The mission of St. Nicholas Catholic Church is to proclaim and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through celebration of our faith and sharing our time, talent and treasure in service of the Kingdom of God.

**Mass/Reconciliation Schedule**

- **Saturday Penance/Vigil**: 4:30 p.m. / 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday**: 8:30 a.m. (Live Stream) & 11:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration**: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Live Stream)
- **Tuesday - Friday**: 10:00 a.m. (Tues., Thurs., Fri. Live Stream)

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- **Julie Ghassab** - Pastoral Council Vice Chair
- **Paul Battaglia** - Finance Council Chair

**Office Hours**

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a


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For further information, contact Ryan Castro.

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

That with dedicated spirits, we will beg the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese who will help gather the wheat of souls into His barn, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Due to our current pandemic situation, the Sacrament is scheduled privately outside of Mass. Parents must be registered in the parish for at least three months and participate in the preparation sessions held prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Baptism classes are offered as needed to individual couples. Please call Steve Branning to register to attend.

RCIA: Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about joining the Catholic Church? RCIA meets on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in the Fall. Please contact Steve Branning for more information.

First Reconciliation: Preparation sessions for parents and children are held in the fall and early winter in the 2nd grade First Communion Class. Adults are needed to assist with workshops, retreats and office. Children must be registered in Christian Formation Class.

First Eucharist: Preparation sessions for parents and children are held in the winter. Adults are involved with the children as leaders, aides, assistant coordinators, and at social events. Children, usually 2nd graders, must be registered in Christian Formation Class. It is Holy Communion that draws us into a deeper intimacy with Christ.

Confirmation: The appropriate age for preparation and reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is “when an individual is both at least 15 years of age and enrolled in at least the tenth grade.” “Preparation for Confirmation must be a separate and distinct program from the parish youth ministry or religious education program.” (Diocesan Policy and Guidelines for Preparation of Baptized Adolescents to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, 2010 Summit Edition, Catholic Diocese of Richmond). For further information, contact Ryan Castro.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Lora DiNardo so that the hospitalized and homebound may receive Holy Communion or request Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Orders and Religious Life: Men and women who are considering Holy Orders or Religious Life are encouraged to call the Pastor.

Marriage: Requires six month’s advance notice before wedding date is set. Instructions offered by parish priest. Please call Lora DiNardo in the parish office to schedule an appointment.

LIVING OUR MISSION, LOVING OUR CHURCH

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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. MASS with Facebook Livestream
11:00 a.m. MASS

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21
10:00 a.m. DAILY MASS w/ Facebook Livestream
10:30 a.m. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
with Facebook Livestream
5:30 p.m. BENEDICTION

Wednesday, July 22
10:00 a.m. DAILY MASS

Thursday, July 23
10:00 a.m. DAILY MASS w/ Facebook Livestream

Friday, July 24
10:00 a.m. DAILY MASS w/ Facebook Livestream

Saturday, July 25
4:30 p.m. RECONCILIATION
5:30 p.m. VIGIL MASS

Sunday, July 26
8:30 a.m. MASS with Facebook Livestream
11:00 a.m. MASS

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to be entering into phase 3 of our reopening and worshipping together with some of you at daily and weekend Masses. Please review changes to our Mass schedule and plan on arriving 30 minutes early to give us time for screening and ushering you to your seat.

We encourage the vulnerable to COVID, those concerned about the safety of gathering, and those 65 not to attend weekend Masses but rather continue celebrating weekend Masses via Livestream. Wednesday's Daily Mass is designated specifically for those vulnerable to COVID-19. Know that our prayers are with you at this time of separation! Bishop Barry Knestout has extended the dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance for those in these categories.

Please take a moment to read the official guidelines from the Diocese of Richmond before attending Mass so you are aware of the new regulations in place. Note that face coverings are continue to be required by all present at the liturgy (ages 10 and older). Official guidelines can be found at https://bit.ly/3fLmsce.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together for a safe reopening of our Mass celebrations.

