A Stewardship Parish - Founded in 1963

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

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<td>Saturday Penance/Vigil</td>
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<td>Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration</td>
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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.

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**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION**

**The Maritime World:** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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**VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

_For all those called to priesthood and consecrated life, that they will have no fear in responding to Jesus as He calls them to trust in Him and His choice of them, we pray to the Lord._
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

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**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

- **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.

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

**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!
### Mass Intentions

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<td>(†) Sr. Marilyn Lieber</td>
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<td>(†) Patricia Runberg</td>
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<td>R/B Louise Palamara</td>
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<td>Friday, August 14</td>
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<td>(†) Hilda Farley</td>
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<td>(†) Alfonso Budrionis</td>
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<td>The People of the Parish</td>
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### Phase Three Updates

#### 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.
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It’s what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter’s doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I’m older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don’t suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

– Tracy Earl Welliver
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CATHOLIC Q&A: MARIAN FEASTS

Question:
Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:
Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15.

Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the “Seven Sorrows of Mary,” which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church’s calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary’s faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: “Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father” (Lumen Gentium, 65).
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