Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

February 6-7, 2021

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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

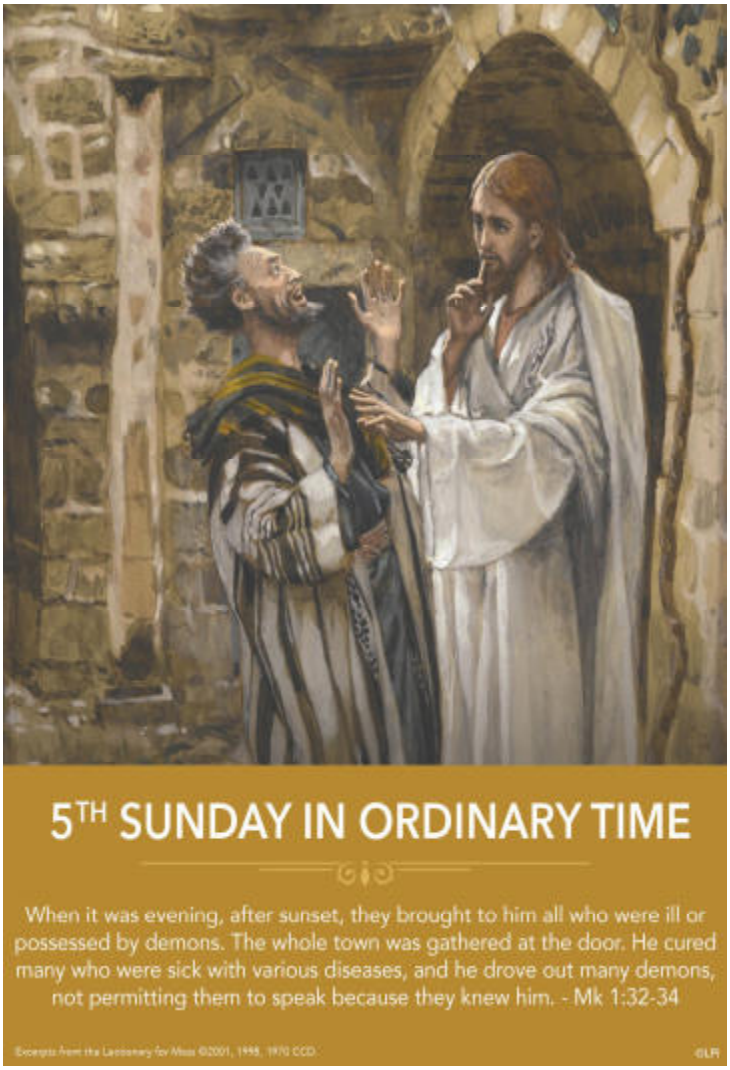
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. *The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays*.

Daily Mass Monday to Saturday at 8:30 a.m.; additionally, First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Benediction at 6:30 p.m., with Mass at 7:00 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., Feb. 14, Mar. 14, or Apr. 11, 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 Feb. 28, Mar. 28, or Mar. Apr. 25. 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. Feb. 8	8:30 a.m.	+Graciano Candida Tuazon
Tues. Feb. 9	8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Dominic Sunday Ajayi [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
Wed. Feb. 10	8:30 a.m.	+Carol Eggers
Thurs. Feb. 11	8:30 a.m.	+Antonio & Vicenta Madarang
Fri. Feb. 12	8:30 a.m.	+Maria Einolf
Sat. Feb. 13	8:30 a.m.	+Violet Ferruzza

Masses	February 6 / 7	February 13 / 14
5:00 p.m.	Rev. Timothy Baer [Birthday Blessings] (L)	Tuazon Family [Thanksgiving] (L)
8:00 a.m.	+Abraham Joseph	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Edward James Hynes
11:30 a.m.	John Kiganda & Family (L)	+Rita Henry [Birthday] (L)

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

Pastor's Letter Dear Friends in Christ, soon the calendar will turn to February, which means Lent is just around the corner & is the time of year when I will ask you to make a gift to the Annual Appeal in support of the many charitable works of our Archdiocese. You have been generous in providing for our parish needs this past year, & your support of the Annual Appeal is, in many ways, an extension of your parish support. It is a critical source of funding for seminarian formation, pro-life & family ministries, and pastoral & social outreach. All directly or indirectly impact our parish & local community. As the Annual Appeal strengthens our parish life, it also unifies us as the Church of Washington, caring for the spiritual & other needs of those beyond our parish boundaries, accomplishing together what we couldn't do on our own. Remember, 100% of your gift is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Appeal & not used for any other purpose and, it is credited towards our parish goal. Learn more at: appeal.adw.org. Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal & your steadfast generosity during this time of hardship. It is not only a source of inspiration for me, but also a force for good in a world that is searching for Christ. I pray that God will continue to bless you and bring you peace & joy. Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Timothy Baer

"Best Lent Ever" It's time to find your copy of "I Heard God Laugh", which was given out at Church during Christmas, and sign up for Matthew Kelly's "Best Lent Ever" video series. (Go to DynamicCatholic.com, scroll down to "Best Lent Ever" & sign up). Beginning on Ash Wednesday & continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to enrich your Lenten experience as it journeys through the book, "I Heard God Laugh". Questions? Call Wayne Nostro, 703-906-5370.

