

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

September 7-8, 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

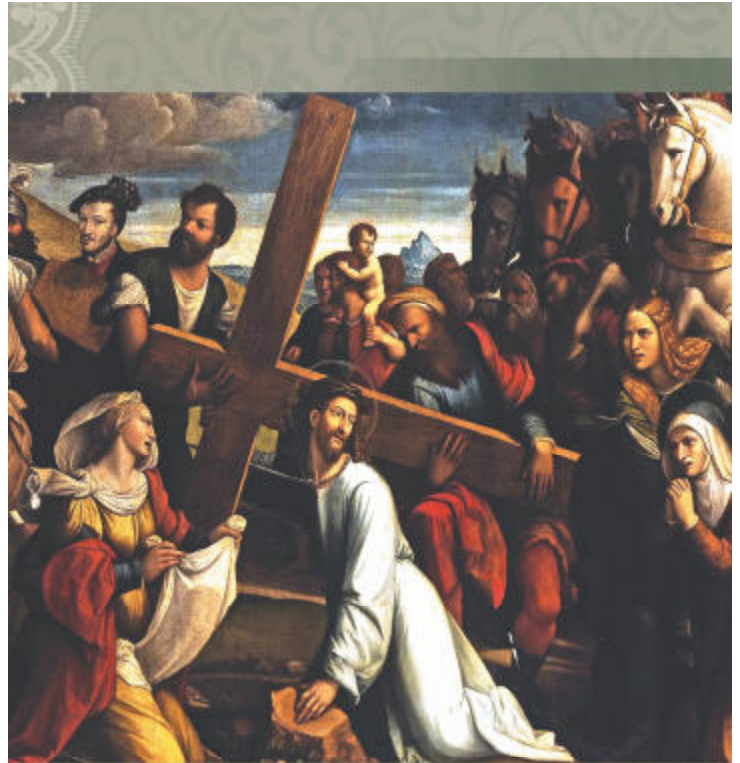
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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.



23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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SLP

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. 9	8:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Good News Prayer Group
Tue. Sept. 10	8:30 a.m.	Praxi Belandres [Thanksgiving] (L)
Wed. Sept. 11	8:30 a.m.	+Manuel Belandres [Death Anniversary]
Thur. Sept. 12	8:30 a.m.	Wennie Perez [Birthday] (L)
Fri. Sept. 13	8:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Good News Prayer Group
Sat. Sept. 14	8:30 a.m.	+Teresita Punsalan

Masses	September 7 / 8	September 14 / 15
5:00 p.m.	+Judith Anne Dunn	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m.	+Alfredo Clamor	+Teresita Punsalan [RIP]
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Theresa Stewart
11:30 a.m.	Paz Belandres [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)	+Eufemia Ruiz

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 Please remember to turn in the filled baby bottles as soon as possible, so we can pass them on to the next church to run a drive. The moms & babies thank you for your gifts!

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: this 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 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.

Religious Ed Religious Ed classes **start** Mon., Sept. 16, for Grades 7-8, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Classes, for Grades 1-6, begin Sat., Sept. 21, from 9:30-10:45 a.m. More info: contact Hope Benson, hab1006@msn.com.

Knights of Columbus 2019 Annual Car Raffle The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for their annual car raffle after all weekend Masses starting Sept. 14/15 until Oct. 5/6. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Thank you for supporting the Knights, who, in turn, support the parish! Info: Grand Knight, Charles Hall, knossingtongrang@aol.com.

Nurse Health Ministry The NHM will hold Blood Pressure Screenings after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, on Sun., Sept. 15th. Knowing your numbers could save your life.

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.

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.

St. Joseph's Crab Feast The 15th Annual Community Crab Feast (now an Adult, 18 and over event), sponsored by St. Joseph's RCS Home & School Association & St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Youth Organization, is being held on Sat., Sept. 21, 2019, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$45 (in advance) for crab eaters (\$55 at the door)/\$20 (\$25 at the door) for hamburger/hot dog eaters. Beer, wine, & silent auction items will be sold at an additional cost. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Info: hsapresident@stjosrcs.org, or cyostjoseph@gmail.com. See the flyers on the back tables.

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.

Children's Choir Children's Choir practice is held every Thurs., from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the choir room. We sing on the 2nd Sun., at the 11:30 a.m. Mass & on the 4th Sun., at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All children 3 & older are welcome! (Younger children need to be able to sit through the whole mass.) Info: contact Sue LaCourse, 301-498-8421, or suelacourse@juno.com.

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.

Learn More About Catholicism Are you curious about what the Catholic Church teaches? Want to explore becoming Catholic? Come to the RCIA Kickoff **this coming 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 **this 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

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 and expanded their faith. Info: 301-236-5200, or 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 reception follows in Thaddeus Hall. Info: Rev. Ryan Pineda, pinedar@adw.org, or 202-246-9015.

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.

Office of Priest Vocations: 202-636-9020, or email: RFV@adw.org
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.

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

Men's Discernment Mass & Dinner The Office of Priest Vocations will hold a Men's Discernment Mass & Dinner, on Oct. 6, at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill. Mass begins at 3:00 p.m., followed by dinner & a discussion of the priesthood with priests, seminarians, & other men from the D.C. area. Men must register to attend at www.DCpriest.org. Info: call the Office of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020, or email Fr. Mark Ivany, at vocations@adw.org.

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.



This Week's Activities At-a-Glance

SUN / 8	K of C Sunday Rosary recited at 11:00 a.m., before the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to pray with us.
TUES / 10	K of C Social-7:30 p.m., Pt. II of "Bakhita" to be shown; RCIA Open House-7:00-8:30 p.m. in Church.
WED / 11	Charismatic Prayer Group - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Readings for September 14 / 15

First Reading	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Second Reading	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel	Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for September 14 / 15

	LECTORS	EMHC
5:00 p.m.	Corinne Remy Katie Vaughn	Rita Goerling Corinne Remy
8:00 a.m.	Tita Banez Naomi DaSilva	Brinda Albert Victor Gaw
9:30 a.m.	John Oliver Mary Boivin	Patricia Schmidt Robert Randolph
11:30 a.m.	Queenmore Esotu Brandon Langmia	Chichi Adol Rita Akinpelumi Gloria Ajetunmobi

Altar Servers Schedule for September 14 / 15

5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Simon	Shean	Chelsea Mia Noelle	Eria Elijah Tony

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](mailto:Debbie@rauschda@gmail.com). Thank you.

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