Journeying Together in Christ,
Fr. Jun Balarote

FAREWELL TO ONE OF OUR OWN

Please pray for Grace Russell as she steps down from her role as Administrative Assistant. We are so thankful for all the help that she has provided for our parish for these past three and half years. She worked with us to establish and sustain new procedures for “all media” - Facebook, email blasts, website, parish bulletin and virtual usher during our live streams in recent months. She will truly be missed by all of us on the parish staff. We wish her all the best with her growing family!

FOOD PANTRY

We are currently in need of the following items for our food pantry: pancake syrup, pancake mix, old fashion rolled oatmeal, grits, 2# canned ham, canned chicken, canned beef stew, tuna fish, baked beans, jars of apple sauce, canned pineapple, fruit cocktail, pears/raisins/peaches, hamburger helper (any type), jelly, peanut butter (smooth), instant mashed potatoes, Rice-A-Roni, meaty soups/ cooking sauce soups, laundry detergents, bar soap, stuffing mix, saltine crackers, jello, 2# sugar/salt/ground pepper

We are no longer in need of food cards at this time. Thank you for your generosity!
Reception of Holy Communion by the Faithful

During Phase III of reopening, Holy Communion may be distributed to the faithful outside of Mass with permission from the pastor. Communion to the Homebound has inherent risks to vulnerable individuals. Caution must be considered when taking communion to someone’s home. Those bringing communion are strongly encouraged to exercise caution when bringing communion to the infirm, elderly homebound, or nursing homebound (e.g., wearing a face covering and gloves; maintaining social distancing; disinfecting the pyx following distribution; following any other recommendations from the CDC). If those bringing communion are making multiple communion visits in a given day, they may wish to consider a separate pyx.

Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

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Mass Livestreaming

Due to COVID-19, Mass is being livestreamed for use on various Diocesan and parish digital media accounts including, but not limited to, the parish website and The Catholic Virginian, and social media platforms. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending that particular Mass time.

If you have an urgent pastoral need, such as last rites, confession, funeral Masses, or more, please contact the parish emergency number at 757-286-7256.
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**HOLY ROSARY**

Saint Padre Pio once said, “The Rosary is the ‘weapon’ for these times.” In these times we want to pray this powerful prayer as much as possible. If you would like to lead the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass starts for the intentions of those affected by COVID-19 and for healing in our country please sign up in the signup genius below or contact Steve in the office to sign up or for further questions. You can sign up at any of the Masses for the month of July. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA5A82BA1F94-roary

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**St. Pius X Church**

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- We are looking for a part-time (10-15 hrs/week) **Maintenance Worker**. The successful candidate needs to have skill and experience in all areas of maintenance to perform a full scope of minor electrical and plumbing repairs, as well as carpentry and painting skills. Physical requirements include the ability to lift 50 lbs., to walk extensively throughout the workday and to climb ladders and navigate heights such as the roof areas. This position requires a successful clearance by Social Services, criminal background check and certificate of VIRTUS training, all of which are provided through the parish. Salary is based on diocesan scale and demonstrated experience in the maintenance field.

- We have an immediate opening for a **Communications & Social Media Specialist**. This is a part-time (20 hrs/week) position that reports to the Pastor and Business Manager. The successful candidate will be responsible for creating and sending communications through various social media platforms, maintaining these platforms with the current parish events, the weekly bulletin and bulletin inserts, maintaining the parish calendar. Some college work in a related field or equivalent education and experience is required. Proficiency with Google apps, Microsoft Office (Publisher, Excel, Word, Power Point), social media tools, and experience in web publishing is preferred.

Interested candidates should send a completed diocesan application, cover letter, and resume to church@piusxparish.org. The application form can be found at https://richmonddiocese.org/ofice/office-of-human-resources

**RCIA: Q & A**

**Question:** My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

**Answer:** Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can’t be close to someone we don’t know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don’t know how to answer. If your friend hasn’t yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor’s current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive! ©LPi

**VBS**

Rocky Railway where Jesus’ love pulls us through is going virtual and at home this summer! There are no fees nor registration! To sign up for the daily updates and links (Starting Monday July 27) contact Steve in the parish office.

**FLEA MARKET**

Donations are now being accepted for our flea market in the Social Hall. We could use your unwanted furniture, housewares, toys, books, sporting goods, etc. Please call Peggy Rose or Janet McCarraher for large items or with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!