

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

September 11-12, 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

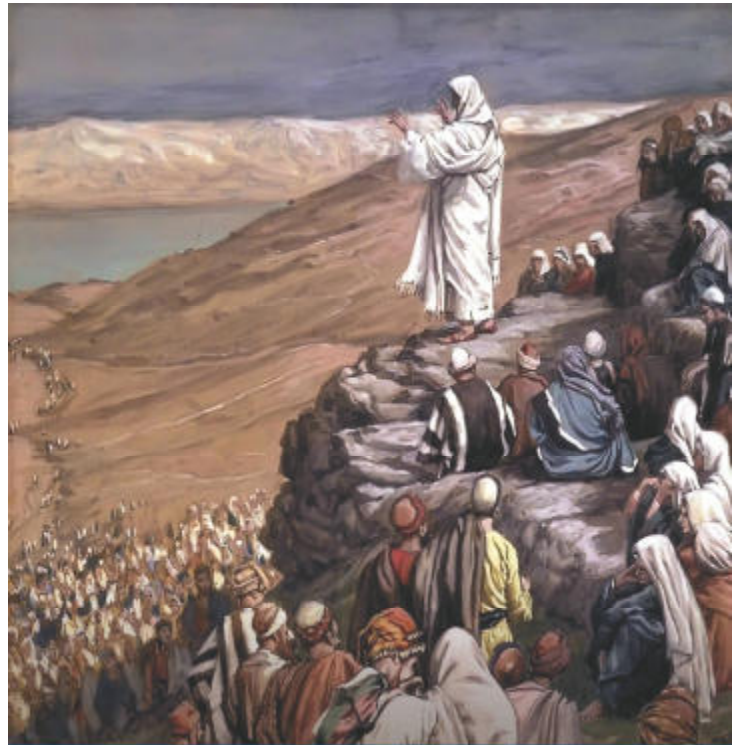
Rectory Hours Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.

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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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 13	8:30 a.m.	+Jon-Ted Montady
Tues. Sept 14	8:30 a.m.	Stephen Akinpelumi [Birthday Thanksgiving] (L)
Wed. Sept 15	8:30 a.m.	+Macarina Antolin [Death Anniversary – R.I.P.]
Thurs. Sept 16	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Bechtold [Birthday & Thanksgiving for Blessings] (L)
Fri. Sept 17	8:30 a.m.	+David E. Onyemen
Sat. Sept 18	8:30 a.m.	+Glenn Anderson

Masses	September 11 / 12	September 18 / 19
5:00 p.m.	+Bryant Yakes	+Edward P. Cunningham
8:00 a.m.	+Teresita Punsalan	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	+Charlene Young	+Pete Abresch
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Fanny Miotto

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 honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary by Karl and Pat Schmidt.

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.

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.

Baby Bottle Campaign The Laurel Pregnancy Baby Bottle Campaign began on Father’s Day and ended with the return of parishioner’s filled bottles with checks, cash, or coins by the Labor Day Weekend. If you forgot to bring your bottle back, we are still collecting them. They may be left in the box in the Church Office. We need the bottles returned, as they are passed on to other parishes for their LPC Drives. Thank you for supporting these moms & babies.

Religious Education Program 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 started** in the parish hall on Sun., Sept. 5th & will 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, ipcunanan128@gmail.com.

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. Learn to pray it on your Rosary beads: <https://www.thedivine-mercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>. Info: mike.woodruff@mac.com.

Annual Parish Picnic The annual parish picnic will be next Sun., Sept. 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, cooking the food, & are asking for those attending it to sign up after the weekend Masses or on “Flocknote”, to know how much food to purchase. (Further information will appear in an upcoming “Flocknote”).

RCIA Open House Do you know someone who would like to explore becoming Catholic? Invite your family, friends, & neighbors to our RCIA Open House **this** coming 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’s outing to Toby’s Dinner Theatre, to see “Godspell, The Musical”, on October 30, 2021, has 39 tickets available, that cost \$66.70 per person. Sales are on a first come, first served basis. (See Flocknote for health & safety restrictions in effect). Info: Sonia, sondbobis119@gmail.com. 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 meet on the 4th Sunday of the month. This month’s meeting is on Sun., Sept. 26th, and we are resuming 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!

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.

Church Office Volunteers The volunteers for the Church Office, in back of Church, are talking about when they might return to an in-person presence. Details will be given when a decision is forthcoming.

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>. Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Take the first step by attending a virtual open house or admissions event this month. Info: www.adwcatholicsschools.org.

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.

Crafts Table for Bazaar St. Nicholas will have a crafts table with items for purchase. Details about it’s composition are still being worked on. New ideas for items are welcome. Debbie: rauschda@gmail.com.

Bazaar Stalls

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. Contact Donna Cellini, Chair, 301-922-1866, or Donnac803@aol.com, with any questions or to volunteer. We will need everyone’s help!

“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 next weekend, Sept. 18/19, and will continue at all Masses through Sun., Oct. 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, Oct. 30th. Proceeds are for the parish hall. For more information, or to volunteer to help sell tickets, contact Theresa at 410-707-1126, or theresa_corbett@yahoo.com. Thank you.

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. 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-

Readings for September 18 / 19

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Second Reading	James 3:16-4:3
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37

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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