

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

July 27-28, 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

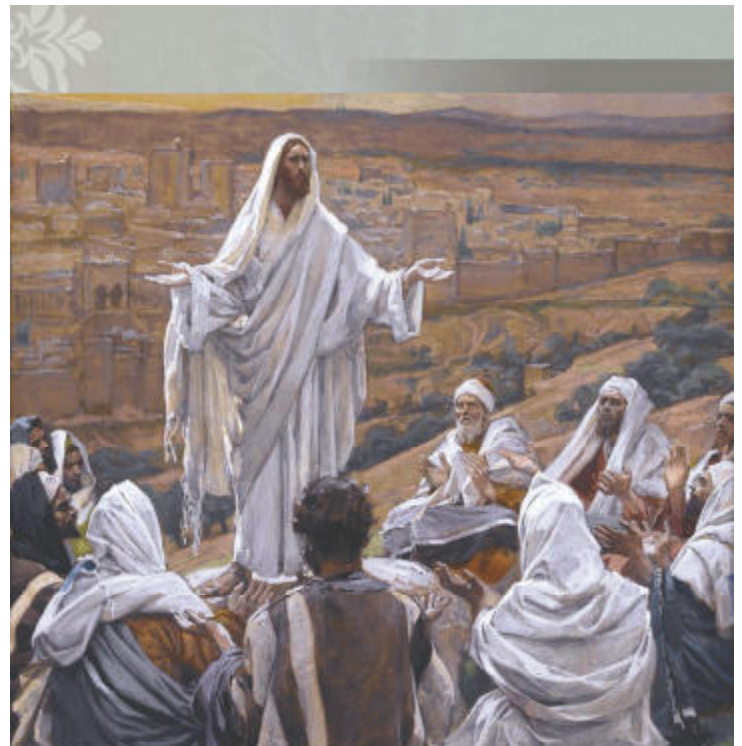
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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.



17th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

GLP

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.

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, Deacon Eric, 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. 29	8:30 a.m.	+Ruth Miles Rausch Van Well [With Love]
Tue. Jul. 30	8:30 a.m.	Praxi Belandres [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
Wed. Jul. 31	8:30 a.m.	+Rogelio Belandres [Death Anniversary]
Thur. Aug. 1	8:30 a.m.	+Patricio Ganio & Laureano Gadiano
Fri. Aug. 2	8:30 a.m.	+Gregorio & Fererico Lachica
Fri. Aug. 2	6:30 p.m.	Offertory Envelope Intentions
Sat. Aug. 3	8:30 a.m.	Benedict Olaleye [Birthday] (L)

Masses	July 27 / 28	August 3 / 4
5:00 p.m.	+Bill Bechtold	Efren & Amie Balonzo [Wedding Anniversary] (L)
8:00 a.m.	+Alfredo Clamor	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Fe Clamor [Birthday] (L)
11:30 a.m.	+Rose Jenkins	+Graciano Tuazon

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.

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.

Pro-Life 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!

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:** Aug. 27th, 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 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. 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.

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.

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.

First Friday On Fri., Aug. 2, the 6:30 p.m. Evening Mass will be held in the Rectory Chapel, as usual, with Eucharistic Adoration following at 7:00 p.m. First Friday Breakfast resumes on Sept. 6.

First Saturday Devotions Mary's Chapel Society invites everyone to sing and recite the Holy Rosary on Sat., Aug. 3, after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

In His Presence In His Presence will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, Aug. 7, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We will join in praise, reflection, Adoration, and healing prayer.

Save the Date On Oct. 6, 2019, the Procession of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will be held on the church grounds, with the Living Rosary to follow. We will need 61 people for the Living Rosary. Sign-ups start on **Sun., Aug. 11**, after all weekend Masses, with Mpande Langley & other Mary's Chapel Society Ladies to assist.

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>.

News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese

Items of Interest

Sacred Heart Home Sacred Heart is an Intermediate long-term care residence in Hyattsville, Maryland. The facility is operated by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Located on beautifully wooded grounds, it embodies the Roman Catholic call to participate in Christ's Healing Ministry, providing quality, comprehensive long-term health care to the elderly. Know someone in need of long-term care placement? Please call us at 301-277-6500. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School VBS at Ascension, 12700 Lanham Severn Road, Bowie MD, 20720, will be held the week of Aug. 12-16. It is open to children in grades K-5 & will be all about discovering vocations. We will learn more about God's call to the priesthood, religious life & marriage through fun crafts, games, prayers, skits and our special guests. Register: <https://www.ascensionbowie.com>. Info: ascensionscheduler@gmail.com, or call 301-262-2227. Deadline to register is August 5, 2019.

Retrouaille Marriage Ministry Mike & Theresa Lagonigro help run the successful & canonically recognized Retrouaille 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 Retrouaille. Next program: Aug. 30th. Info: 3015@retrouaille.org, 443-400-7017, or www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Thank you.

Office of Consecrated Life The Office of Consecrated Life serves the religious brothers, sisters, and priests; hermits/anchorites/virgins; and members of Societies of Apostolic Life & Secular Institutes in the Archdiocese of Washington. Do you wish to discern further? Info: Sr. Gilmery Kay, RSM, Archdiocesan Delegate for Consecrated Life, 301-853-4576, kayg@adw.org, or Martin Mitchell, 301-853-4490, mitchellm@adw.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.).

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.

Ride for Vocations 2019's Ride For Vocations is being held on Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 2, from 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You can cycle 17-100 miles through scenic Southern Maryland. To participate in the RFV, contact the Office of Priest Vocations, 202-636-9020, or email: RFV@adw.org.

Run for Vocations The Run for Vocations/Marine Corps Marathon10K, will be held on Sun., Oct. 27, from 7:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m. To participate in the RFV, call 1-800-RUN-USMC (703-784-2225), email MCM at: MCMcustomerservice@usmc-mccs.org. or contact the Office of Priest Vocations: 202-636-9020, or email: RFV@adw.org.

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

WED / 31	Charismatic Prayer Group-7:00-9:00 p.m.
FRI / 2	First Friday Evening Mass is held at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Chapel, with Eucharistic Adoration following.
SAT / 3	First Saturday Devotions (Rosary) are held after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. All are welcome!

Readings for August 3 / 4

First Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for August 3 / 4

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EMHC</u>
5:00 p.m.	Sue Griebner Derek Budjako	Theresa Corbett Gloria Hynes
8:00 a.m.	John McLean Chuck Wolters	Luz Cunanan Victor Gaw Donna Cellini
9:30 a.m.	John Crotty Yvonne Onuoha	Rick Boivin Conrad Onuoha
11:30 a.m.	Sonia Bobis Brandon Langmiad	Chichi Adol Rita Akinpelumi

Altar Servers Schedule for August 3 / 4

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

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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