

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

August 21-22, 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

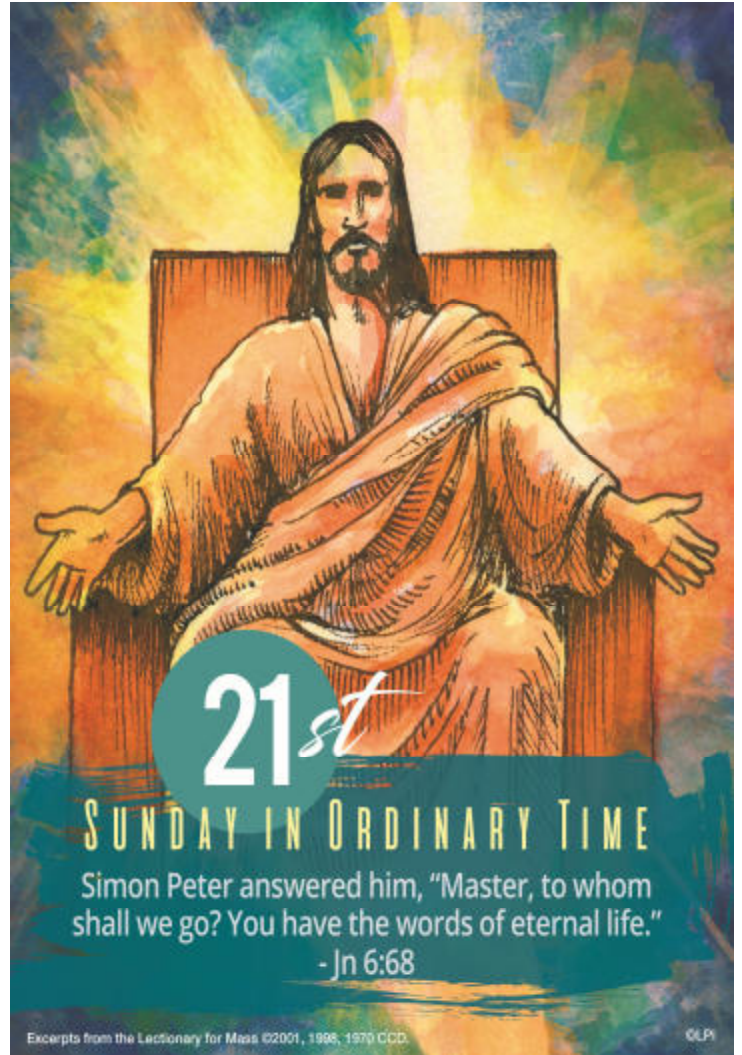
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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., Sept. 12, Oct. 10, or Nov. 28, 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 and the Archdiocese of Washington have reinstated an indoor public mask mandate that covers the nose & mouth of all persons older than 3 years of age, & must remain in place throughout the Mass, for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people, effective as of August 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Aug 23	8:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Suah [9th Birthday] (L)
Tues. Aug 24	8:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Rosalind Doe [20th Wedding Anniversary] (L)
Wed. Aug 25	8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Dominic Sunday Ajayi [37th Priestly Ordination Thanksgiving] (L)
Thurs. Aug 26	8:30 a.m.	+Leonard John Mnkande
Fri. Aug 27	8:30 a.m.	+Charlene Young
Sat. Aug 28	8:30 a.m.	Deacon Eric & Kathy Simontis [35th Wedding Anniversary] (L)

Masses	August 21 / 22	August 28 / 29
5:00 p.m.	Scott Simontis (L)	Awele Emenanjo [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	Alicia Rausch [Happy 40th Birthday] (L)	+Ephraim Wandabula [For His Soul]
11:30 a.m.	+Lady Rita Iwuagwu [R.I.P.]	Agnes 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. 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, & 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.

