

# 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:** Kathy Garnes

**Support Staff:** Debbie Rausch

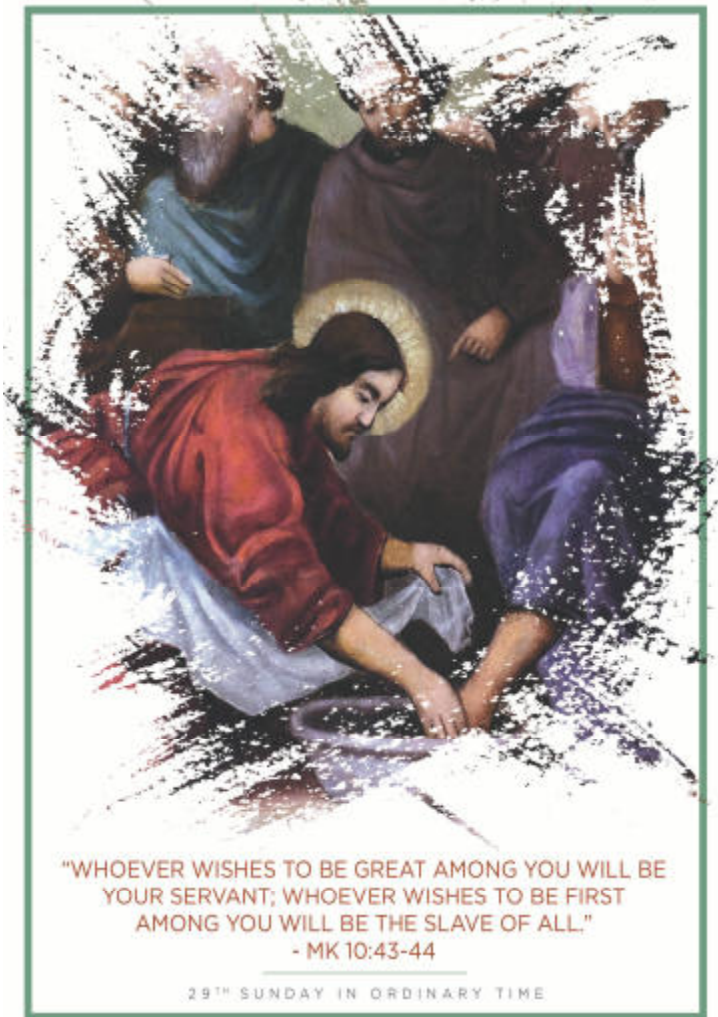
**Rectory Hours** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
*The Rectory Office is closed on Wednesdays.*

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

*Jr. Baer*

**Welcome to St. Nicholas!** (Check our website & “Flocknote” for the latest updates). Effective September 10, 2021, Prince George's County has extended universal, indoor masking for everyone (even those fully vaccinated) in public locations until further notice. No other restrictions have been imposed as of this time. For more information, see the Archdiocese's website: <http://adw.org/coronavirus>. Thank you.

*Mass Intentions*

Mon. Oct 18	8:30 a.m.	+Raymond Joseph Prior, Jr.
Tues. Oct 19	8:30 a.m.	+Frances Therese Cinotti
Wed. Oct 20	8:30 a.m.	Julie Anne Balmoris [Birthday] (L)
Thurs. Oct 21	8:30 a.m.	+Bill Creagh
Fri. Oct 22	8:30 a.m.	+Sadie Alveta Battle
Sat. Oct 23	8:30 a.m.	+Marrin Jean Vainqueur

Masses	October 16 / 17	October 23 / 24
5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Jane Roper
8:00 a.m.	+Michael Crotty	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
9:30 a.m.	+Bradley Wolmart	+Catherine Helen Elko
11:30 a.m.	+Mary Vorsteg	Mr. & Mrs. Obi Anyanwu [Family Thanksgiving] (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](mailto:st.nicholaschurch@verizon.net). A suggested donation of \$10-15 is requested. Thanks.

**Please Pray For:** Stefan Abresch, Paz Blandres, 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, homebound, in nursing homes, & for their caregivers. Call the office to add/remove anyone.

