

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

September 12-13, 2020

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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 left 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 Timothy K. Baer

**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. in the Church.

**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.



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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**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. 13, Oct. 11, or Nov. 8, 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. 27, Oct. 25, or Nov. 22. Please confirm the date with the Baptism Coordinator before making arrangements. For more information, contact Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or [ipcunanan128@verizon.net](mailto:ipcunanan128@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](mailto: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 Baer, 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. 14	8:30 a.m.	+Teresita Punsalan
Tue. Sept. 15	8:30 a.m.	+John Franklin Holterman
Wed. Sept. 16	8:30 a.m.	+Lillian Ford
Thur. Sept. 17	8:30 a.m.	+Sharon Conroy
Fri. Sept. 18	8:30 a.m.	+Anne S. Crotty
Sat. Sept. 19	8:30 a.m.	+Mark A. Khoury

Masses	September 12 / 13	September 19 / 20
5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Helen Elko
8:00 a.m.	+Teresita Punsalan	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	+Joseph Koshnick	+Thomas K. Dugan
11:30 a.m.	+Manuel Belandres [Death Anniversary]	+Patricia Helms

**Oremus pro invicem**

**Please Pray For:** Paz Belandres, Kelvin Brown, Florence Germann, Sandra Harris, Mia Jackson, Merle Joseph, Gene Kearney, Doris Menjivar, Zaida Morris, Debbie Lynn Mauer, Doris Rosenberg, Erin Tiamson, Ernestine & Oliver Wilford, & our parishioners who are in assisted living, are homebound, in nursing homes, & their caregivers. Call the rectory to add/remove anyone.

**Sacrament of Confession** Confessions are held on Saturday afternoons from 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please enter the front doors of the church on the Parish Hall side. An usher will direct you to the line for confessions. As you enter the church, please wear a face mask or facial covering, sanitize your hands, and maintain social distancing (six feet) while in the church & parish hall.

**Mass Intentions** There are a few Masses without an intention. If you would like to offer a Mass intention for a loved one (living or deceased), please leave a voicemail at 301-490-5116. Thank you.

**Faith Direct** Please consider using our safe & secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. Please visit: [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), & use our church code: MD607. Like any household, the Parish has regular monthly bills to pay & the offertory collection is the main source of income for the parish. Alternatively, you can mail your offertory to the Parish or drop it in our secure mailbox by the Rectory. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless you!

**St. Nicholas Capital Campaign** Please continue to fulfill your pledge to our Capital Campaign. Thank you!

**St. Nicholas Prayer Warriors** Send prayer requests to Rita McGlothlin, 301-498-7019, [ritamarymcg@gmail.com](mailto:ritamarymcg@gmail.com).

**Junior Prayer Warriors** Our St. Nicholas Junior Prayer Warriors meet every 4th Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Info: Benedict Olaniyi, [benolaleye2000@yahoo.com](mailto:benolaleye2000@yahoo.com).

**International Catholics of St. Nicholas** ICSN meets every 4th Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Info: Justin Harris, [jumoharris@verizon.net](mailto:jumoharris@verizon.net).

**Knights of Columbus** Deacon John Lynn Council's monthly business meeting is being held in the parish hall. Info: Grand Knight: Mike Woodruff, email: [mike.woodruff@mac.com](mailto:mike.woodruff@mac.com).

**Parish Social** You are cordially invited to a Sun., Sept. 13, 2020 Social, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, which is being sponsored by our Deacon John Lynn Council Knights of Columbus. We will have lots of great food & games with indoor & outdoor tables to seat you & your family. The meals will be prepared & served by John Walsh of Full Belly Catering, LLC, & will feature pulled pork, smoked chicken, all-beef hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit cups, & sweets. Mandated mask & social distancing protocols will be observed & per government executive order, we are limited to fifty (50) guests. Sign-ups are required. To sign up, please see the latest "Flocknote". We look forward to a safe & fun Sunday Social with you!

**St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School Updates** St. Nicholas supports St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School in Beltsville, MD. Considering a Catholic School Education for your children? Check out our St. Nicholas Church website: <https://www.stnicholaslaurel.org/saint-joseph-regional-school>. We have welcomed back our students for the 2020-2021 school-year. This year we are practicing the virtues of courtesy (wearing our masks), patience (safety first!), and kindness. Please follow us on facebook, @stjosephbeltsville, or twitter, @StJosephsRCS, for videos and updates on what's going on in our school community!

**Just a Reminder**

**Welcome Back** (Be sure to check our website & "Flocknote" for the latest updates). Welcome home to St. Nicholas Church! Please download & read the document, "Enter & Give Thanks", at <https://stnicholaslaurel.org/enter-and-give-thanks>. Enter the Church, wearing a face mask or facial covering, by way of the Parish Hall entrance, & follow the directions of the ushers. Ask yourself the following questions before coming to St. Nicholas Parish:

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4F or above in the last 72 hours? Have you had a fever of 100.4F or above in the last 72 hours? Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of the sense of taste, smell, or appetite?
2. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or think you may have had COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
3. Have you been in close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19, or think they may have COVID-19 within the last 14 Days?

If any of your answers are yes, please refrain from attending Mass and seek counsel from your medical provider.