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

Parish Religious Education Program New Student Registration Forms may be found on the tables in back of the church, in the parish hall, or in the Church office. 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 school students 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** to register with. Registration **ends** Sept. 13. **Knights of Columbus Movie Night** Please join us on Sat., Aug. 28, right after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, for our monthly movie night. The movie this month is "**Quo Vadis**" (Latin for "where are you going?"). Made in 1951, it stars Robert Taylor as a Roman General who falls in love with a Christian hostage played by Deborah Kerr. Peter Ustinov plays Emperor Nero. It is set in First Century Rome & features the great fire (started by Nero) that destroyed a huge portion of the city. He blames the Christians & launches the first widespread persecution of the religion. (Contact Mike Woodruff, mike.woodruff@mac.com, or Ken King, kbking8336@comcast.net, if you would like to help set-up or clean-up). Thank you.

Knights of Columbus The business meeting for the Deacon John Lynn Council, Knights of Columbus, is held on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Knights lead the praying of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday before the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited to join our new group to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, each Friday at 3:00 p.m. Learn to pray it on your Rosary beads: <https://www.thedivine-mercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>. Info: mike.woodruff@mac.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.

"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, so purchase your ticket soon, as sales will be a first come, first served basis. Info: Sonia, sondbobis119@gmail.com. Thank you.

Annual Parish Picnic The annual parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 19, 2021, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the parish hall side of the church. The parish hall will be open for those that cannot be outside. The Knights of Columbus are coordinating it again this year with the goal of having the parish come, have fun, & eat! As they will be cooking the food, they are asking that parishioners sign up for it on sign up sheets after the Masses or on "Flocknote", so they will know how much food to purchase. Further updates & sign up information will appear in an upcoming "Flocknote".

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 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!

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 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 **this** 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.

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.

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>.

2021 Fall Bazaar Yes, we are holding the Annual St. Nicholas Fall Bazaar on Oct. 29, 30, & 31! The times will be from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, with a break for the 5:00 p.m. Mass, & 12:30-2:00 p.m. on Sunday. New additions this year: an Hawaiian Luau dinner & a Wine Tombola! Parishioner help & support is needed in all areas of this event! Contact Donna Cellini, Chair, 301-922-1866, or Donnac803@aol.com, for any questions you may have and to volunteer. Thank you.

"Pages From The Past" Did you spend the last year and a half hibernating & either reading or binge watching videos? Are you buried under a pile of excess stuff? Need a cure? We are here to the rescue! "Pages from the Past" will be a stall at the bazaar selling used books, music, & movies. All donations are welcome! A plastic crate in the parish hall will be placed to receive donations. Need help to bring your donations to Church? Reach out & a convenient time can be arranged for picking up your donation. Contact: Rita Goerling, goerling@aol.com. Thank you.

"Wine Tombola" New this year, our bazaar will have a "Wine Tombola" stall. We are asking every family to donate one bottle of wine. **Any Wine.** [Preferably one you like!] Here is how the stall works: All donated bottles of wine will be displayed & have a number on them. Corresponding numbers will be placed in a bowl. A person can "buy a number" & will receive the corresponding bottle. You can try some new wines! Donations may be left in the box in the church office.

One Grand Raffle Ticket sales will begin the weekend of September 18th & will continue at all Masses through Sunday, October 24th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. First Prize is \$1,000 & Second Prize is \$500. In order for the tickets to be included in the drawing, payment must accompany tickets which can be returned in person or in the provided envelope. The drawing will take place at the Oktoberfest Dinner on Saturday, October 30th. Proceeds are for the parish hall. Information/help selling tickets: contact Theresa at 410-707-1126, or Theresa_corbett@yahoo.com.

Basket Chance Raffle Volunteer to create your own completely unique gift basket to be raffled. (Examples: wine basket or sports basket). Or donate a gift card to your favorite Laurel store or restaurant to be incorporated in a "I Love Laurel" themed basket. Chances for the baskets are sold during the bazaar and drawn at a scheduled time. Questions: Chair Sharon Tredway, 301-490-6027.

Crafts St. Nicholas will have a church craft table with items for sale. More information about this stall and the make up of the table will be in the next bulletin. Thank you.

Readings for August 28 / 29

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
 Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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