Flower Arrangement The flower arrangement in front of the Altar for the weekend of Jan. 23/24 was donated by Pat Schmidt, in honor of the birthday of her mother, Ethel Heiser.

Faith Direct Our Ministries need your help all year round. 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, or text "Enroll" to (Text-to-Give Number). Thank you for your support of our parish family. God Bless You, Fr. Timothy K. Baer.

St. Nicholas Capital Campaign Please continue to fulfill your pledge to our Capital Campaign.

Poor Box The needs of the poor are even greater during this time. Contributions to the poor box are a valued & gracious gift to others in need.

Mary's Chapel Mary's Chapel Ladies will pray & sing the Holy Rosary after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, on First Saturday, Feb. 6. If more than 5 attend, they will pray outside of the Chapel. All are welcome.

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

St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School News To apply to St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School, click the Admissions tab & select: "Apply Now". Apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington at: https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/. The paperwork is detailed & takes a long time to complete, so apply early. Missing documentation may cause the application to be denied. Catholic Families must submit an application to be eligible for Pastoral Aide for the 2021-2022 school year. Info: Website: www.stjosrcs.org; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/; & Twitter: https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS.

Memorial Flowers We are seeking on-going donations in increments of $25, $50, $75, $100, & $200 for a weekly flower arrangement to go in front of the Altar & next to Mary and Joseph. To donate: make your check out to "St. Nicholas Church" (with "Memorial Flower Donation" written on the memo line), include the loved one's name you want memorialized/honored on the envelope (found in back of Church), whether they are living/deceased, & deposit it in the collection baskets. Info: please call 301-490-5116.

Divine Mercy Devotional Group All are invited to join our new Divine Mercy Devotional Group to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Fridays of the month at 3:00 p.m. Learn how to pray it on your rosary beads: https://www.thedivine mercy.org/ message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet. Info: mike.woodruff@mac.com.

Lenten Liturgies & Activities

- **Ash Wednesday Masses**– Wed., Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., Noon, and 7:00 p.m. It is a day of fast & abstinence: two small meals & one regular meal are permitted, but no snacks & no meat for people ages 14-60.
- **Stations of the Cross**– Every Friday of Lent, starting Fri., Feb. 19, we will have Stations of the Cross with Benediction from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Good Friday Outdoor Stations will be at 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.
- **First Friday**-Mar. 5, First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., with Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross, and Benediction.
- **Penance Service**– There will be no Penance Service.
- **"The Light is On"**- Every Wednesday of Lent, Confession will be available from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Feb. 24, & Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31).
- **CRS Rice Bowl**– Did you know that 25% of the contributions to the CRS Rice Rice Bowl stay here in the Archdiocese to help people in need, while 75% is used to help people around the world. Rice Bowls will be available in the Parish Hall and the vestibule starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. Please take one home & put your faith into action this Lent! (Return the filled bowls to the office in back of church during Holy Week).
- **Lenten Reflection Booklets from Magnificat & Word Among Us**– Available after all Masses for a suggested donation of $1.00. It (Word Among Us) contains the Mass readings for each day of Lent, a daily reflection, & helpful articles.

Forty Days for Life We pray in front of the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic on Wednesdays from Feb. 24- Mar. 24. See the flyer in this week's bulletin.

St. Nicholas Prayer Warriors Prayer requests may be sent to Rita McGlothlin, ritamarymcg@gmail.com., or 301-498-7019.

Junior Prayer Warriors Our St. Nicholas Junior Prayer Warriors meet every 4th Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Info: Benedict Olaniyi, be-nolaleye2000@yahoo.com.

International Catholics of St. Nicholas ICSN continues to meet on the 4th Sunday of the month on the Zoom platform. This month's meeting is Sun., Feb. 28. Info: Jane Okebugwu, jokebugwu@aol.com.

RCIA RCIA meets at the church on Tues. from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Masks & social distancing will be observed. Info: Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119.

Welcome Back to St. Nicholas *(Check our website & "Flocknote" for the latest updates). Wear a facial covering/mask & enter the Church by the parish hall entrance. Due to the increase of coronavirus cases in Prince George's County, St. Nicholas has prudently placed capacity limits on our Weekend Masses. After screening, please take your seat, since the doors will be closed once capacity is reached. Wear your mask & social distance both in the Church & when you leave to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, please stay home & seek counsel from your doctor. 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 taste, smell, or appetite? Have you tested positive for COVID-19, think you may have had COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or been in close contact with a person who tested positive?

Mass Times: Daily Masses are Monday-Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *Eucharistic Adoration is held on First Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., followed by Benediction at 6:30 p.m., & Mass at 7:00 p.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. The Knights pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary in front of the Marian Chapel each Sun. at 11:00 a.m. The **dispensation** from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays & holy days of obligation is still in effect until further notice.

Readings for February 13 / 14

First Reading	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45

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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