

# 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

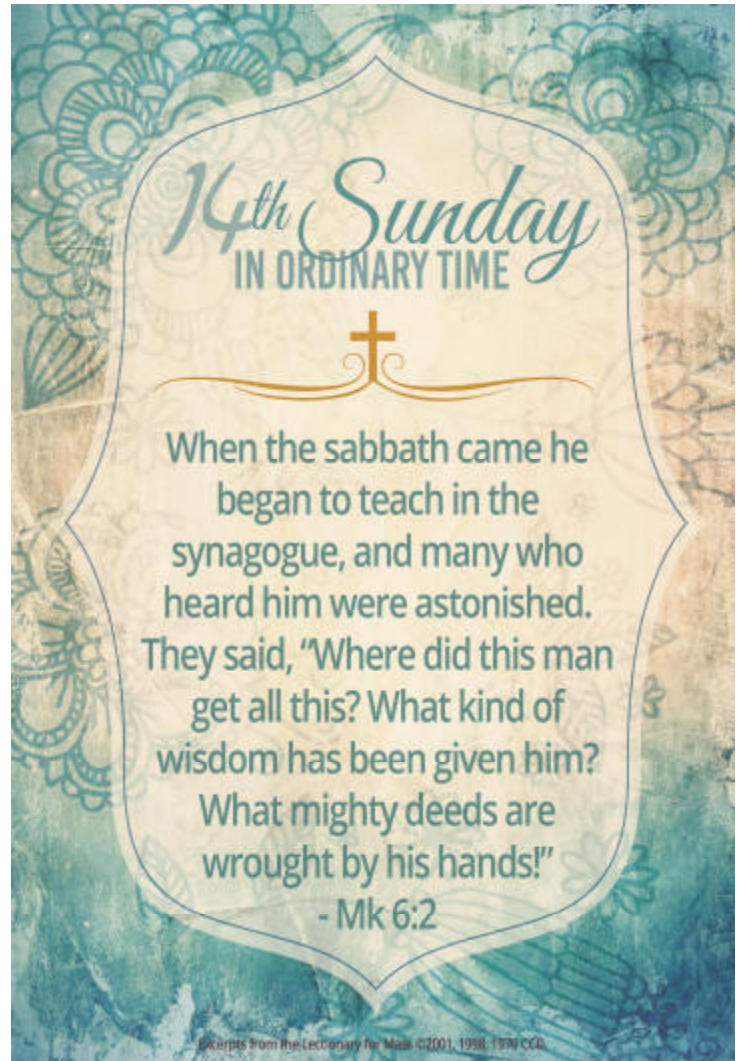
**Rectory Hours** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
*The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.*

**Daily Mass** Monday to Saturday at 8:30 a.m.; additionally, First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration 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., Jul. 11, Aug. 8, or Sept. 12, 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 Jul. 25, Aug. 22, or Sept. 26. 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.

**Welcome to St. Nicholas!** (Check our website & “Flocknote” for the latest updates). Per new Archdiocese of Washington Guidance: Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals. Masks are recommended for non-vaccinated individuals. **Social distancing of 3 feet is required** between individuals from separate households. The **dispensation** of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation **has been lifted** in the Archdiocese of Washington.

*Mass Intentions*

Mon. Jul 5	8:30 a.m.	Rev. Martin Flum [In Thanksgiving] (L)
Tues. Jul 6	8:30 a.m.	+Yang Gomez
Wed. Jul 7	8:30 a.m.	Elveda Doe [Birthday] (L)
Thurs. Jul 8	8:30 a.m.	Myaa Vu [Birthday Blessings] (L)
Fri. Jul 9	8:30 a.m.	+Vi & Sam Ferruzza
Sat. Jul 10	8:30 a.m.	+Barbara Brey

Masses	July 3 / 4	July 10 / 11
5:00 p.m.	Antoinette Metuge & Timothy Lelian [Thanksgiving for our Holy Matrimonial Blessing & unto all our generational bloodline] (L)	+Mary Corbett
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Alex Tolentino
9:30 a.m.	+Ador Tinio	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	John Uchenna (L)	Chuka & Ebuka Anyanwu [Happy Birthday-7/12] (L)

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to offer a Mass intention for a loved one (living/deceased), email the rectory office with the name/s & the Mass date/s being requested at: [st.nicholaschurch@verizon.net](mailto:st.nicholaschurch@verizon.net). A suggested donation of \$10-15 is requested. Thank you.

