

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

August 3-4, 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 Aug. 25, Sept. 22, or Oct. 27. 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. Aug. 5	8:30 a.m.	Raphael Olaleye [Birthday] (L)
Tue. Aug. 6	8:30 a.m.	Rita Olaleye [Birthday] (L)
Wed. Aug. 7	8:30 a.m.	Olaleye Family [Wedding Anniversary] (L)
Thur. Aug. 8	8:30 a.m.	+Candida Tuazon [RIP]
Fri. Aug. 9	8:30 a.m.	Andrew Rhabb [Personal Intention] (L)
Sat. Aug. 10	8:30 a.m.	+Antony Selvam [RIP]

Masses	August 3 / 4	August 10 / 11
5:00 p.m.	Efren & Amie Balonzo [Wedding Anniversary] (L)	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Alfredo Clamor
9:30 a.m.	Fe Clamor [Birthday] (L)	Metuge Antoinette & Family [Thanksgiving for God's Blessings] (L)
11:30 a.m.	+Graciano Tuazon	Msgr. Dominic Sunday Ajayi [35th Priestly Anniversary] (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!

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. 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.

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!

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.; Movie – Pt. 1-"Bakhita", about the Sudanese Saint canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000). 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 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 elgradiadoe@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

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, starting **this** weekend, Aug. 4. Classes start in mid September. Info: hab1006@msn.com.

In His Presence In His Presence will be held **this** Wed., Aug. 7, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Join us in praise, reflection, Adoration, and healing prayer.

"Godspell" Lumina Theatre Company, a new Catholic theater company, will perform the classic musical, Godspell, the weekend of Aug. 9-11, at 9130 Red Branch Rd., Columbia, MD, 21045. Show times: Aug. 9 - 8:00 p.m., Aug. 10 - 2:00 & 8:00 p.m., and Aug. 11 - 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at luminatheatrecompany.com. As a St. Nicholas parishioner, use the code "PrepareYe19" at checkout for a special discount. Cost: normally- \$18, with discount-\$15. Info: 540-327-3471, or email: NatalieMinter7@gmail.com. (See the flyer on the bulletin board).

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.

News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese

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 Aug. 5, 2019.

"Sisters In The Spirit" You are invited by the Sisters in the Spirit of the Archdiocese of Washington, to attend the commemoration of the "Triumph of the Cross", on Sat., Sept. 14, which will be celebrated at Holy Family Catholic Church, 12010 Woodmore Rd., Mitchellville, MD, 20721, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., (registration begins at 9:00 a.m.). Theme: "Victory at the Cross". Keynote Speaker: Sr. Anita Baird, DHM from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Cost: \$35/person, which includes continental breakfast & lunch. (No tickets sold at the door). Deadline to register: Tues., Sept. 3. Info: Cynthia Morris, 202-271-7253, Althea Holland, 301-390-0813, or email: sistersinthspirit@gmail.com. Thank you!

FREE Adult Dental Clinic Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy Partners, (Catholic Charities of Washington, UMD School of Public Health, & Maryland State Dental Association), are sponsoring a free adult dental clinic on Sept. 13-14, at the UMD Xfinity Center, 2001 Paint Branch Drive, College Park, MD, 20740. Doors open at 7:00 a.m., with care provided by licensed dentists & hygienists to all adults over the age of 18 on a first come, first served basis. Patient dental services include: Cleanings, X-rays, Restorative fillings, & Extractions. Info: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/momwww.sph.umd.edu/center/che. Thank you.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives the tools for a strong vibrant marriage. Start your new year out right and sign up today for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Oct. 25-27 in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. Early registration is highly recommended. More info: www.moments4marriage.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.

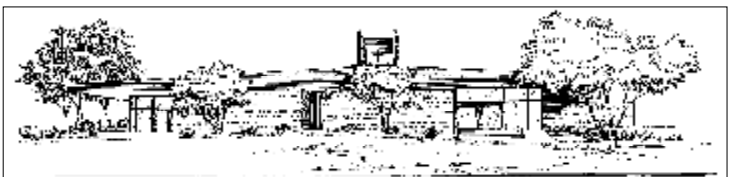
Sunday TV Mass Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Info: adw.org/tvmas, or 301-853-4517.

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. Info: 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, 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.

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

SUN / 4	Hope Benson is taking registration forms for religious education classes, after all Sunday Masses in August. See this bulletin for details.
WED / 7	In His Presence-7:00-9:00 p.m.

Readings for August 10 / 11

First Reading	Wisdom 18:6-9
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
Gospel	Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for August 10 / 11

	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Hope Benson Katie Vaughn	Rita Goerling Kevin Igoe Corinne Remy
8:00 a.m.	Chuck Murnane Naomi DaSilva	Luz Cunanan Basilía Ihenachor Susan Habig
9:30 a.m.	Robert Randolph Popil Anastasia	Ginny Brown John Oliver
11:30 a.m.	Queenmore Esotu Sonia Bobis	Obi Anyanwu Ezekiel Ajetunmobi

Altar Servers Schedule for August 10 / 11

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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