

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

September 19-20, 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

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Parish Secretary: Brinda Albert

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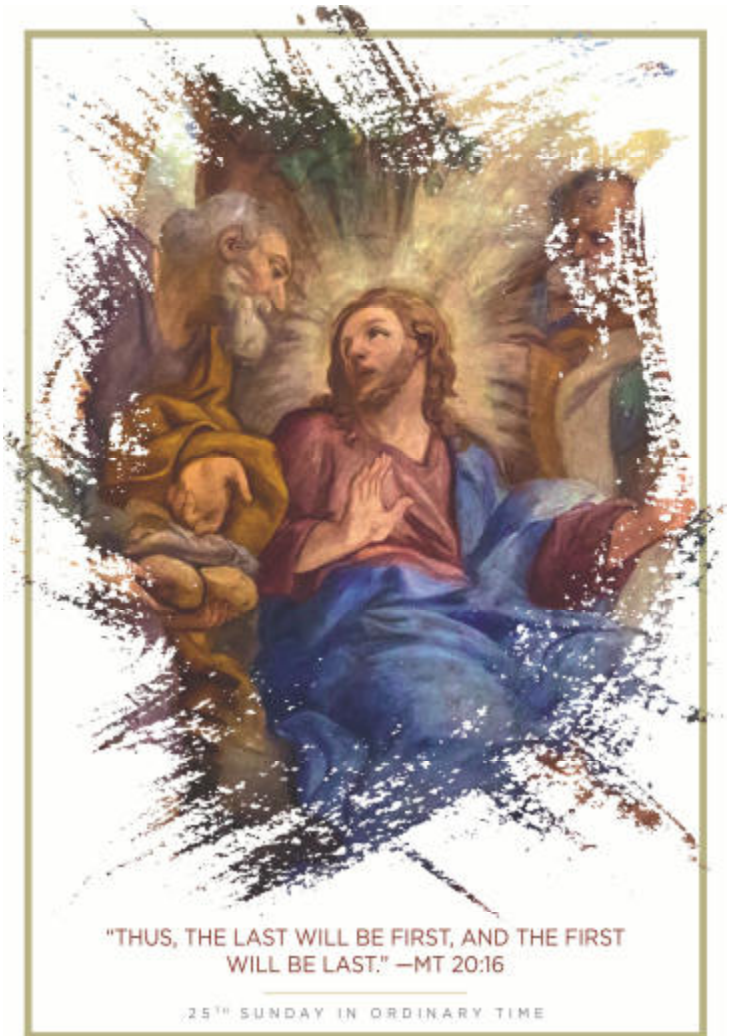
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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.



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., Oct. 11, Nov. 8, or Dec. 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 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 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 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. 21	8:30 a.m.	+Frank L. Gomez, Sr.
Tue. Sept. 22	8:30 a.m.	+Terri Burns
Wed. Sept. 23	8:30 a.m.	+Anna Marie Pearson
Thur. Sept. 24	8:30 a.m.	+Edward Koshnick
Fri. Sept. 25	8:30 a.m.	+Jean Hannigan
Sat. Sept. 26	8:30 a.m.	+Jean Hannagan

Masses	September 19 / 20	September 26 / 27
5:00 p.m.	+Helen Elko	Audrey & Simon Baidoo (L)
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Elsie Offshanney
9:30 a.m.	+Thomas K. Dugan	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	+Patricia Helms	+Edward Katkish

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 or remove anyone from the list.

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, wearing a face mask/facial covering, sanitize your hands, & maintain social distancing (six feet). An usher will direct you to the confession line.

Health & Wellness Ministry Needs Your Help! The Health & Wellness Ministry needs your help spreading the word about having a Flu Shot Clinic, provided by Walgreens, at St. Nicholas Church on Oct. 10, after the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Doctors are advising patients not to get the shots until October because those 65 years & older get a more potent dose of the vaccine. Medicare covers the cost. If you are under 65 & have no insurance, the cost is \$25, **cash or check only**. (Credit cards are not accepted). Be sure to bring your insurance card that day. Kaiser Patients are not eligible, as they must go to a Kaiser facility to be vaccinated. If you have any questions & want to register, email Gloria Hynes, RN, at gloriahynes@verizon.net. Thank you.

Faith Direct Please consider using our safe & secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. Please visit: 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.

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.

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.

Religious Education Class registration for students in Grades 1-8 is now open. Religious education classes will be live & in person beginning Oct. 17 (Sat.) for students in Grades 1-6, and, for students in middle & high school preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, they begin on Oct. 19 (Mon.). If you are new to the program, please contact Hope by email (hab1006@msn.com) to request a registration form. If you were registered & enrolled last year (2019-2020), please sign up using "Flocknote" or email Hope for a registration form. Class space is limited, so please don't delay in registering you student. Thank you.

Memorial Flowers 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. Meanwhile, 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". Please include the name of the loved one you want memorialized/honored on the envelope, whether they are living or deceased, & 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).

Sessions to Learn About Catholicism Are you curious about what the Catholic Church teaches? Want to explore becoming Catholic? Meet at the Church on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The RCIA process will answer questions & help you discover what God's will is for your life. Masks & social distancing will be observed. Info: contact Kathy Schmitt, 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.

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.

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.

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>. It's been a great first few weeks at St. Joseph Regional School! We have come together as a unified group with in-person & virtual learners interacting with each other through classroom academics & STEAM activities, as well as in the celebration of Mass! Our students are working together in small groups through the use of "IPADs & Chromebooks", despite their being in different locations. We are accepting applications for in person & distance, or a combination of both (hybrid), learning. Contact director@stjosrcs.org for more info. This weekend we pray especially for our students who are receiving their First Holy Communion. Please follow us on facebook, @stjosephbeltsville, or twitter, @StJosephsRCS, for videos and updates on what's going on in our school community!

Million Rosary March The Million Rosary March is an initiative, not part of any organization, that invites participants to pledge to say the rosary daily, engage in some form of fasting on Fridays, and participate at least once monthly in Eucharistic adoration, each part of which is to be done during the period from August 15-December 8. The objective is to offer our prayers & sacrifices in reparation & intercession for our country. The name derives from the objective of having at least a million rosaries offered during the period. Even though the Feast of the Assumption was a month ago, anyone can go to the website now & make a commitment to join in for the rest of this period. (This initiative can also continue beyond the December 8th endpoint). The following link provides more information & resources: <https://millionrosarymarch.com/>.

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. Couples who wish to receive a certificate should **contact** their parish office by **Sept. 30** (301-490-5116). Info: call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546, or email visiblesign@adw.org.

COVID-19 Reminders

Welcome Back to St. Nicholas (Check our website & "Flocknote" for the latest updates). Download & read the info in the document, "Enter and Give Thanks" at: <https://stnicholaslaurel.org/enter-and-give-thanks>. Enter the Church, wearing a face mask/facial covering, by way of the Parish Hall entrance, & follow the directions of the ushers. Before entering the Church, ask yourself the following:

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 stay home 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, and 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.* If you feel uncomfortable attending Mass at this time, 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!

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 8:00 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.

Readings for September 26 / 27

First Reading	Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading	Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32

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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