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

**Altar Flower Donation** Altar flowers for the 4th of July weekend were donated by Rich & Marion Gould, in memory of John L. Gould, brother of Rich Gould.

**First Saturday Devotions** All are invited pray the Rosary after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, on First Saturday, **July 3**, in Mary’s Chapel.

**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.

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

**Faith Direct** Now is a great time to make the switch to “eGiving” – you can sign up from your computer, smart phone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts help sustain our parish as we continue to confront the challenges and turmoil sparked by COVID-19, as we work to reopen more of our programs, services, and ministries for our church families, & for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/MD607](http://faith.direct/MD607). Thank you for supporting of our parish family.

**Poor Box** The needs of the poor do not cease, even though the pandemic is receding. Contributions to the poor box are a valued & gracious gift to others in need.

**Father’s Day Baby Bottles** The Baby Bottles (raising funds for the Laurel Pregnancy Center) may be returned by the Labor Day Weekend. Info: Christine Brett, [mshaun@aol.com](mailto:mshaun@aol.com). Thank you!

**Pro-Life Update** The Archdiocese of Washington and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops continue to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion, including any appropriations bill. The Hyde Amendment & other life-saving appropriations riders have prevented taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortions for 45 years. We are asking parishes to join us in support of the Hyde Amendment by sharing these resources in bulletins and social media. The petition and the resources can be found at: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>. Thank you.

**St. Joseph’s Regional Catholic School News** To apply to St. Joseph’s Regional Catholic School, click the Admissions tab & select: “Apply Now”& for Archdiocese of Washington tuition assistance: <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/>. Info: Website: [www.stjosrcs.org](http://www.stjosrcs.org); Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>.

**Catholic Schools Virtual Open Houses** Are you interested in finding the right Catholic School for you? Take the first step by attending a virtual open house or admissions event this month. Learn more at [www.adwcatholicsschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org).

**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.

**Catholic Charities Legal Network** The network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income & poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at 301-615-0949, or email: Daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org, to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas & criminal expungements.

**A Million Rosaries** Every Prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the corona virus pandemic. Sign up for the One Million Rosary Campaign at: <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.

**LARS School Supplies Drive** A school supply drive benefitting LARS (Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services) families started the weekend of June 19/20 & ends the weekend of July 10/11. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule & on the table in the parish hall with a list of items needed. Collection boxes for the supplies will be marked. Thank you ahead of time for your support of these most needed items for school. Info: kvalenzuela@laureladvocacy.org or 301-776-0442, ext. 1030, or kschnitt123@yahoo.com.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Jack** Fr. Jack Kennealy, Pastor of St. Matthias Catholic Church in Lanham, MD, will be the Tour Spiritual Leader on a 12 day-10 night visit to the Holy Land, from May 22-June 2, 2022, with a cost of \$4280.00 per person, based on double occupancy. (See the flyer posted on the bulletin board or on the parish hall table). More information may be obtained from Fr. Jack Kennealy, at Kennealyj@adw.org, or rtemmaus@gmail.com. (Israel requires a COVID19 vaccine certificate as a condition prior to entering the country).

**Nightly Rosary** The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. 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/>.

**In The Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group** The St. Nicholas In the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group has resumed meeting every Wednesday, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. to praise and worship together. All are welcome! **St. Nicholas Prayer Warriors** Prayer requests may be sent to Rita McGlothlin, [ritamarymcg@gmail.com](mailto: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, [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. This month's meeting is Sun., July 25th. Info: Jane Okebugwu, [jokebugwu@aol.com](mailto:jokebugwu@aol.com).

**Children's Choir** The children's choir has resumed singing for Mass in a reduced capacity. We will be rehearsing over Zoom in small family groups and singing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. Any child age 7 or older is able to sign up for a Sunday to sing. Families that will sing will rehearse the two Thursdays before their Mass. If you are interested, please contact Rolanda Brown, [rolanda7687@gmail.com](mailto:rolanda7687@gmail.com), for more information.

**Divine Mercy Devotional Group** All are invited to join our new Divine Mercy Devotional Group to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mike.woodruff@mac.com).

**Knights of Columbus Movie & Supper Night** The Movie Night & Supper will be held on Sat., July 24th. Details later.

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



### **Readings for July 10 / 11**

#### **The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

First Reading Amos 7:12-15  
 Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10  
 Gospel Mark 6:7-13

**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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