

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

July 31-August 1, 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

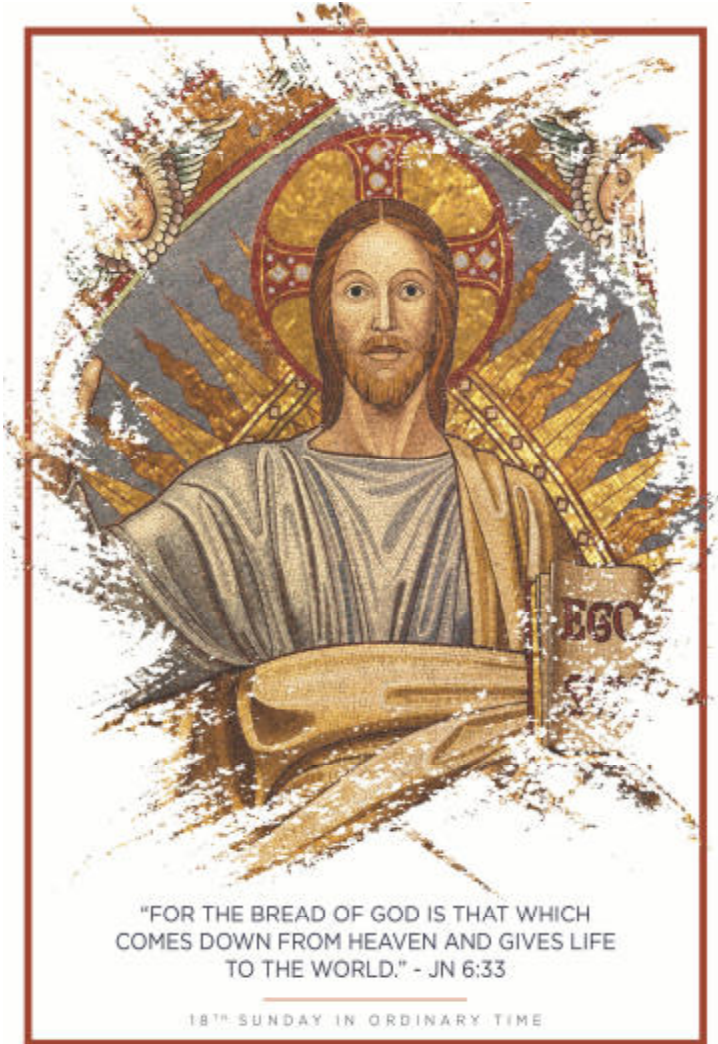
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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 Aug. 22, Sept. 26, or Oct. 24. Please confirm the date with the Baptism Coordinator before making arrangements. For more information, contact Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or 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).

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. 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. Aug 2	8:30 a.m.	+Gregorio & Federico Lachica
Tues. Aug 3	8:30 a.m.	Benedict Olaleye [Birthday] (L)
Wed. Aug 4	8:30 a.m.	+John Gould
Thurs. Aug 5	8:30 a.m.	Raphael Olaleye [Birthday] (L)
Fri. Aug 6	8:30 a.m.	+Candida Tuazon
Sat. Aug 7	8:30 a.m.	Rita & Benedict Olaleye [Anniversary] (L)

Masses	July 31 / August 1	August 7 / 8
5:00 p.m.	+Mary A. Cotter	Christian Cape [Birthday Blessings] (L)
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Graciano Tuazon & +Domingo Santos
9:30 a.m.	+Carol Ann Eggers	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	Paitance Kisakye [For Healing] (L)	Charles Lwanga (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. 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 An Altar Flower Donation in memory of Peter, Anna, Francis, Xavier, & All Souls, was made for the weekend Mass of July 31/August.

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

First Friday Adoration/Mass There will be **no** First Friday Adoration, Benediction, or Mass for August. Info: Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or ipcunanan128@verizon.net. Thank you.

First Saturday Devotions All are invited recite the **Rosary** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, on First Saturday, **August 7**, in Mary’s Chapel. The Knights of Columbus, Deacon John Lynn Council, recite the **Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary** every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to join us.

