

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

July 13-14, 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

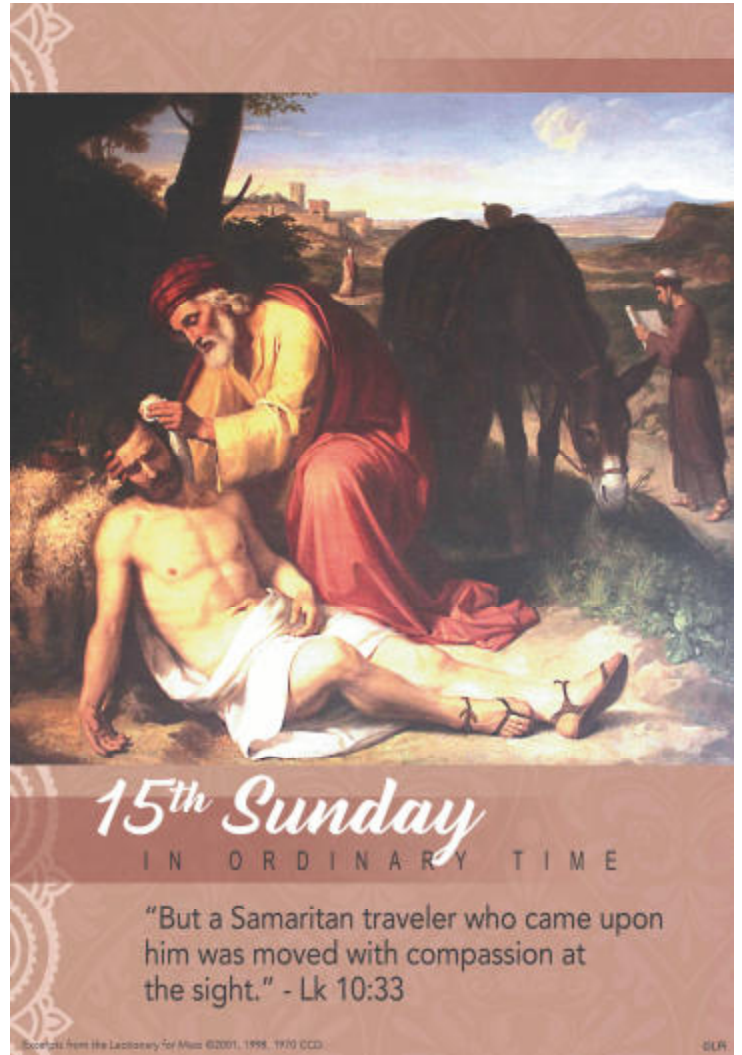
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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 before attending the class. Baptismal Application Forms are located in the office in the back of the Church. 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 lpcunanan128@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. 15	8:30 a.m.	+Ed Ford [Death Anniversary]
Tue. Jul. 16	8:30 a.m.	+Eddie Putney, III
Wed. Jul. 17	8:30 a.m.	Tope Akinpelumi [Birthday] (L)
Thur. Jul. 18	8:30 a.m.	+Frank Bopp
Fri. Jul. 19	8:30 a.m.	Veronica D. Obayi [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
Sat. Jul. 20	8:30 a.m.	+Jack Shaw
Masses	July 13 / 14	July 20 / 21
5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Joan Keating [RIP]
8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Pultorak	+P. A. Joseph
9:30 a.m.	Joyce Alcoseba [Healing & Protection] (L)	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	Chuka & Ebuka Anyanwu [Happy Birthday] (L)	+Bernadette Njoku & +Christina Ojuledo

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!

Thank You Lois Gerber, our sales representative from LPI, wishes to thank those who placed an ad in the advertising section of our parish bulletin. There is still space available & we ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one. Inspirational words from Father, Mass Intentions, news, & weekly events are featured in our weekly bulletin. Thanks to the parishioners & community businesses that purchase the ad spaces, the bulletin costs the parish zero! If you would like to advertise in the our bulletin, contact Lois Gerber, 410-925-3242.

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., Aug. 13th, at 7:30 p.m. The 4th Tues. is the business meeting (**Next Bus. Mtg:** Jul. 23rd). 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.

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 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, or 301-498-8421.

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. Info: Katie Vaughn, 301-906-9435, or ktvaughn1018@gmail.com.

Pro-Life The Baby Bottle Drive is in motion! Extra bottles are in the Social Area if you missed getting a bottle. Please 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!

Blood Pressure Screenings The Nurse Health Ministry will hold Blood Pressure Screenings **next** Sun., Jul. 21, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This screening could save your life!

News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese

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.

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 Retrovaille Program in Maryland & the District of Columbia. It is a non-profit, all volunteer ministry begun in 1977 & is the best kept secret in marriage ministry!. The Lagonigro's turned their marriage around through Retrovaille. Next program: Aug. 30th. Info: 3015@retrovaille.org, 443-400-7017, or www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Thank you.

Domestic Church Day All married & engaged couples and families with children are invited to a half-day retreat, Domestic Church Day, on Sat., Jul. 27, from 1:30-6:30 p.m., at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC, 20017. This family retreat includes a presentation for adults (Pt. 2 of "Theology of the Body"), engaging catechesis for teens & children, praying together as a family, & fun activities. Refreshments included. Cost: \$20/family & \$10/couple. Register at: domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. Info: events@jp2shrine.org. (Parking is free).

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.

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/tvmass, or 301-853-4517.

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@hiphones.org, or MarylandTaxCredit.com.

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.

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 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.

Ride for Vocations - (Three-Step Process) 2019's Ride For Vocations is being held on Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 2, from 7:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. It is part of the Southern Maryland Fall Century-the Indian Head 100. You can cycle 17-100 miles through scenic Southern Maryland. To participate in the RFV, 3 things must be done: 1). Register with the Southern Maryland Fall Century at: https://ohbike.memberlodge.org/event-3226990. You will be asked to submit a registration fee. 2). Fill out the Archdiocese of Washington's registration form at: https://dcpriest.formstack.com/forms/2019_ride_for_vocations_registration. You will be asked to submit a \$5.00 entry fee. 3). Agree to raise a minimum of \$250 for the 2019 Ride For Vocations. Questions/Info: Office of Priest Vocations, 202-636-9020, or email: RFV@adw.org. Thank you.

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). "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.



This Week's Activities At-a-Glance	
WED / 17	Charismatic Prayer Group-7:00-9:00 p.m.
TUES/ 21	NHM Blood Pressure Screening-after 9:30 a.m. Mass
TUES / 23	Knights of Columbus Council Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Social Area.

Readings for July 20 / 21

First Reading	Genesis 18:1-10a
Second Reading	Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for July 20 / 21		
	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Chuck Murnane Martha Edmonds	Marion Gould Corinne Remy Kathy Schauff
8:00 a.m.	John McLean Luz Cunanan	Victor Gaw Brinda Albert Basilia Ihenachor
9:30 a.m.	Dave Ranaghan John Crotty	Andre Eba Antoinette Metuge Robert Randolph
11:30 a.m.	Charles Hall Sonia Bobis	Obi Anyanwu Martha Borger Luz Cunanan

Altar Servers Schedule for July 20 / 21			
5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Shean	Esther Raphael	Mia Noelle Chelsea	Amani Victoria Deltrice

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