

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

October 1-2, 2022

## Welcome to Saint Nicholas Parish!

We are glad you have joined us! Hymnals 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!

**New to the Parish?** Registration forms are available in the Church Office, to left of the stained glass window, or contact the Rectory Office during the week.

## Masses & Devotions

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

### **Daily Masses**

Monday—Saturday 8:30 a.m.

### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

First Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.

**Rosary** After daily Mass and Sundays at 11 a.m.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** With Rosary after daily Mass and Fridays at 3 p.m.

## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Reverend Timothy K. Baer

**Weekend Assistant:** Reverend Paul Hill

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Hope Benson  
(ext. 109)

**Dir. of Music (301) 213-3031:** Stu Knazik

**Parish Secretary:** Kathy Garnes

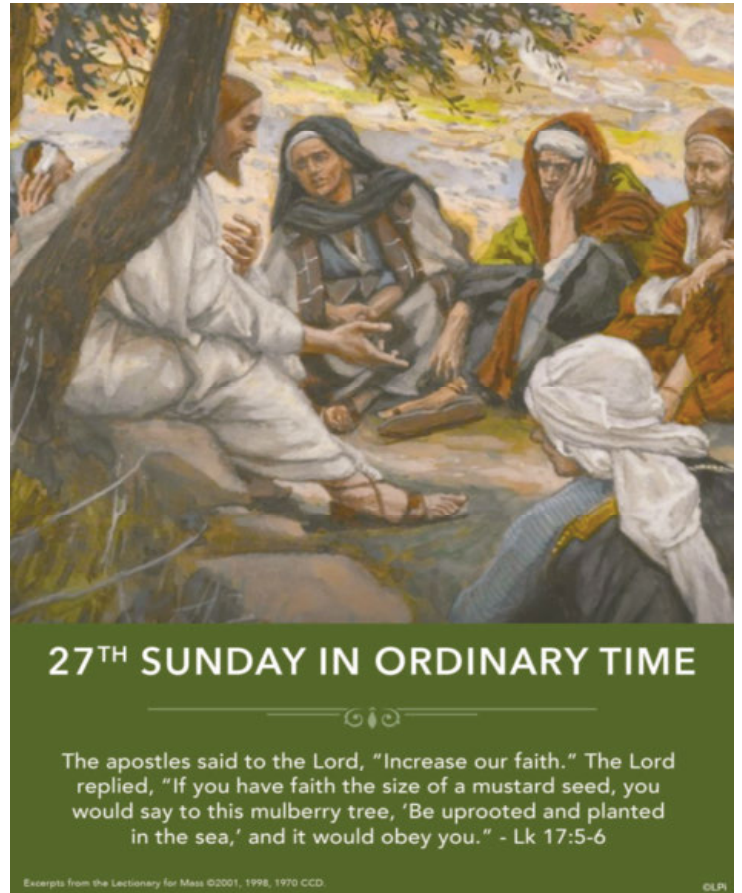
**Support Staff:** Debbie Rausch

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

**Faith Direct Online Giving** Safe and secure. You can set up automated or one-time donations.

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## Sacraments

**Confession** Saturdays 4:00 —4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**Baptism** To arrange your child's Baptism, parents shall be registered in the parish for at least three (3) months, complete the Baptismal Application, and attend one required Baptism Preparation class. Baptismal Applications are available in the Church Office by the stained glass window. *All forms must be completed and submitted **before** attending the class.* For more information contact Baptism Coordinator Luz Cunanan, 301-742-5965, or [ipcunanan128@gmail.com](mailto:ipcunanan128@gmail.com).

**First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation**  
Contact the Director of Faith Formation for more information.

**RCIA** Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wish to complete the Sacraments of Initiation? Contact the Director of Faith Formation.

**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 Office for more information.

**Vocations** Contact Father Baer 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 Office immediately.

**Funerals** Please call the Rectory Office to make arrangements.

As I mentioned in my letter of last week, this weekend we begin the 8:00 a.m. "sung" Mass. We'll work up to singing even more than is currently planned, but I first want us to get used to the Antiphons in the places typically occupied by hymns. I would encourage you to be open to what singing the Antiphons does in terms of imparting very specifically-intended graces as they amplify the themes of the Scripture readings (especially the Gospels) each week. Such openness is very conducive to recognizing the Mass as a prayer. I wrote last week that the Antiphons help make the difference between singing the Mass and singing at Mass. Even more so, they help make the difference between praying the Mass and praying at Mass. Praise God for this "new" vehicle of His Grace to us, which deepens and strengthens the Grace of the gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist much more.

*Fr. Baer*

*Mass Intentions*

Mon. Oct 3	8:30 a.m.	+Chester Meliton
Tues. Oct 4	8:30 a.m.	Vocations
Wed. Oct 5	8:30 a.m.	+Peter, Annemarie, & Stefan Abresch
Thurs. Oct 6	8:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Oct 7	8:30 a.m.	+Francis D. Smith
Fri. Oct 7	7:00 p.m.	Offertory Envelope Intentions
Sat. Oct 8	8:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving

Masses	October 1 / 2	October 8 / 9
5:00 p.m.	+Thelma Bopp	Parishioners of St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m.	+Anthony Kucan	+Catherine Elko
9:30 a.m.	+Iris Rodriguez	James Alvarez [Thanksgiving & Healing] (L)
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	+Anthony Kucan

**Mass Intentions** To offer a Mass for a loved one (living or deceased) or a special intention, the Mass Intentions book is in the Church Office after weekend Masses. During the week, contact the Rectory Office. Suggested donation: \$10-\$15.