**Mass Times** Daily Masses are Monday-Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Weekend Masses are Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday Morning Masses at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m. *Reservations are no longer needed to attend weekend Masses, although capacity limits will be enforced. We reserve the right to reinstitute Mass Sign-ups should the state, county, or Archdiocese of Washington mandates change. Remember, if you feel uncomfortable attending, or have underlying health issues, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation is still in effect until further notice. We will continue to send out the Sunday "Flocknote" with the link to live-stream Sunday Mass from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Thank you!*

*Around Laurel and the Archdiocese*

*St. Nicholas Parish Notes*

**Help Our Marriage** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) can help & offers hope for a better relationship. For confidential information or to register for an upcoming program, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call 443-400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

**2020 Jubilarian Mass Cancelled** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are cancelling the Archdiocesan Jubilarian Mass on Sun., Nov. 22. We are still accepting registrations of couples who are celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ years) & will be providing each couple an anniversary certificate. We encourage parishes to celebrate Jubilarian couples in their parishes at a parish Mass or through parish communications. Couples who wish to receive a **certificate** should **contact** their parish office **by Sept. 30** (301-490-5116). For more information, call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546, or email [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org).

**Dealing With Threats of Eviction** Catholic Charities brought housing experts & advocates together for a workshop on how vulnerable tenants can learn about their rights & how to cope with this crisis on Aug. 11. A recording of the workshop will be made available to parishes to post on their websites & social media platforms. Info: Fr. Jacek at [Jacek.Orzechowski@cc-dc.org](mailto:Jacek.Orzechowski@cc-dc.org).

**World Wide Marriage Encounter** WWME has cancelled all in-person weekends for this year. However, there is a way for couples, priests, & religious to join a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of their home. There will be a 7-Session Virtual Experience, (Mon. & Thurs. Evenings), beginning on Mon., Oct. 5, & ending on Thurs., Oct. 26, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. The content of the sessions will be the same as given on in-person weekends. There are 15 couples on the experience. Info: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), [moments4marriage.org](http://moments4marriage.org), or leave a message at 301-395-5369. Thank you.

**2020 LARS Turkey Trot** This annual tradition, hosted by LARS, Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, has a new virtual look this year, due to COVID-19. There will be prizes, opportunities to connect with small groups of participants in our area, & more flexibility than before. You can use Laurel's official 5K route or create your own course to complete the 5K, 10K (new this year), or 1 Mile Run/Walk anytime during Thanksgiving Week, Nov. 23-29. Registration is \$20 until Race Week. T-shirts/masks will be for sale separately in October. More info, email: [lwelfrd@laureladvocacy.org](mailto:lwelfrd@laureladvocacy.org).

**Nightly Rosary** The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our health-challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, and insert the code- 357090#, at 8 p.m., seven days a week. Info: email [archdiocesecw@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.com). For more prayer resources: <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>.

**St. Nicholas Altar Flower Donation** We are seeking on-going donations for a weekly flower arrangement to go in front of the Altar. If you are interested in memorializing a deceased loved one or honoring a living loved one, we are accepting donations in increments of \$25, \$50, \$75, & \$100. We will be placing envelopes on the back tables in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to donate, make your check payable to St. Nicholas Church, & place it in a sealed envelope that reads, "Memorial Flower Donation", with the name of the loved one you want memorialized or honored, and whether they are living or deceased. Please deposit your envelope in the collection basket in the back of the Church. Thank you! For more information, please call the parish office, 301-490-5116. Thank you.

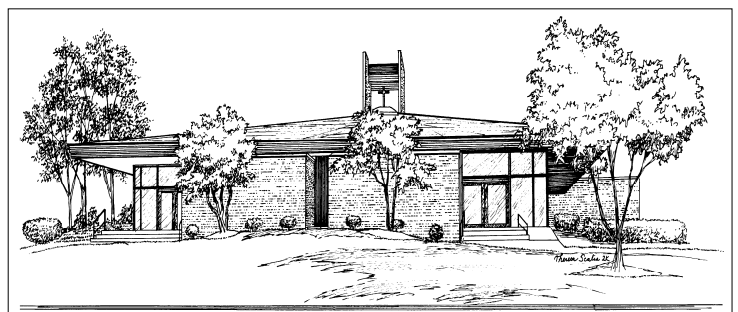
**Learn More About Catholicism** Are you curious about what the Catholic Church teaches? Want to explore becoming Catholic? Come to the social hall of the church **this** Tuesday, September 15, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The RCIA process will answer your questions and help you discover what God's will is for your life. Refreshments will be served, and masks/social distancing will be observed. Questions? Contact Kathy Schmitt at 301-325-3119.

**Understanding God** Join Kathy Schmitt online for a five-part video series that explores who God is and why God matters. These 10 minute videos by Fr. Robert Barron will help us clarify our beliefs and address the queries of atheists. It will be held on five consecutive Thursdays, Sept. 24-Oct. 22, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. To register: email Kathy Schmitt at: [kschmitt123@yahoo.com](mailto:kschmitt123@yahoo.com).

**Flu Shots** The Health & Wellness Ministry will be holding a flu shot clinic in October. More details will be given as the information becomes available.

**Social Committee** A parish outing to Toby's Dinner Theater to see the musical, "Godspell", that was planned for Oct. 10, **has been changed to Sat., Jun. 19, 2021.**

**St. Nicholas Feast Day** Our St. Nicholas Feast Day will be celebrated on Sun., Dec. 6, with Mass, followed by the annual St. Nicholas Feast Day ceremonial meal. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.



**Readings for September 19 / 20**

First Reading	Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading	Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16a

**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:rauschda@gmail.com). Thank you.



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