

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

## July 17-18, 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., Aug. 8, Sept. 12, or Oct. 10, 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 [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.

**Welcome to St. Nicholas!** (Check our website & “Flocknote” for the latest updates). The **dispensation** of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation **has been lifted** in the Archdiocese of Washington. **Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals. Masks are recommended for non-vaccinated individuals.**

*Mass Intentions*

Mon. Jul 19	8:30 a.m.	Veronica O. Obayi [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
Tues. Jul 20	8:30 a.m.	+John Francis Shaw, Jr.
Wed. Jul 21	8:30 a.m.	+Andrew Van Well
Thurs. Jul 22	8:30 a.m.	Mary Vu [Successful Surgery] (L)
Fri. Jul 23	8:30 a.m.	+Eddy Putney III
Sat. Jul 24	8:30 a.m.	+Kevin Job

Masses	July 17 / 18	July 24 / 25
5:00 p.m.	Jim & Carol Southard [39th Wedding Anniversary] (L)	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m.	+Victor Gaw	Deacon Eric Simontis [2nd Anniversary for Deaconate] (L)
9:30 a.m.	Tope Akinpelumi [40th Birthday Anniversary] (L)	Scott Simontis [Happy Birthday] (L)
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Mary Kiganda [Birthday] (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. Thanks.

**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.

**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 (living/deceased) being memorialized/honored on the envelope (found on the back tables), & deposit it in the collection baskets. Info: please call 301-490-5116.

**LARS School Supplies Drive** Thank you to all who participated in the school supplies drive.

**Save the Date!** The Social Committee is planning an outing to Toby’s Dinner Theater on Saturday, October 30, 2021, to see “Godspell, the Musical”. This is a first come, first served event. Info: Sonia Bobis, [sondbobis119@gmail.com](mailto:sondbobis119@gmail.com).

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

**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.

**Faith Direct** Now is a great time to make the switch to “eGiving” – you can sign up from your computer, smart phone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts help sustain our parish, as we continue to confront the COVID-19 aftermath & as we work to reopen our programs, services, & ministries to meet our community’s needs. Sign up at: [faith.direct/MD607](http://faith.direct/MD607). Thank you for your support!

**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 on Sun., July 25th. Info: Jane Okebugwu, [jokebugwu@aol.com](mailto:jokebugwu@aol.com).

**In the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group** Meetings have resumed for the group every Wednesday, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All are invited to join us praising God and worshipping together!

**Knights of Columbus Movie & Supper Night** The Movie & Supper Night, will be held on Sat., July 24th. Details about the movie will be announced soon.

**Knights of Columbus** The Deacon John Lynn Council meets for their business meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Mike Woodruff, Grand Knight, at: [mike.woodruff@me.com](mailto:mike.woodruff@me.com).

**Children’s Choir** The Children’s Choir has resumed singing for Mass (the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month) in a reduced capacity & will be rehearsing over Zoom in small family groups. Any child age 7 or older is able to sign up & families that will sing will rehearse the two Thursdays before their Mass. Info: contact Rolanda Brown, [rolanda7687@gmail.com](mailto:rolanda7687@gmail.com).

**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.

**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).

**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>.

**St. Mary of the Mills- "Granny's Attic"** A summer rummage sale will be held on Sat., July 24, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at St. Mary of the Mills. Items include holiday stuff, house wares & kitchen items, jewelry, power tools, toys, games, & more. If you want to donate things, the following **are not** accepted: mattresses, cribs, car seats, clothing, shoes, computers, printers, monitors, TV's, or VHS tapes. More info: St. Mary of the Mills, Tara Linn, 301-725-3080, Ext. 211. Thank you.

**Tutoring Opportunity** Do you have experience as an ESOL teacher? Would you like to learn how to tutor English by Zoom? You are invited to volunteer with the Catholic Charities virtual ESOL team. Tutors are assisting Hispanic leaders of the "Vincentian Friends on the Periphery", a tri-parish group, (St. Matthias, St. Mary's Landover Hills, & St. Ambrose), in Prince George's County serving vulnerable families. Tutor training will begin at the end of August, with tutoring occurring from mid-September through mid-November. Info: [Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org](mailto:Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org), or (202) 315-9440.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Jack** Fr. Jack Kennealy, Pastor of St. Matthias Catholic Church in Lanham, MD, will be the Tour's 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](mailto:Kennealyj@adw.org), or [rtemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:rtemmaus@gmail.com). (Israel requires a COVID19 vaccine certificate as a condition prior to entering the country).

**Help Our Marriage** Is your marriage off the track? Are you heading down the right road? Don't know where to go? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) can help & offers hope for a better relationship. For more information & to register for an upcoming program, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call 443-400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org). Thank you.

**Ignatian Volunteer Volunteer Corps** The IVC is a lay organization in the Jesuit tradition that provides meaningful service opportunities & spiritual formation based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola to those in their retirement years. St. Nicholas parishioner Ginny Novak has been a member since the late 1990s. For more information on how you can make a profound difference to our community & Church, contact DC/Metro Maryland Director Mike Goggin, 202-277-4447 (cell), [mgoggin@ivcusa.org](mailto:mgoggin@ivcusa.org) (website), or [mgoggin@ivcusa](mailto:mgoggin@ivcusa) (email). Thank you.

**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>.

**Catholic Charities Legal Network** Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels & provides legal representation to low-income & poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. 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](mailto:Daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org), to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas & criminal expungements.

**Pro-Life Update** The Hyde Amendment & other life-saving appropriations riders have prevented taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortions for 45 years. We (the Archdiocese of Washington & the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) are asking parishes to join us in support of the Hyde Amendment by sharing the following resources in bulletins & social media. They can be found at: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>.

**Maryland Catholic Conference** Want to stay informed? The Catholic Advocacy Network will send you quick emails of the assemblies' legislative efforts. When the legislature is on break, the Conference covers other issues of interest to Catholic voters. Info: <http://www.mdccatholic.org/joincan>.



### **Readings for July 24 / 25**

#### **The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

First Reading	2 Kings 4:42-44
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel	John:1-15

**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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