

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

August 31-September 1, 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

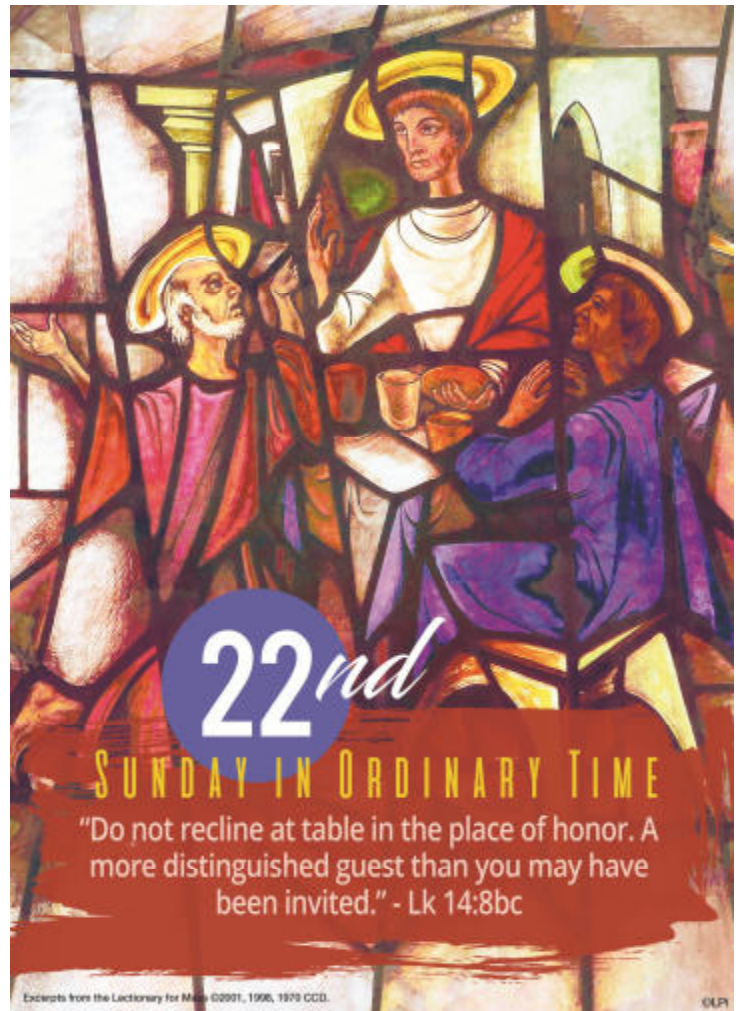
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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 Sept. 22, Oct. 27, or Nov. 24. 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. Sept. 2	10:00 a.m.	May our country continue to produce jobs for millions of Americans, so that unemployment will be eliminated.
Tue. Sept. 3	8:30 a.m.	+Stephanie Melton
Wed. Sept. 4	8:30 a.m.	+Catalina Belandres [Death Anniversary]
Thur. Sept. 5	8:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Good News Prayer Group
Fri. Sept. 6	8:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Good News Prayer Group
Fri. Sept. 6	6:30 p.m.	Offertory Envelope Intentions
Sat. Sept. 7	8:30 a.m.	Anita Ojo [Birthday] (L)

Masses	August 31 / September 1	September 7 / 8
5:00 p.m.	+Richard Pierce	+Judith Anne Dunn
8:00 a.m.	Jillian & Misael Clamor [Birthday] (L)	+Alfredo Clamor
9:30 a.m.	+Samuel Ojo [Remembrance]	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Paz Belandres [Birthday Thanksgiving] (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!

Pro-Life The baby bottles for the Laurel Pregnancy Center are due this Labor Day Weekend. So far, 36 out of 150 bottles given out have been returned. Please return them as soon as possible, as the bottles are passed on to the next church running a fundraising drive for the pregnancy center. Thanks!

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.

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 being led by Stefan Abresch. All are invited to pray with us.

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., 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: Tues, Sept. 24th, 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.

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.

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.

In His Presence In His Presence will be held on First Wednesday, Sept. 4th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Join us in praise, reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, & healing prayer. All are welcome!

First Friday Breakfast First Friday Breakfast will be held on Sept. 6th, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. If you are able, bring a dish to share. First Friday Evening Mass is at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Chapel, followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00 p.m.

First Saturday Devotions Saturday, Sept. 7th, the Marian Ladies invite everyone to pray, & sing the Rosary after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Info: call Luz at (301) 742-5965.

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 are being conducted after all weekend Masses from Aug. 24 - Sept. 15. Stop by the social area, sign-up, & 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 & 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

Memorial Mass for Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM The annual Memorial Mass for Fr. Capodanno will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the United States Military Services, on Wed., Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, DC. Fr. Capodanno was killed in Vietnam, as he aided embattled Marines, & received posthumously the Medal of Honor. He was proclaimed a Servant of God, initiating formally, his cause for beatification. Info: www.CapodannoGuild.org. For special parking needs: Mary Preece, 202-719-3642, or mpreece@milarch.org.

"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: sistersnthespirit@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.

Book Signing & Talk The author and speaker, Mary Lenaburg, will give a talk and sign copies of her book, "Be Brave in the Scared", on Sept. 18, at 7:00 p.m., at Resurrection Catholic Church, 3315 Greencastle Rd., Burtonsville, MD, 20866. She speaks about the caring for & loving a child with special needs who turned the whole family's life around & expanded their faith. Info: 301-236-5200, or the Resurrection Women's Ministry, rwm3315@gmail.com.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila Sat., Sept. 21, the Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will celebrate Mass for the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, the first canonized Filipino Saint & Patron Saint of Filipino workers and immigrants, at the Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church, 12701 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD, 20853. The Holy Rosary starts at 10:30 a.m., with Mass at 11:00 a.m. A potluck reception follows Mass in Thaddeus Hall. Info: Rev. Ryan Pineda, pinedar@adw.org, or 202-246-9015.

Items of Interest

Annual Mother of Africa Pilgrimage The African Catholic Association is hosting the annual pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, DC, on Sat., Sept. 28, beginning at 2:30 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary at 3:00 p.m., and Mass at 3:30 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Ebuka Mbande, Parochial Vicar, Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington. Info: Nakalungi@aol.com.

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/stjosephbeltsville/; & Twitter: https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS.

This Week's Activities At-a-Glance	
SAT / 31 SUN / 1	Baby bottles for the LPC are due this Labor Day Weekend. Forgot them? Bring them next weekend; K of C Weekly Sunday Rosary recited at 11:00 a.m., before the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Come pray with us!
MON / 2	Labor Day Holiday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
WED / 4	In His Presence - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
FRI / 6	First Friday Breakfast-after the 8:30 a.m. Morning Mass. If you are able, bring a dish to share. First Friday Evening Mass will be in the Rectory Chapel at 6:30 p.m., with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00 p.m.
SAT / 7	First Saturday Devotions (Rosary) recited after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Readings for September 7 / 8

First Reading	Wisdom 9:13-18b
Second Reading	Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for September 7 / 8

	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Sue Griebner Jeanne Igoe	Marion Gould Kathy Schauff
8:00 a.m.	G McNeirney-ReWalt Esther Olaley	Rita Olaley Basilia Ihenachor
9:30 a.m.	Sharon Campbell Yvonne Onuoha	Conrad Onuoha John Oliver Vilma Gordon
11:30 a.m.	Mike Woodruff Mary Kiganda	Obi Anyanwu ML McKenna Martha Borger

Altar Servers Schedule for September 7 / 8

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Angelo	Joie Keegan Clementine	Mia Noelle Chelsea	Jesse Janice Jermaine

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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