

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

January 21-22, 2023

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 lp Cunanan128@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.

Today, there seems to be much stress on individuality. People don't want any perceived barriers to "being who they are." Sorry, folks, but we don't each live in our own isolation booth, no matter how much our eyes glued to our screens have cut off our vision of the others around us. Part of "who you are" is your being a member of a family, a society, a community, a nation, a parish, a universal Church. "I didn't ask to be part of ___ (fill in current group from the preceding list against which one has a grievance)", they retort. Sorry, folks, but your consent is not required for membership, nor does your lack of consent excuse you from membership. The truth is, you wouldn't be who you are apart from these memberships.

Nowhere is that more true than your membership in the Body of Christ, fully realized in the Catholic Church. You and I say with St. Paul today "I belong to Christ." Today's readings are a call to be grateful for that and to look for ways to serve others within the Body, not retreat into ourselves. This is the family, society, community, nation, parish, and universal Church filled with those who will "belong to Christ" in Heaven and for all eternity. Act now like you want to be with them for a long time.

Fr. Baer

Mass Intentions

Mon. Jan 23	8:30 a.m.	+Peter Cimino
Tues. Jan 24	8:30 a.m.	+Arnold Rausch
Wed. Jan 25	8:30 a.m.	Victor & Evelyne Njuki [Anniversary] (L)
Thurs. Jan 26	8:30 a.m.	+John Neilson
Fri. Jan 27	8:30 a.m.	+Higinio Garcia +Eufania Ruiz
Sat. Jan 28	8:30 a.m.	Jumoke Akinbamijo (L)

Masses	January 21 /22	January 28 / 29
5:00 p.m.	+Helene Whittington	Cecelia Caudill (L)
8:00 a.m.	+Joseph Talbot, Jr.	+Neil Bugas
9:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Nicholas	Zenith Bugas (L)
11:30 a.m.	+Dr. Ahmad Shamin	Parishioners of St. Nicholas

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.

Second Collection The last weekend of each month will have a Second Collection for *Parish Debt Reduction*. This month, it will be held next weekend, Jan. 28/29. Thank you for your generosity.



Please Pray For Paz Belandres, Jesus Berroaamparo, Sandra Harris, Mia Jackson, Florence Jermann, Merle Joseph, Katharina Joswick, Bernadette Marlow, Doris Menjivar, Zaida Morris, Catherine O'Brien, 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.

St. Peregrine Laziosi *Feast Day May 4*

Patron Saint of people with cancer, AIDS, or other life-threatening diseases.



The Order of Servants of Mary (Servites) began in the thirteenth century under the inspiration of Our Blessed Mother who appeared separately to seven young men of Florence, Italy, urging them to dedicate themselves to prayer & service. The seven soon became noticed & others joined them. One who applied was Peregrine Laziosi who had been an activist in the anti-papal movement in the city of Forli but had been won over by the Prior General of the Servites, Philip Benizi, who later became a saint.

Peregrine labored for years as a brother in the Order & at age 60 was diagnosed with cancer of the leg with ulcerous varicose veins. The night before the scheduled amputation of his leg, Peregrine dragged himself to the foot of the cross in the community chapter room & fell into a deep trance-like sleep. Upon waking, he discovered that the leg was completely cured. Because of the miracle wrought by prayer, the Church canonized him in 1726 & named him patron of cancer sufferers.

The lesson of Peregrine's life is not that God worked a miracle, but that a faithful, trustful servant placed himself, unconditionally, in the hands of our Lord. Peregrine's trust in God can be a model for us in dealing with the pain, sickness & crosses of our lives.

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Updating Our Records We need your help to keep our database records current. Have you moved? Changed your phone number or email address? Dropped your landline? Parent moved in? Children grown up & moved out? Information Update Forms can be found on the back tables, in the parish hall, or in the church office. Please return completed forms to the church office or drop off at the rectory office during business hours. Thank you for your help!

K of C Dinner & Movie Night Sat., Jan. 28, 2023, the Knights will host their Dinner & Movie Night after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The movie is "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark" starring Harrison Ford.

Youth Choir The Youth Chorus welcomes all children to help us lead the singing at Mass. We sing every 4th Sunday at 9:30 Mass. If your child can read well & enjoys singing, please contact Rolanda Brown for more information on how to join the choir. Her email address is: rolanda7687@gmail.com.

St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School Our Regional Catholic School will be holding an open house for prospective families on Sun., Jan. 29, from 12:45-3:00 p.m. It is located at: 11011 Montgomery Rd., Beltsville, MD, 20705; 301-937-7154, or secretary@stjosrcs.org.



Looking Ahead at St. Nicholas

- ◆ January 22– ICSN meets after the 11:30 a.m. Mass every 4th Sunday in the Cry Room. All are welcome.
- ◆ January 28- K of C Dinner & Movie after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, showing "Raiders of the Lost Ark".
- ◆ January 29- St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School Open House, 12:45-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ February 1- FSCCPG First Wednesday Praise & Song at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ February 3- **No** First Friday Adoration, Mass, or Dinner will be held.
- ◆ February 4- First Saturday Marian Devotions.
- ◆ February 4&5- St. Blaise throat blessing after Masses
- ◆ February 20- Presidents Day, parish offices closed.
- ◆ February 21- Shrove Tuesday Dinner
- ◆ February 22- Ash Wednesday. Masses at 8:30 a.m., Noon, and 7:00 p.m.



Steubenville Parish Mission: March 6-8 St. Nicholas is working with St. Joseph's, St. Hugh's, & Holy Redeemer to bring to you a life changing event at St. Joseph's Church in Beltsville. Our evenings will be immersed in wonderful music, enlightening keynote speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, and testimonials. Registrations are open and will fill up fast. If you are interested & know you can participate, email Hope Benson, at stnicksdre@gmail.com, for more information.



Readings for January 28 / 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a

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.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK OF THE WORLD
THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF
ST. PEREGRINE, OSM**

*Graciously hear the prayers
which we present O God, to you
in honor of St. Peregrine,
your beloved servant &
patron of those suffering from cancer,
AIDS, or other life-threatening disease.*

*Grant that we may receive help
in our needs
through the intercession of him
whose life was so pleasing to you.
Hear us in the name of Christ, our Lord.*

Amen

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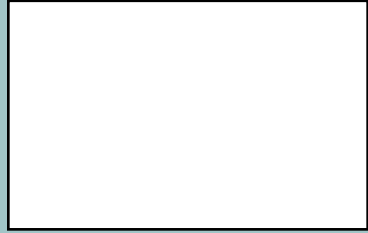
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