

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

July 20-21, 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

**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., Aug. 11, Sept. 8, or Oct. 13, 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](mailto: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](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. 22	8:30 a.m.	+Pamela Ugonna Nnaoma
Tue. Jul. 23	8:30 a.m.	+Apolinar H. Bobis
Wed. Jul. 24	8:30 a.m.	+Delores M. Carroll
Thur. Jul. 25	8:30 a.m.	+Pamela Ugonna Nnaoma
Fri. Jul. 26	8:30 a.m.	+Rod Punsalan
Sat. Jul. 27	8:30 a.m.	+Jack Shaw
<b>Masses</b>	<b>July 20 / 21</b>	<b>July 27 / 28</b>
5:00 p.m.	+Joan Keating [RIP]	+Bill Bechtold
8:00 a.m.	+P. A. Joseph	+Alfredo Clamor
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	+Bernadette Njoku & +Christina Ojuledo	+Rose Jenkins

**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 Meeting:** Jul. 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.). 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 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 **this Sun., Jul. 21**, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This screening could save your life!

**Religious Ed** Hope Benson will be taking registration forms for religious education classes for students in grades 1-8, and for those students under the age of 18 who haven't received their Initiation Sacraments, beginning the weekend of August 4. Classes start in mid September. Info: hab1006@msn.com.

**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:** This coming Fri., Jul. 26, or until full. Info & registration forms: ecp@stjosrcs.org, or call 301-937-7154.

**Catholic Singles of Greater Washington** This organization is for single Catholics, ages 21-65-plus, meeting in social, religious, & cultural settings. (See their newsletter on the back tables). Info: Tricia at 301-460-9195, or http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org.

**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.

**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.

**Silent Retreat Weekends** The "Spiritual Exercises" are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world & experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Upcoming Dates-For Men: Aug. 16-18 & Nov. 1-3. Cost: \$250.00 per person. Upcoming Dates-For Women: Oct. 4-6 & Dec. 6-8. Cost: \$250 per person. Registration is required. Info/register at: www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD, 20817.

**Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry** Mike & Theresa Lagonigro help run the successful & canonically recognized Retrouvaille Program in Maryland & the District of Columbia. The Lagonigro's turned their marriage around through Retrouvaille. Next program: Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. Info: 3015@retrouvaille.org, 443-400-7017, or www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Thank you.

**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. 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. 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. If you know of any prospective Pre-K4 students (must be 4 by September 1 and be potty trained), as well as 3rd, 4th, and 7th graders, now is the time to apply! (The first day of school for the next school year is Aug. 27). 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: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Info: Website: www.stjosrcs.org; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/; & Twitter: https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS.



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

<b>SUN / 21</b>	NHM Blood Pressure Screenings— after this Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass. This could save your life.
<b>TUES / 23</b>	Knights of Columbus Council Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Social Area.
<b>WED / 24</b>	Charismatic Prayer Group-7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Readings for July 27 / 28**

First Reading	Genesis 18:20-32
Second Reading	Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule for July 27 / 28**

	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EMHC</b>
5:00 p.m.	Mike Kowalski Jean Igoe	Rita Goerling Katie Vaughn Kevin Igoe
8:00 a.m.	Tita Banez Naomi DaSilva	Susan Habig Benedict Olaleye Rita Olaleye
9:30 a.m.	Justin Harris Joyce Kearney	Patricia Schmidt Ginny Brown John Oliver
11:30 a.m.	Arnie Rausch Prince Trye	Kenneth King Praxi Belandres Sonia Bobis

**Altar Servers Schedule for July 27 / 28**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
Angelo	Carl Joie	Brandon Gabe	Jessica Laura Michael

**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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