**Altar Flower Donations** Donation envelopes for the flower arrangements that go in front of the Altar & next to Mary & Joseph are found in back of the church or donations may be made through Faith Direct. All are appreciated. Thank you.



**Please Pray For** Paz Belandres, Jesus Berroaamparo, Sandra Harris, Mia Jackson, Florence Jermann, Merle Joseph, Katharina Joswick, Doris Menjivar, Zaida Morris, Doris Rosenberg, Erin Tiamson, Ernestine Wilford, Jennifer Woods; and our parishioners who are in assisted living, are homebound, in nursing homes, and their caregivers. Call the Rectory Office to add/remove someone.



**Prayer Warriors** Our online prayer group prays for your intentions. To join the group or request prayers, contact Rita McGlothlin, ritamarymcg@gmail.com.

**Saint Faustina Kowalska** *Feast Day October 5*

*Apostle of Divine Mercy, Sister Faustyna Kowalska, of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, was born on August 25, 1905, in Glogowiec, Poland. Having felt a calling to religious life from the age of 7, her parents refused permission for her entry into a convent. A vision of the Suffering Christ impelled her to seek a place in Warsaw. On August 1, 1925 she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw.*



*She lived in the Congregation for 13 years, staying in various houses, working as a cook, shop assistant in a baker's shop, gardener, & portress. She stayed for 8 months in a hospital, suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs & alimentary system, offering her sufferings as a voluntary sacrifice for sinners and as the Apostle for the Divine Mercy.*

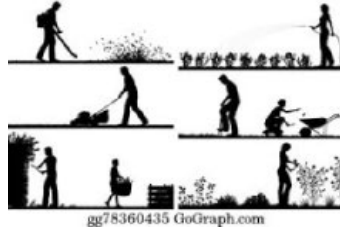
*Sister's principle task was to pass onto the Church and the world the Message of Mercy, of God's Merciful Love for every human being, and calling each of us to entrust our lives in Him, & actively love our neighbor. Jesus gave her new forms of worship: the picture inscribed with "Jesus, I trust in You", the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, & the Hour of Mercy. She died October 5, 1938, aged 33. The Holy Father, John Paul II, canonized her on April 30, 2000. The Apostolic Movement of the Divine Mercy continues to grow.*

*(Edited from www.saint-faustina.org)*

**Knights of Columbus Raffle** Tickets are on sale after all Masses. Cost: \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. First prize: \$20,000, second: \$3000, & third: \$1000.

**Healthy Cooking Classes** This is the last weekend to sign up for the Healthy Cooking Classes which start on Thursday, October 6, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**This weekend**, Oct. 1/2, sign-ups for the Fall Parish Clean-Up Day, being held on October 8, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., begin. Fr. Baer invites all workers to 8:30 a.m. Mass for blessing before work.



**Fall Bazaar Updates** The answer is Yes!

- ◆ Are we accepting/needing items for the Church Craft Table? ( Debbie, rauschda@gmail.com)
- ◆ Does "Pages from the Past" need donated children's books, fiction, religious books, DVDs, & CDs for their stall? ( Rita, goerling@aol.com)
- ◆ Do we need your "re-giftable " items for our "Treasure Trove"? (Mimi, mimi.nostro@gmail.com or Frances, ftomassoni195@gmail.com)
- ◆ Do we need wines, beer, or spirits for the Tom-bola? (Donna, donnac803@aol.com)
- ◆ Can a gift basket be given to the basket raffle chair now? (Sharon, sharitredway13302@gmail.com)
- ◆ Will there be Children's Activities? (Regina, reginaehiagwina@gmail.com)

We need your parish support , donations, & help to make our bazaar successful. Please say "yes" to this invitation! Thank you, St. Nicholas!

**Prayer to Saint Faustina by the Holy Father  
John Paul II**

*And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of Divine Mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred, and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the Face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: "Jesus, I trust in You!"*

Rome, April 30, 2000

**Looking Ahead at St. Nicholas**

- ◆ October 4– Bazaar Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 5– First Wednesday Mass & Adoration, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 6, 13, & 27– Healthy Cooking Classes., 6:30-9:00 p.m. All **must** preregister. Thanks.
- ◆ October 7– First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, & Mass, with K of C Dinner to follow the Mass.
- ◆ October 8– Parish Clean-Up Day, 8:30 a.m. Morning Mass, followed by clean-up from 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served to all workers.
- ◆ October 9– Living Rosary & Procession after 11:30 a.m. Mass.
- ◆ October 8/9– Signup sheets for volunteers to help set up, man stalls, tear down, & clean up after the bazaar start after all Masses in the parish hall.
- ◆ October 15/16– Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses.
- ◆ October 16– Baptismal Prep Class (rescheduled from Oct. 9th), 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 21/22– St. Nicholas Fall Bazaar.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic? We can help. Please contact Hope Benson, our Director of Faith Formation, for information at: stnicksdre@gmail.com.

**Faith in Action** Looking to become more active at St. Nicholas? To share the love of Christ and our Catholic faith with others? Visit our parish website: **stnicholaslaurel.org** and check out the **Ministries & Councils** tab.

**Readings for October 8 / 9**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading	2 Kings 5:14-17
Second Reading	2 Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel	Luke 17:11-19

**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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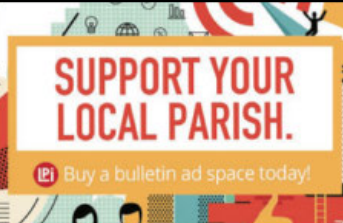
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