Congratulations! Congratulations to Rev. Mel Ayala, our former Pastor, for being appointed to the position of Director of Liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Parish Religious Education Program New Student Registrations will begin for the 2021-2022 session on Sun., Aug. 1st. Hope Benson will be in the Social Hall after all **Sunday** Masses the weekends of Aug. 1st, 8th, & 15th, to hand out registration forms, answer any questions you may have, and receive any completed registration forms. After Aug. 15th, completed forms may be dropped off in the Church office after Masses, or put in a sealed envelope & placed in the collection basket during Mass. Classes for middle & high schoolers will begin Mon., Sept. 13th, at 7:00 p.m., and classes for students in grades 1-6, will begin Sat., Sept. 18th, at 9:30 a.m. **Returning Students:** there is a link in the Wed, Jul. 14th “Flocknote”, for a Google Form for returning students. Please use that to register **returning** students. Thank you.

Cross Catholic Outreach Please welcome Rev. George Kintiba, S.V.D., a Cross Catholic Outreach Priest who will be visiting our parish **this** weekend, July 31/August 1, to share with us the amazing work Catholic missions around the world are doing to help the poorest of the poor. Info: CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or text BLESSINGS to 474747. Thank you.

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.

LARS School Supplies Drive Thank you to all who generously participated in our school supplies drive for LARS, Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services. They were so grateful for our help in providing the things needed by all their client’s children, who are going back to school this fall. We collected 7 filled backpacks, 4 big shopping bags of school supply needs, and 2 boxes full of composition books, crayons, spiral notebooks, & 3-ring binders and a \$50 monetary donation. God Bless!

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. Thank you.

Faith Direct Join the parishioners who are using *Faith Direct* for automated giving. *Faith Direct* offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. 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 today by visiting faith.direct/MD607, or text 'Enroll' to (301) 690-8484. Thank you!

RCIA Open House Do you know someone who would like to explore becoming Catholic? Invite your family, friends, & neighbors to our RCIA Open House on Tues., Sept. 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. This relaxed gathering will include refreshments & a time to ask questions about Catholicism & the process for becoming Catholic. Please contact Kathy Schmitt for more information: kschmitt123@yahoo.com, or 301-325-3119. Thank you.

St. Nicholas Prayer Warriors Prayer requests may be sent to Rita McGlothlin, ritamarymcc@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 Olaleye, benolaleye2000@yahoo.com.

International Catholics of St. Nicholas ICSN continues to meet on the 4th Sunday of the month on the Zoom platform. The next meeting is on Sun., August 22nd. (The possibility of returning to in-person meetings in September are being considered at this time). Info: Jane Okebugwu, 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!

Church Office Volunteers The volunteers for the Church Office, in back of the Church, are at present discussing their return possibly in September. Details will be given as they are received.

Knights of Columbus The Deacon John Lynn Council's business meeting is the 2nd Tues. of each month. Info: Mike Woodruff: mike.woodruff@me.com.

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". Info: email Sonia Bobis, sondbobis119@gmail.com.

Altar Society Notes The Altar Society has the responsibility for watering & feeding all the flowers and plants in the Church & the Parish Hall. They are asking all of us **not** to water them. Theresa Corbett has graciously offered to be in charge of this task. Over-watering causes the plants/flowers to rot and die. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tutoring Opportunity Do you have experience as an ESOL teacher? Volunteer with the Catholic Charities virtual ESOL team & learn how to tutor English by Zoom. 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. Training begins at the end of August, with tutoring occurring from mid-September through mid-November. Info: Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org, or (202) 315-9440.

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; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>.

St. Mary of the Mills Food Drive The food pantry at St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church, 114 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MN, 20707, is in desperate need for food for their pantry. (The drive is being held from Jul. 11-Aug. 15). A list of needed items is on the bulletin board in our vestibule and the parish hall. **Please take your donations and drop them off in the vestibule at St. Mary's Church.** Info: 301-725-3080.

Help Our Marriage Is your marriage going down the right road? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) can help & offers hope for a better relationship. For information or to register for the upcoming program, Sept. 3-5, visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

Food For The Poor Please welcome Rev. Glen P. Baptiste **next** weekend, August 7/8, for his personal witness about Food For The Poor & it's mission to provide direct relief to the destitute throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Info: www.FoodForThePoor.org.

Readings for August 7 / 8

The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading	1 Kings 19:4-8
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel	John 6:41-51

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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