

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

October 24-25, 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

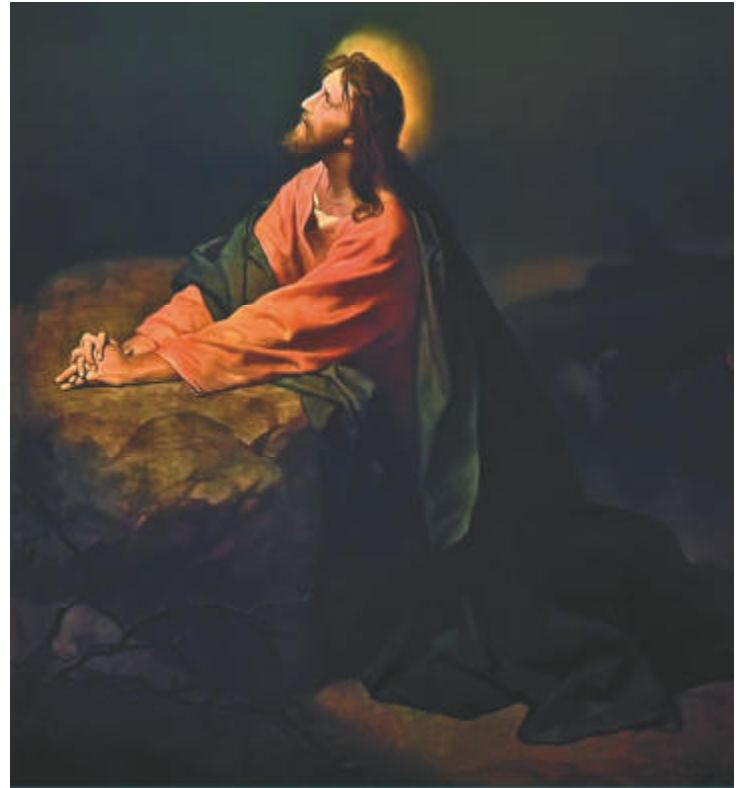
**Rectory Hours** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
*The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.*

**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.



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

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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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., 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 [lpcunanan128@verizon.net](mailto: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](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. 26	8:30 a.m.	In Memory of +Emmy Lou Winter
Tue. Oct. 27	8:30 a.m.	+Donald Jermann
Wed. Oct. 28	8:30 a.m.	Jumoke Akinbamijo [Mercy & Favor] (L)
Thur. Oct. 29	8:30 a.m.	+Marilyn Mellor
Fri. Oct. 30	8:30 a.m.	+Ernesto & Aurea Punsalan
Sat. Oct. 31	8:30 a.m.	+Eulalia & Rufina Aranico
<b>Masses</b>	<b>Oct. 24 / 25</b>	<b>Oct. 31 / Nov. 1</b>
5:00 p.m.	+Jane Roper	Simon Baidoo (L)
8:00 a.m.	+Marty Novak	All Souls
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	All Souls
11:30 a.m.	Dr. & Mrs. Obi Anyanwu [Family Thanksgiving] (L)	All Souls

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

**10 Hours of Adoration** On Fri., Nov. 6, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we will have **First Friday** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with 10 Holy Hours of Adoration, from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. **Each hour must have a minimum of two Adorers, who must sign-up with "Flocknote"**. (Starts at 9:00 a.m., ends at 7:00 with Benediction, followed by Evening Mass). All walk-in Adorers are welcome. Your presence & participation are greatly needed. Info? Parish office: 301-490-5116.

**Commemoration of All Souls** Three (3) Masses will be celebrated on November 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon, & 7:00 p.m. Although we must do things differently than in past years, we still want to memorialize those who have gone before us in faith. To request a candle to be placed on the Altar for a recently lost loved one (since November 2019), with your loved one's name upon it, please sign up on "Flocknote". Hopefully, knowing your loved one is being prayed for at all Masses will be a comfort for you. Info needed: which Mass you are attending, the names of two people attending who will add the name of your loved one, & the name of your loved one & date of their passing (month & year is fine). Visit the parish website, <http://stnicholaslaurel.org>, and click on "Flocknote" to sign up. Info: Rita Olaley, [olurita2014@gmail.com](mailto:olurita2014@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Flower Donation** The flower arrangement in front of the Altar for the weekend of October 24 & 25 was supported by Veronica Obayi in memory of Cecilia Abike Ajayi.

