

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

September 25-26, 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., Oct. 17, Nov. 7, or Dec. 12, 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 27	8:30 a.m.	+Patricia M. Smith
Tues. Sept 28	8:30 a.m.	+Bradley Wolmart
Wed. Sept 29	8:30 a.m.	+Antonio DeGuiseppe
Thurs. Sept 30	8:30 a.m.	+Cecilia Abike Ajayi
Fri. Oct 1	8:30 a.m.	Benjamin Suah [Birthday] (L)
Sat. Oct 2	8:30 a.m.	Everett Jacobs

Masses	September 25 / 26	October 2 / 3
5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Bernadette Marlow (L)
8:00 a.m.	+Eufemia Ruiz-Garcia	+Candida Tuazon
9:30 a.m.	+Fred Schall	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	+Henry A. Woloszyn	James E. Porter (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.

Altar Flower Donation An Altar Flower Donation has been made in memory of Leonard John Mnkande by his wife Jackie Mnkande and Family.

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

Poor Box Contributions to the poor box are a valued & gracious gift to others in need. Thank you.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration will be held on, **Oct. 1**, from 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., followed by Benediction & Mass at 7:00 p.m.

First Saturday Devotions All are invited to pray the Rosary after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Oct. 2**, in Mary's Chapel.

Annual Parish Picnic Thank you to the Knights of Columbus & all who worked on making the Annual Parish Picnic a success for all those who attended.

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., Oct. 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.

RCIA RCIA meets in the Mother Teresa Room each Tues., at 7:00 p.m. More information: Kathy Schmitt, kschmitt123@yahoo.com, or 301-325-3119. Thank you.

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. 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.

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 is sponsoring an outing to Toby's Dinner Theatre, to see "Godspell, The Musical", on October 30, 2021. Tickets. With 39 available, cost \$66.70 per person will be available after all the Masses until all tickets are sold. (See Flocknote for the current COVID19 restrictions that are being implemented in order to attend). Info: Sonia, sondbobis119@gmail.com. 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.

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

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 **this** Sun., Sept. 26th, when we resume 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 possible return. 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> 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.lle/; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>.

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.

Pro-Life Update The Hyde Amendment has prevented taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortions for 45 years. The Archdiocese of Washington & the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are asking parishes to share the following resources in bulletins & social media. They can be found at: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>.

2021 Fall Bazaar Updates The Annual St. Nicholas Fall Bazaar will be on Fri., Oct. 29, from 2:00 8:00 p.m. & on Sat., Oct. 30, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Changes due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in effect in Prince George's County have cancelled the planned Oktoberfest Dinner and The Hawaiian Luau dinners. Instead, a new menu of Food-to-Go meals is being "cooked up" as we write! Seating will be available outside for those who want to eat there. All of our booths will be in operation, as planned. Masks must be worn inside. Parishioner help & support is needed in all areas of this event! Questions/to volunteer contact: Donna Cellini, Chair, 301-922-1866, or Donnac803@aol.com.

"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 Changes Ticket sales this year will **kick-off** at the bazaar. The drawing will be at the St. Nicholas Feast Day Dinner, to be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The date will be announced soon.

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" 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, ftomassoni195@gmail.com, 301- 502-9497, or Mimi Nostro, mimi.nostro@gmail.com, or 301-490-1361.

Crafts St. Nicholas Church will have a crafts table with items for sale. Craft ideas are welcome. Questions/ donations: Debbie Rausch, rauschda@gmail.com, or 301-498-8806.

Readings for October 2 / 3

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading	Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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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