

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

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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.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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., 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 Oct. 24, Nov. 28, or Dec. 26. Please confirm the date with the Baptism Coordinator before making arrangements. For more information, contact Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or lpcunanan128@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.

THANK YOU for your thus-far generous response to the call to **TAKE THE NEXT STEP** in your offertory giving to St. Nicholas. I am greatly edified by your obvious concern for your spiritual home here. I await more responses in order that everyone can experience the spiritual fruits and blessings of being a “cheerful giver” (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:7). Refer to the Charts on display in either vestibule to see what your “next step” can be and return your reply either by mail or in the collection basket. Thank you once again for your generosity!

Fr. Baer

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. Oct 11 Columbus Day	8:30 a.m.	+Charles Baker
Tues. Oct 12	8:30 a.m.	+Ed Hynes
Wed. Oct 13	8:30 a.m.	Veronica O. Obayi & Family (L)
Thurs. Oct 14	8:30 a.m.	+Bradley Wolmart
Fri. Oct 15	8:30 a.m.	+Michael A. Leser
Sat. Oct 16	8:30 a.m.	+Thelma Bopp

Masses	October 9 / 10	October 16 / 17
5:00 p.m.	Bradley Wolmart	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m.	+Bonnie Lee Friel	+Michael Crotty
9:30 a.m.	+Lillian Ford	+Bradley Wolmart
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Mary Vorsteg

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.

Knights of Columbus The Deacon John Lynn Council’s business meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. (Next business meeting: **this** Tues., Oct. 12). The Knights lead 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. Info: Kathy Schmitt for more information: kschmitt123@yahoo.com, or 301-325-3119. Thank you.

40 Days for Life Campaign St. Nicholas participates in the 2021 College Park 40 Days for Life Campaign by praying in front of the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD, 20740. We meet in front of St. Nicholas on the Wednesdays of October at 12:30 p.m., carpool to the clinic, pray from 1:00-2:00 p.m., and return by 2:30 p.m. Those who can not be there, are invited to pray with us where ever you are. Pray to end abortion. Info: Dorie, 301-498-7649.

Parish Clean-Up Day The Maintenance Committee is sponsoring the Fall Clean-Up Day, on **this** Sat., Oct. 9, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served to all workers. Come and join us! Many hands make light the work!

Procession & Living Rosary The Procession of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Living Rosary will be **this** 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 next** Sun., Oct. 17th, due to the Procession & Living Rosary on Oct. 10th.

Baby Bottle Returns If you picked up a baby bottle for the LPC Father’s Day Baby Bottle Drive, don’t forget to return them to the office in back of the Church. Thank you for supporting our moms & babies!

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.

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.

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 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., Oct. 24th, 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!

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://adwcatholicchools.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.adwcatholicchools.org.

Help Our Marriage Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) can help & offers hope for a better relationship. Info: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

Holiday Happenings Looking ahead, we will have many upcoming opportunities to share our faith, talents, and blessings with others. **LARS Holiday Food Drive** will take place on the weekends of Nov. 13/14 & 20/21. We will collect **non-perishable** food items in the parish hall. Food will be delivered on Nov. 22. Items needed will be posted on the bulletin boards, church website, and in the bulletin. **LARS Holiday Gift Cards** for seniors & needy families will be collected on the weekends of Nov. 27/28, Dec. 4/5, & Dec. 11/12. They will be delivered on Dec. 13. More opportunities & dates will start being announced in following bulletins.

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. As a result of COVID-19 restrictions in effect in Prince George's County & masks having to be worn inside, a menu of Food-To-Go meals is being planned. Seating is available outside for those who want to eat there. All of our booths will be in operation. **Your** help & support is needed in all areas of this event! Questions/to volunteer contact: Chair Donna Cellini, 301-922-1866, or Donnac803@aol.com.

"Pages From The Past" 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 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. We invite all our parishioners to support this raffle & our bazaar, as it is the largest annual fundraiser we do. Thanks!

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. Info: Chair Sharon Tredway, sharitredway@gmail.com, or 301-490-6027. Thank you.

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 Did you make lots of crafts during the COVID-19 "Timeout" & want to help our bazaar to be successful? We need donated items for our Church Craft Table. (Hint: Those you donate leave more room at home to make something else.!) Volunteers, new ideas, and donations are welcome. Questions: Chair Debra Rausch, rauschda@gmail.com, or 301-498-8806.

Readings for October 16 / 17

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Isaiah 53:10-11
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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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