**Faith Direct** We are planning for Thanksgiving & Christmas, expecting the holidays will be anything but typical. Our ministries need your support today, after the uncertainty, unemployment, & isolation caused by COVID-19. Families will be turning to St. Nicholas for help during this season. Your generous donations now will help us to plan & budget for ministries that will serve those in need. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet, where you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Please visit: [faith.direct/MD607](http://faith.direct/MD607), or text "Enroll" to (Text-to-Give Number). Thank you for your support of our parish family. God Bless You, Fr. Timothy K. Baer.

**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 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 continues to meet on the 4th Sunday of the month on the Zoom platform. Information & reminders are emailed to members monthly, with the meeting sign-in information sent prior to each month's meeting. The next meeting will take place **this Sun., Oct. 25**. Info: Jane Okebugwu, [jokebugwu@aol.com](mailto:jokebugwu@aol.com).

**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. Info: Grand Knight: Mike Woodruff, email: [mike.woodruff@mac.com](mailto:mike.woodruff@mac.com).

**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.

**Sessions to Learn About Catholicism** RCIA meets at the church on Tues. 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: Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119.

**Maryland Catholic Conference** The Catholic Advocacy Network will inform you of our assemblies' legislative efforts & covers other issues of interest to Catholic voters when they are on break. The Election is only **1 week away! Please vote**. Info: <http://www.mdatholic.org/joincan>.

**Fall Campaign for 40 Days for Life** We will be praying the last of our Fall Campaign Vigils **this** Wed., Oct. 28, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Meet us in front of church at 12:30 p.m. to travel there. Can't attend? Pray with us, wherever you are, at 1:00 p.m. on Wed. Info: Dorie, 301-498-7649. Info: Dorie, 301-498-7649.

**Memorial Flowers** Interested in memorializing a deceased loved one or honoring a living loved one? We are accepting donations for a weekly flower arrangement in front of the Altar in increments of \$25, \$50, \$75, & \$100. Envelopes are on the back tables of the church. If you would like to donate, make your check payable to "St. Nicholas Church" (with "Memorial Flower Donation" written on the memo line of your check). Please include the name of the loved one you want memorialized/honored on the envelope, whether they are living or deceased, & deposit the envelope in the collection basket in back of the Church. Info: please call 301-490-5116. Thank 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>. Please follow us on facebook, @stjosephbeltsville, or twitter, @StJosephsRCS, for videos and updates on what's going on in our school community!

**St. Joseph's "Virtual Blingo!"** St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School is having a multi-parish event to support our regional school on Nov. 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Bingo with jewelry prizes (bling) will be held. Cost: \$20/person for 8 games. Meals for purchase \$15/serving will be available while you play. (Fr. Andrew's favorite baby back ribs & tasty lasagna are on the menu, too!). Register for Bingo & purchase meals at: <https://bit.ly/3jLtGP8>. Info: 301-937-7154.

**Laurel Pregnancy Center** LPC has launched a virtual fundraising campaign for this year in place of the annual dinner. Titled "Unpacking Hope", they share many of their activities with you in the form of emails, videos, Facebook posts, & even old-fashioned letters. Spotlight interviews, behind the scenes highlights, blog posts, & prayer updates will give you a taste of what God is doing at the Laurel Pregnancy Center. It will all culminate during their "Week of Giving", November 9-13, 2020. The campaign's highlight is a special edition "box" for each supporter with a DVD, a ministry impact report, a prayer card, and other goodies to educate & inspire you about LPC's mission of hope. Cost: \$50. Sign up for the box at [www.lpcpartners.org](http://www.lpcpartners.org). If you do not want a box, you may make a donation either online ([www.lpcpartners.org](http://www.lpcpartners.org)), or by check via mail (Laurel Pregnancy Center, 415 Main Street, Laurel, MD, 20723). Info: 301-776-9997. Thank you!

## 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.* 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!

**Just a Reminder** Parishioners may sign up for "Flocknote", (which has the latest updates & sign-up spaces for various parish activities & liturgies), by going to our Church website, <http://stnicholaslaurel.org>. The weekly bulletin can also be accessed on our website. Paper bulletin copies & the "Word Among Us" are now available on the table inside the parish hall.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends** Daylight Savings Time ends on Sun., Nov. 1, at **2:00 a.m.** Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Sat. evening. The old adage "Spring Forward, Fall Back" is a good way to remember in which direction to reset your clocks. Thank you.

### Readings for October 31 / November 1

First Reading	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a

**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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