after their father, is at: www.jsmf.org, Facebook: [@JSMFamilyFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/JSMFamilyFoundation), or 202-827-9997.

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. Times: 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). See the flyer in the vestibules for more details and schedules. The registration form can be downloaded at: <http://kofccamp.wordpress.com>. Info: Anne Irwin, 240-389-2267, or kofccamp@gmail.com.

Blood Pressure Screenings The Nurse Health Ministry will hold Blood Pressure Screenings on Jul. 21, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

This Week's Activities At-a-Glance	
MON / 8	Lois Gerber from LPI will be in the Rectory Office this week, Jul. 8, securing advertising ads for the bulletin. (See the item in the bulletin for more details).
TUES / 9	K of C Social, 7:30 p.m., with pizza & movie: pt. 2, "A Man For All Seasons", about St. Thomas More. Come & enjoy fellowship & meet our Church's Knights!
WED / 10	Charismatic Prayer Group-7:00-9:00 p.m.

Readings for July 13 / 14

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14
 Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20
 Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for July 13 / 14		
	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	TBA	Theresa Corbett Gloria Hynes Sharon Tredway
8:00 a.m.	TBA	Rita Olaley Benedict Olaley Donna Cellini
9:30 a.m.	TBA	Patricia Schmidt Justin Harris John Oliver
11:30 a.m.	TBA	Chichi Adol Rita Akinpelumi Kenneth King

Altar Servers Schedule for July 13 / 14

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Simon	Joie Alex Clementine	Esther Raphael	Jesse Janice Jermaine

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