

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

October 23-24, 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: 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., 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. 31**, 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 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. Oct 25	8:30 a.m.	+Marilyn Price Lovett
Tues. Oct 26	8:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Helen Robel
Wed. Oct 27	8:30 a.m.	+Thelma Perry Bopp
Thurs. Oct 28	8:30 a.m.	+Ernesto & Aurea Punsalan
Fri. Oct 29	8:30 a.m.	+Jean Wineburg
Sat. Oct 30	8:30 a.m.	+Esmeraldo Gatchalian

Masses	October 23 / 24	October 30 / 31
5:00 p.m.	+Jane Roper	+Antonio DeGuseppi
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Mamerta & Edith Balmoris
9:30 a.m.	+Catherine Helen Elko	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
11:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Obi Anyanwu [Family Thanksgiving] (L)	+Archie Bustamante

"Thank you so very much for sharing my parting as Parish Secretary by attending my memorable RETIREMENT BREAKFAST. You made me feel important and appreciated. With Love, Joy, and Happiness, thank you for adding to the fulfillment of my retirement."

Brinda Albert

Former Parish Secretary

Flower Donations Flower donations for the Procession of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary were as follows: the flower bouquets carried by the 3 flower girls were donated by Maritess Bernardo, Myrant Ermitano, & Lot Cunanan; the flowers for the BVM at the Chapel & our Holy Rosary Carrier were donated for Angela Punsalan's personal intentions.

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

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, on the Wednesdays of October. Meet in front of St. Nicholas 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 Movie & Supper Night The Knights of Columbus will host, **this Sat., Oct. 23**, their Movie & Supper Night, starting at 6:00 p.m., with the showing of "Keys to the Kingdom", with Gregory Peck. All are invited!

Knights of Columbus The business meeting for the Deacon John Lynn Council 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.

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.

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.

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.

October Baptism Date Change The Sacrament of Baptism scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, has been **re-scheduled** for Sunday, Oct. 31, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

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

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 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.**, 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 Contact info: Website: www.stjosrcs.org; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephbeltsville/>; & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsRCS>. Are you interested in a Catholic School education? Attend a virtual open house or admissions event. For more information: www.adwcatholicsschools.org.

October-National Domestic Violence Month Visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "When I Call for Help" (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. 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.

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 to LARS on Dec. 13. More opportunities & dates will start being announced in future bulletins & Flocknote.

Fall Bazaar We are in the final week before our Fall Bazaar, this coming Friday, Oct. 29, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. & Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. If you have not signed up to volunteer, this is the last weekend to sign up in the parish hall after all Masses. All of our parish family are invited to come, volunteer, pray for, and support this parish effort to raise funds for our church, fellowship with each other, & have fun while doing so! Questions: Donna Cellini, Chair, 301-922-1866, or Donnac803@aol.com.

Church Crafts Table It is not too late to donate crafts you made for the church table. Questions/to volunteer/donations: Debbie Rausch, rauschda@gmail.com, or 301-498-8806.

Basket Chance Raffle We are requesting gift cards 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: Sharon Tredway, sharitredway@gmail.com, or 301-490-6027.

Food Concession All meals will be food-to-go, since Prince George's County has coronavirus restrictions in place. Masks must be worn inside. We are having the Oktoberfest & Italian Dinners as planned! Outside seating to eat at is available. Info: email, theresa_corbett@yahoo.com.

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.

"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.

"Pages From The Past" We are selling used books, music, & movies. All donations are welcome! A plastic crate is in the parish hall 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.

One Grand Raffle Ticket sales begin at the Fall Bazaar. 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 volunteer to sell tickets, please let Theresa Corbett know what your schedule & availability are. Contact email: theresa_corbett@yahoo.com.

Readings for October 30 / 31

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Second Reading	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 12:28b-34

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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