

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

August 14-15, 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

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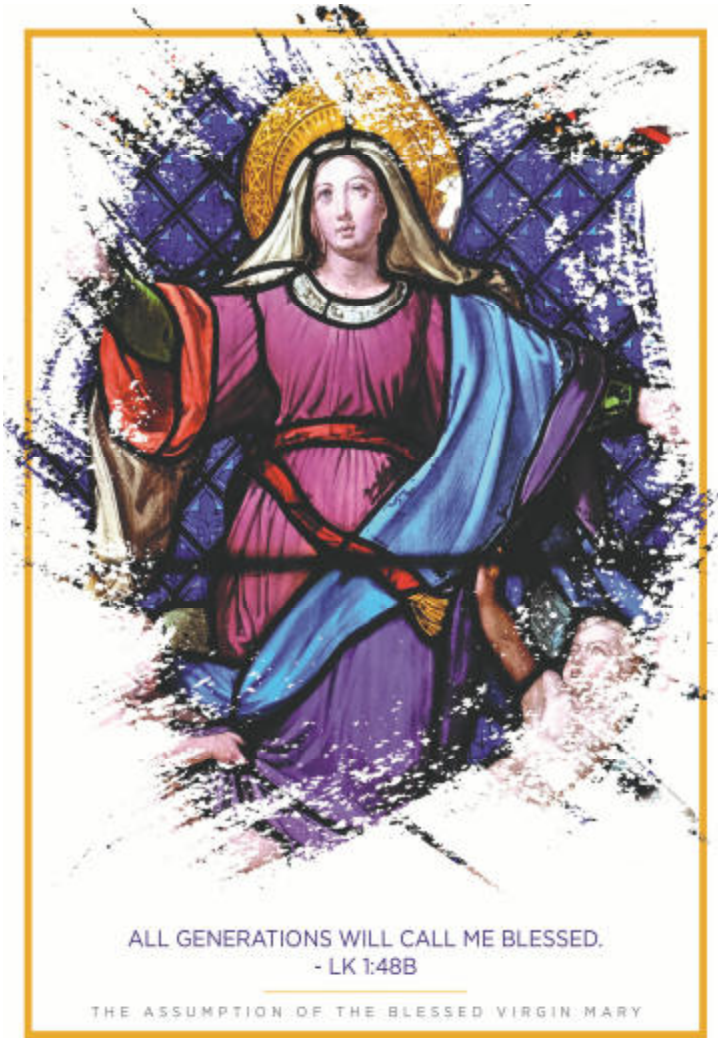
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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., Sept. 12, Oct. 10, or Nov. 7, 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). Prince George's County has announced that it is re-instituting universal, indoor masking for everyone (even those fully vaccinated) in public locations, effective August 8th at 5:00 p.m. 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 16	8:30 a.m.	+Adol & Maria de la Gonzalez
Tues. Aug 17	8:30 a.m.	+Rogelio Belandres [Death Anniversary-R.I.P.]
Wed. Aug 18	8:30 a.m.	+Bob & Shirley Estelle
Thurs. Aug 19	8:30 a.m.	Praxi Belandres [Birthday & Thanksgiving for Blessings] (L)
Fri. Aug 20	8:30 a.m.	+Rizalina Belandres [Death Anniversary-R.I.P.]
Sat. Aug 21	8:30 a.m.	+Ed Ford [Death Anniversary-R.I.P.]

Masses	August 14 / 15	August 21 / 22
5:00 p.m.	James Southard [Birthday Blessings] (L)	Scott Simontis (L)
8:00 a.m.	Rita Olaleye [Birthday & Family Thanksgiving] (L)	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	+Felicitas & Felipa Rabino	Alicia Rausch [Happy 40th Birthday] (L)
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Lady Rita Iwuagwu [R.I.P.]

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.

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. nfo: Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or lpcunanan128@verizon.net. Thank you.

Thank You!

St. Nicholas Parishioners: Thank you all so much for your prayers and support leading up to my recent Deaconate Ordination! I thought that was so cool to see all the prayer cards of intentions from parishioners during their Holy Hours.

I know I came at a strange and chaotic time during the lockdown, but I enjoyed being with you all at St. Nicholas in what way I was able to.

*In Christ,
Deacon Kyle*

Greetings from Deacon Eric: "Kathy and I just wanted to take a minute and offer a sincere note of thanks for the prayers and well wishes that I have received from the parishioners at St. Nicholas! For those of you who didn't know, I had my left knee replaced on July 13th. The surgery went well, as did the in-home physical therapy. I am now participating in outpatient physical therapy and will continue to do so for the next two months or so. My knee isn't at a place where I feel strong enough to participate at mass currently. I hope to begin attending one or two masses a week, possibly beginning the weekend of August 21/22, but that will depend on my continued progress. Until then, please know of my prayers for you and your intentions. Thank you again and God bless."

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.

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 **this Sunday's** Masses 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!

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.

Pilgrimage Meeting A meeting, for those who are interested in participating in Fr. Jack Kennealy's Holy Land Pilgrimage(scheduled for May 22-June 2, 2022), will be held **this Tuesday, August 17, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, at St. Matthais Church, in Lanham, MD. Fr. Jack & the Staff of Road to Emmaus Pilgrimages will answer questions and register those who wish to go on this pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The meeting will be held in the Hughes Center (as you face the Church, go left past the school to the building on the far left). Thanks.

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. Overwatering causes the plants/flowers to rot and die. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

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. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/MD607, or text 'Enroll' to (301) 690-8484. Thank you!

St. Nicholas Prayer Warriors Prayer requests may be sent to Rita McGlothlin, ritamarymcb@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. Next month's meeting is **on Sun.**, Aug. 22nd. (The possibility of returning to in-person meetings in September is being considered at this time). Info: Jane Okebugwu, jokebugwu@aol.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.

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.

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 Church are at present discussing their return possibly in September. Details will be given as they are received.

Divine Mercy Devotional Group Come join our new 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.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>. Info: mike.woodruff@mac.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 that were needed! 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!

Cross Catholic Outreach We thank Rev. Eloy Romero-Rojas, S.V.D., a Cross Catholic Outreach Priest who came to our church **on July 31/August 1** to share with us the amazing work Catholic missions around the world. You can still donate to Cross Catholic Outreach by contacting: **CrossCatholic.org/outreach**, or by texting BLESSINGS to 474747.

Food For The Poor We thank Rev. Michael Briese , for coming August 7/8, to give his personal witness about Food For The Poor & it's mission to provide relief to the destitute throughout Latin America & the Caribbean. Info: www.FoodForThePoor.org.

"Godspell, The Musical" The Social Committee will be sponsoring an outing to Toby's Dinner Theatre, to see "Godspell, The Musical", on October 30, 2021. Ticket cost is \$66.70 per person. Ticket sales will be held in the Parish Hall after each weekend Mass on Aug. 14/15, 21/22, 28/29 until all tickets are sold. There are only 39 tickets available. If you are interested, purchase your ticket soon, as sales will be a first come, first served basis. Info: Sonia, sondbobis119@gmail.com. Thank you.

Readings for August 21 / 22

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Second Reading	Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Gospel	Luke John 6:60-69

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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