**Altar Flower Donation** An Altar Flower Donation has been made in memory of Prince Emmanuel Langley, by Maria Langley Corvah 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) you want memorialized/honored on the envelope (found on the back tables), & deposit it in the collection baskets. Info: please call 301-490-5116.

**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.

**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., Nov. 9). 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.

**Knights of Columbus Movie & Supper Night** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting next Sat., Oct. 23, their Movie & Supper Night, starting at 6:00 p.m. with the showing of “Keys to the Kingdom”, with Gregory Peck. (See the poster in the vestibules for more info).

**RCIA** RCIA meets in the Mother Teresa Room each Tues., at 7:00 p.m. Info: Kathy Schmitt for more information: [kschmitt123@yahoo.com](mailto:kschmitt123@yahoo.com), or 301-325-3119. Thank you.

**Parish Clean-Up Day** Thank you to all who helped make our Church and grounds beautiful working and fellowshiping together.

**Procession & Living Rosary** Thank you to all the faithful who participated in the Procession of Our Lady of the Rosary & the Living Rosary last Sunday!

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

**Help Our Marriage** Is your marriage going down the right road? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) can help & offers hope for a better relationship. Info, visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call 443-400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

**Faith Direct** *Faith Direct* offers a safe & secure way for automated giving 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 sustain our parish, as we confront the COVID-19 aftermath and work to reopen our programs, services, & ministries to meet our community's needs. Sign up by visiting [faith.direct/MD607](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:benolaleye2000@yahoo.com).

**International Catholics of St. Nicholas** ICSN meet on the 4th Sunday of the month. This month's meeting is **next** Sun., Oct. 24th, in the Cry Room.. Info: Jane Okebugwu, [jokebugwu@aol.com](mailto: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://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/>. Info: Website: [www.stjosrcs.org](http://www.stjosrcs.org); Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>. For a virtual open house/admissions event: [www.adwcatholicsschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.org).

**Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking** October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "When I Call for Help" ([http://bit.ly/usccb\\_dv](http://bit.ly/usccb_dv)). If you, a family member, or a friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org). If you are in immediate danger, call 911. 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.

**Bazaar Notes: Craft Table** St. Nicholas Church will have a crafts table with donated handmade items for sale. All sales support our parish. Have you made crafts during the virus lockdown & need to find a home for them so you can make more? Sign ups for the bazaar are held in the parish hall after weekend Masses. Questions/to volunteer/donations: Debbie Rausch, [rauschda@gmail.com](mailto:rauschda@gmail.com), or 301-498-8806.

**2021 Fall Bazaar Updates** The 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 currently in effect in Prince George's County there will be no bake sale, however, a menu of Food-To-Go meals will be available (Oktoberfest & Italian dinners), with seating available outside to eat. All booths will be in operation, as planned. Masks must be worn inside. Parishioner help & support is needed to make this a success, with volunteer sign-ups being held after all Masses in the parish hall. Questions/to volunteer/donations, contact: Donna Cellini, Chair, 301-922-1866, or [Donnac803@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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** The One Grand Raffle ticket sales will begin at the St. Nicholas Fall Bazaar which is being held on Fri., Oct. 29 & Sat., Oct. 30. Donna Cellini & Pat Schmidt will be selling the tickets at the bazaar. The drawing for the \$1,000 prize will be held at the St. Nicholas Feast Day Dinner on Fri., Dec. 3. Tickets will be sold after all Masses from Sun., Oct. 31 through Sat., Nov. 28. Those who sign up to sell tickets, please let Theresa Corbett know what your schedule and availability are to sell tickets. Contact email: [theresa\\_corbett@yahoo.com](mailto: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, [sharitredway@gmail.com](mailto:sharitredway@gmail.com), or 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](mailto:ftomassoni195@gmail.com), 301- 502-9497, or Mimi Nostro, [mimi.nostro@gmail.com](mailto:mimi.nostro@gmail.com), or 301-490-1361.

**Readings for October 23 / 24**

**The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-9
Second Reading	Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52

**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](mailto:rauschda@gmail.com). Thank you.

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