

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

September 4-5, 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

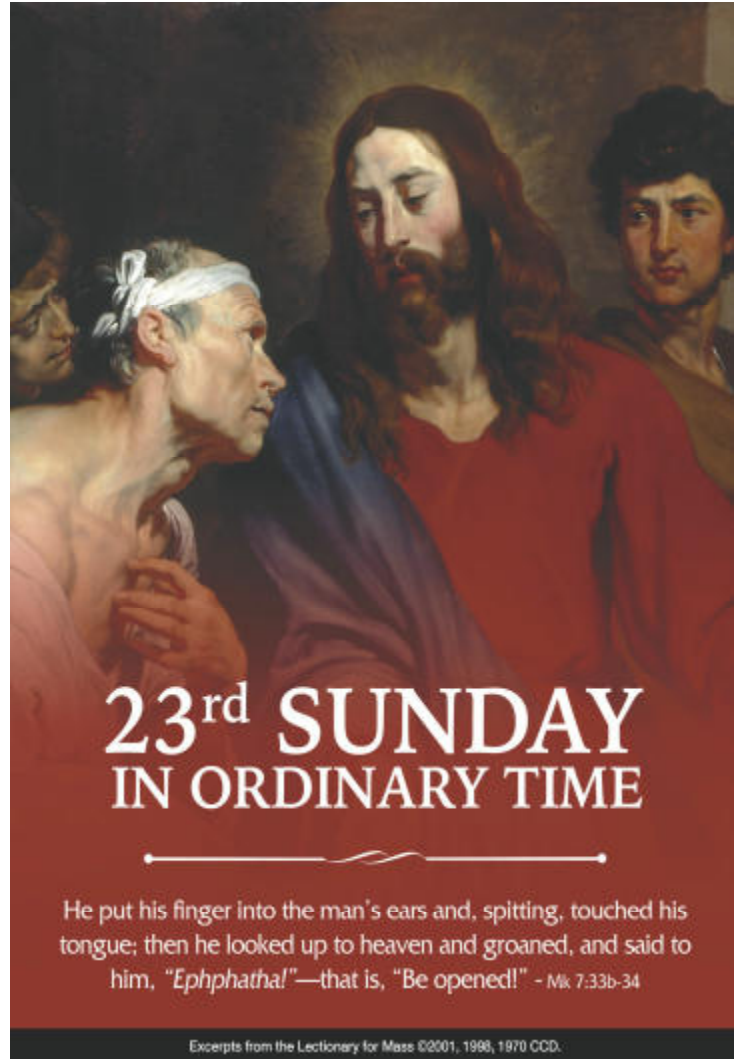
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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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. 17, 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 Sept. 26, Oct. 24, or Nov. 28. 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. Sept 6	10:00 a.m.	For the Elimination of Unemployment
Tues. Sept 7	8:30 a.m.	+Theresa Stewart
Wed. Sept 8	8:30 a.m.	Paz Belandres [Birthday & Thanksgiving for Blessings] (L)
Thurs. Sept 9	8:30 a.m.	+Sadie Battle
Fri. Sept 10	8:30 a.m.	+Francis Gilbert Blahnik
Sat. Sept 11	8:30 a.m.	+Manuel Belandres [Death Anniversary -R.I.P.]

Masses	September 4 / 5	September 11 / 12
5:00 p.m.	+Paul Shellenberger	+Bryant Yakes
8:00 a.m.	+Peter Abresch	+Teresita Punsalan
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Charlene Young
11:30 a.m.	+Catalina Belandres	Parishioners of St. Nicholas

Parish Religious Education Program Forms can be located at each entrance to the Church on the wooden tables and some forms in the Parish Hall near the coffee service. 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. **Registrations will close Sept. 11, 2021.** Classes for middle & high school students begin on Mon., Sept. 13th, at 7:00 p.m., & classes for students in grades 1-6, begin on Sat., Sept. 18th, at 9:30 a.m. Info: Hope Benson, hab1006@msn.com.

Procession & Living Rosary The Procession of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Living Rosary will be on Sun., Oct. 10 at 1:00 p.m. **Sign-ups will start** on Sun., Sept. 5th & end on Sun., Sept. 19th, after all the Masses. We will need 62 people to participate in the Living Rosary. Questions? Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, lpcunanan128@gmail.com.

Preparatory Class for Baptism Date Change The Preparatory Class for Baptism scheduled for Sun., Oct. 10th, has been **changed** to Sun., Oct. 17th, due to the Procession & Living Rosary on Oct. 10th.

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 gathering will include refreshments and a time to ask questions about Catholicism & the process for becoming Catholic. Info: Kathy Schmitt, 301-325-3119, or kschmitt123@yahoo.com, or 301-325-3119.

Annual Parish Picnic The annual parish picnic, coordinated by the Knights of Columbus again this year, will be on Sunday, September 19, 2021, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, on the parish hall side of the church. All are invited to attend, have fun, & eat! They will be cooking the food & are asking for those attending to sign-up after the Masses or on "Flocknote", so they will know how much food to purchase. (Further updates & sign-up information will appear soon in an upcoming "Flocknote"). Thank you.

Parish Clean-Up Day The Maintenance Committee is sponsoring the Fall Clean-Up Day, on Sat., Oct. 9, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Sign-ups: weekend of Oct. 2/3, with committee members in the parish hall to answer any questions). Lunch will be served to all workers. Sign-ups are needed to let us know how many to expect for lunch. "Many hands make light the work".

"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. Tickets cost \$66.70 per person will be available after all the Masses until all tickets are sold. Purchase yours soon. (39 tickets are available & sales will be a first come, first served basis). Info: Sonia, sondbobis119@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

Altar Flower Donation An Altar Flower Donation has been made in memory of Ma Mary Ntui, for the repose of her soul, by Abang Grace.

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.

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!

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. (Next business meeting: Tues., Sept. 14). 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. Info: mike.woodruff@mac.com.

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 meets every 4th Sunday of the month, immediately after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Next month's meeting is on Sun., Sept. 26th, when we **will resume** regular, in-person meetings in the **Cry Room**. 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.

Mothers of Preschoolers Resurrection Catholic Church in Burtonsville is starting a MOPS group, Mothers Of Preschoolers, aged newborn through kindergarten, who will meet bi-monthly on Wednesdays, from 9:15-11:30 a.m., September through May. Volunteers are needed to provide childcare while the moms meet and will need to meet the VIRTUS child protection requirements of the Archdiocese (paperwork and fingerprinting, if needed, are provided by Resurrection Catholic Church). Help us to get our group started! For more information, to join as a mom, or to volunteer, contact Katie Samcock, burtontsvillemops@gmail.com.

2021 Fall Bazaar The Annual St. Nicholas Fall Bazaar will be on Oct. 29, 30, & 31, 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. Parishioner help & support is needed in all areas of this event! Contact Donna Cellini, Chair, 301-922-1866, or Donnac803@aol.com, with any questions or to volunteer.

"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! We are having 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" Our bazaar will have a new stall—a "Wine Tombola". 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.

The Treasure Trove" Please donate new and/or nearly new & clean items for sale at the bazaar. **NO shoes or clothes.** Donations will be accepted **after September 1st.** To arrange dropping off your donations, contact: Frances Tomassoni, tomassoni195@gmail.com, 301-502-9497, or Mimi Nostro, mimi.nostro@gmail.com, or 301-490-1361.

Crafts St. Nicholas will have a crafts table with items for sale. Details forthcoming.

Readings for September 11 / 12

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Second Reading	James 2:14-18
Gospel	Mark 8:27-35

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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