

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

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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.



**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 Oct. 25, Nov. 22, or Dec. 27. 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. Oct. 5	8:30 a.m.	+Steven C. Chandler
Tue. Oct. 6	8:30 a.m.	+John Joseph McCarron
Wed. Oct. 7	8:30 a.m.	+Martin Joseph Novak
Thur. Oct. 8	8:30 a.m.	+Joan M. Harris
Fri. Oct. 9	8:30 a.m.	+Rosella "Connie" Lim
Sat. Oct. 10	8:30 a.m.	+Nicolas Ian Kothe

Masses	October 3 / 4	October 10 / 11
5:00 p.m.	+Anna Storti	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m.	+Msgr. Thomas A. Kane	+Charles Baker
9:30 a.m.	Marilynne Kowalski (L)	+Msgr. Thomas A. Kane
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Hattie Lee Gavin

**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.

**Holy Rosary and Litany** Mary's Chapel Society & the Knights of Columbus are inviting us to join them in praying the Rosary in the Church, **this** Sun., Oct. 4, at 1:00 p.m., to honor our Lady of the Holy Rosary. This will take the place of our usual Marian Procession and Living Rosary. Please sign up with "Flocknote". Questions— please call Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or email [ipcunanan128@verizon.net](mailto:ipcunanan128@verizon.net).

**Health & Wellness Ministry** The HWM is partnering with Walgreens for a Flu Shot Clinic at St. Nicholas Church on Sun., Oct. 11, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please register in advance with Gloria Hynes, RN, at [gloriahynes@verizon.net](mailto:gloriahynes@verizon.net), and provide the following information: name, age, & insurance provider. Walk-ins are not accepted. Medicare covers the cost for those 65+ on Medicare. There is no cost for most health insurances & \$25 for those without insurance (**cash or check only, no credit cards accepted**). Bring your insurance card the day of vaccination. Kaiser patients are not eligible. Thank you.

**Domestic Abuse & Human Trafficking** October is Domestic Abuse Information Month. If you need help, the number to call is 2-1-1. 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. Thank you.

**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.

**Fall Campaign for 40 Days for Life** After 10 & ½ Years, the "40 Days for Life" people of St. Nicholas are moving to a new day & time to pray in front of the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD., 20740. We will continue praying on Wed., Sept. 30, & Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in front of the clinic. (The campaign started on September 23). If you would like to join us to pray for the end to the abortions being done at this clinic for the last 41 years, meet us in front of church at 12:30 p.m. If you cannot attend with us, please pray with us wherever you are at 1:00 p.m. for the next 5 Wednesdays, so we can shut this place down. They are not required to produce records of their procedures & not required to have inspections of the facility. Info: Dorie, 301-498-7649.

**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** The Knights pray a different mystery of the Holy Rosary in front of the Marian Chapel each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Come & pray with us! Deacon John Lynn Council's monthly business meeting is held in the parish hall. Info: Grand Knight: Mike Woodruff, email: [mike.woodruff@mac.com](mailto:mike.woodruff@mac.com).

**Sessions to Learn About Catholicism** Want to explore becoming Catholic? Meet at the Church on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., & learn about the RCIA process. 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 & why God matters. These 10 minute videos by Fr. Robert Barron will help us clarify our beliefs and address the queries of atheists. The series continues on Thurs., Oct. 8, 15, & 22, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Info: Kathy Schmitt, [kschmitt123@yahoo.com](mailto:kschmitt123@yahoo.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. For students in middle & high school preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, they will begin on Oct. 19 (Mon.). If you are new to the program, please contact Hope to request a registration form, hab1006@msn.com. 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. Interested in memorializing a deceased loved one or honoring a living loved one? We are accepting donations in increments of \$25, \$50, \$75, & \$100. Printed envelopes are now available on the tables in back of the church. To donate, make your check payable to "St. Nicholas Church". Be sure to write "Memorial Flower Donation" on the memo line of your check. 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. Thank you! (For more information, please call the parish office, 301-490-5116).

**Save the Date** St. Nicholas was formally dedicated on Jun. 12, 1971, by Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle. We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary Dedication of St. Nicholas Church on June 12, 2021. Details later.

**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>. Please follow us on facebook, @stjosephbeltsville, or twitter, @StJosephsRCS, for videos and updates on what's going on in our school!

**Stimulus Check Help** Are you still waiting for your stimulus check? Catholic Charities, in partnership with the IRS, have launched a free program to help low income/or no income individuals & families from missing out on the stimulus payment that was sent out in the spring. If you did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 or do not receive Social Security, the government doesn't know these individuals/families exist, as they do not have a mailing address or a bank account to send these cash payments to. To qualify you must: have a Social Security Number (ITIN holders are excluded) and not be a tax dependant of someone else. Info: Contact Deacon Jim Shanahan, Director, Financial Stability Network, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, [Jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org](mailto:Jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org), 202-262-1419, or [fsn@cc-dc.org](mailto:fsn@cc-dc.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 in 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](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.com).

**Readings for October 10 / 11**

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10a
Second Reading	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**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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