

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

August 24-25, 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., Sept. 8, Oct. 13, or Nov. 10, 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. 26	8:30 a.m.	+John Shaw
Tue. Aug. 27	8:30 a.m.	Assumpta Ogoko [Thanksgiving] (L)
Wed. Aug. 28	8:30 a.m.	+Marty Novak
Thur. Aug. 29	8:30 a.m.	+Fred Schall
Fri. Aug. 30	8:30 a.m.	Theresa Vu (L)
Sat. Aug. 31	8:30 a.m.	+Mildred Opar

Masses	August 24 / 25	August 31 / September 1
5:00 p.m.	+Marie Esther Jones	+Richard Pierce
8:00 a.m.	+Jeanette Pultorak	Jillian & Misael Clamor [Birthday] (L)
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Samuel Ojo [Remembrance]
11:30 a.m.	+Adolphus C., Celine, & Rita Iwuagwu [RIP]	Parishioners of St. Nicholas

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!

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.

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.

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, after all the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Sunday Masses of August. This is the **last** Sunday she is in back of the church. Classes start in mid September. Info: hab1006@msn.com.

Knights of Columbus Deacon John Lynn Council meets on every 2nd & 4th Tues., at 7:30 p.m. in the church. The 2nd Tues. is a social, with pizza, punch & an educational movie. (**Next Social:** Tues., Sept. 10th, at 7:30 p.m.; Movie: Pt. 2- "Bakhita", the Sudanese Saint canonized by Pope John Paul in 2000). The 4th Tues. is the business meeting. (**Next Bus. Meeting: this Tues,** Aug. 27th, at 7:30 p.m.). Info: Charles Hall, Grand Knight, 301-395-8267, or knossingtongrang@aol.com.

Sunday Rosary St. Nicholas's Knights of Columbus, Council 11619, will be reciting the Rosary **each** Sunday, starting at 11:00 a.m., prior to the start of the 11:30 a.m. Mass. It is led by Stefan Abresch. All are invited to pray with us.

"Drug Awareness & Prevention" The Knights of Columbus's Aug. 27th business meeting (7:30 p.m.) will host a talk on "Drug Awareness & Prevention" by Mr. Bob Hoopert, who has a personal testimonial to share, along with the challenges he faced with his son. Target audience: young teens (middle school +) & their parents. The talk encourages students & their families to become aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol. All are welcome!

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.

Domestic Violence Seminar A free, Pre-Mass seminar will be held at the Conway School of Nursing, Gowan Hall, 620 Michigan Ave., N.E., on Oct. 5, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. It is titled: "How to Help End Domestic Violence in Catholic Families". This talk is held in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated, in observance of the month, at 5:15 p.m., on Oct. 5, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Great Upper Church, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, DC. Info: contact CFFP Director, Dr. Sharon O'Brien at: obriensa@cua.edu, or 301-651-8190.

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.

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!

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.

Learn More About Catholicism Are you curious about what the Catholic Church teaches? Want to explore becoming Catholic? Come to the RCIA Kickoff on Tues., Sept. 10, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church. The RCIA process will answer your questions in a relaxed, friendly, no-pressure environment. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact: Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119.

What Is RCIA? RCIA is the process through which a person joins the Catholic Church or completes his or her initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is for those who are not baptized, those who were baptized into another Christian church, and baptized Catholics who were not instructed in the Catholic faith and/or need to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119, for more information or come to the church on Tues., Sept. 10, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Let us help you discover what God's will is for your life!

Annual Parish Picnic The Annual Parish Picnic, sponsored by the Social Committee, will be held on Sept. 22, at Granville Gude Park, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Sign-ups will be conducted after all weekend Masses **starting Aug. 24** & ending on Sept. 15. Stop by the social area & be a part of this fun event! Questions: Sonia, 240-264-1821.

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 started on **Sun., Aug. 11**, and will continue after all weekend Masses until spaces are filled, with Mpande Langley & other Mary's Chapel Society Ladies to assist. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar The Building & Maintenance Committee will be having Fall Clean-Up Day on Sat., Oct. 12, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Many volunteers are needed. Lunch will be served for all workers. Come join fellow parishioners in cleaning up our church grounds. Rain date: Sat., Oct. 19.

News Around Laurel and the Archdiocese

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.

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.

"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: sistersnthspirit@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.

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.

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! Info: Website: www.stjosrcs.org; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltville/; & Twitter: https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS. Up-coming dates: 1). Aug. 27 - First Day of School, noon dismissal. Before Care and After Care are available. 2). Aug. 29 - Band Demonstrations.

Ladies of Charity Open House at St. Mary of the Mills The Ladies of Charity serve those who are less fortunate with humility, simplicity & charity. Our service opportunities include helping at Elizabeth House, Spring Grove, the University of Maryland student dinner, prayer shawl ministry & more. Join us on Mon., Sept. 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the Breen Room (below the Church), at St. Mary of the Mills, 114 St Mary's Place, Laurel, MD., to find out more. Committee Chairs will be available to answer questions & talk about their ministries. All are welcome! Info: stmarysloc@gmail.com.

This Week's Activities At-a-Glance

SUN / 25	This is the last Sunday that Hope Benson will be in the back of church taking Rel. Ed. Registrations; The K of C are leading the Rosary at 11:00 a.m.
TUES / 27	The KofC business meeting (7:30 p.m.) hosts Bob Hoopert's Drug Awareness talk. All are welcome!
WED / 28	Charismatic Prayer Group-7:00-9:00 p.m.

Readings for August 31 / September 1

First Reading	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading	Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for August 31 / September 1

	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Chuck Murnane Martha Edmonds	Rita Goerling Gloria Hynes
8:00 a.m.	Tita Banez Clementine DaSilva	Susan Habig Antoinette Metuge
9:30 a.m.	John Crotty Anastasia Popil	Rick Boivin Andre Eba Ginny Brown
11:30 a.m.	Arnie Rausch Jesse Osomiha	Rita Akinpelumi Gloria Ajetunmobi Sonia Bobis

Altar Servers Schedule for August 31 / September 1

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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