ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

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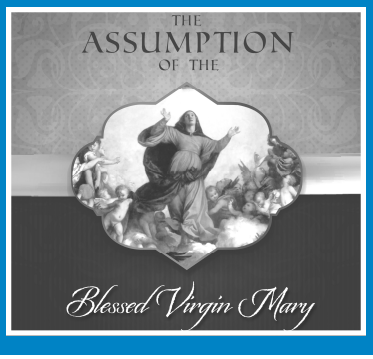
(Mornings by appointment only)



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14th, 2016

I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: On any available Sunday during the 11:00 AM (Italian), 12:30 PM (English) & 7:00 PM (Portuguese) Masses. Please, contact the rectory at least one month prior to desired date.

Confessions: Saturdays 5:00 to 5:45 PM, or during the week by appointment.

Marriages: Please contact the rectory at least six months prior to desired wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: If you are hospitalized or unable to come to Church for health reasons and would like to be visited by a priest for Confession, Communion, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.

Religious Education Program (CCD): For children 1st to 8th grades who are not attending Catholic School. Classes are held on Sundays from September to May at 11:30 AM, with attendance to the 12:30 PM Family Mass.

Confirmation: Teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 8th grade. They will attend classes at 11:30 AM from September to December; and from January to April classes will start at 11:00 AM in the church hall, with attendance to the 12:30 PM Family Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 7:00 & 8:00 AM
6:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30 & 9:30 AM English
11:00 AM Italian
12:30 PM English (Family Mass)
8:00 PM Portuguese

Weekdays: 7:00 & 8:00 AM

Holy Days: 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Other Services & Activities:
Monday to Saturday: 7:40 AM Morning Prayer

Tuesday: 9:00 AM—Legion of Mary
7:30 PM—St. Padre Pio Group
7:30 PM—Holy Rosary Society
8:00 PM—Holy Rosary in Portuguese

Wednesday: 7:00 PM—Holy Rosary in Italian
7:30 PM—R.C.I.A. classes (Sept)

Thursday: 2:00 PM—Bible Study Italian
6:15 to 7:15 PM— Holy Hour Adoration for Vocations (Aug 18, 25)
7:30 PM—Bible Study in English
8:30 PM—Rosary Brazilian Men (Sept 8)

Friday: 8:00 PM—Brazilian Prayer Group

1st Friday: 5:30 to 8:30 PM—Blessed Sacrament Adoration (September 2)

ST NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Parish Trustee: Giovanni Simone & Michael Massaro
Parish Secretary: Débora Moreira
Music Ministry: Addie Luers, Giovanni & Karen Simone, and Kelly Oliveira

Vocationist Sisters Community
Sr. Benedita Carvalho, S.D.V., Superior & Pre-K Director; Sr. Antonietta Cioce, S.D.V., Sr. Sali Antony, S.D.V. and Sr. Jancy Thomas, S.D.V.
223 14th Street - Palisades Park, NJ Tel. 201-947-2413
Parish Pre-K "Fr. Justin Learning Center" Tel. 201-944-1376

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
312 First St—Palisades Park, NJ
Principal: Mark Valvano Tel. 201-947-5262

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 13
7:00AM Josip Volaric by his wife Matea
8:00AM Vincent Giambona by his wife Maria
6:00PM Vincenzo & Carmela Oliverio by their family

SUNDAY, August 14
7:30AM John Pappalardo by his family
9:30AM Martha & Gina Pallotta by John, Nick & Paul
11:00AM John & Nicolina Mattessich by their family
12:30PM Victoria Sambogna Byrne by her children
8:00PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, August 15
7:00AM Nick Martini by family
8:00AM Robert Hroncich by his uncle John

TUESDAY, August 16
7:00AM Anna Garritano by Teresa & Gerardo Stancato
8:00AM Giovanna Porco by Rita Garritano

WEDNESDAY, August 17
7:00AM Amelia Mazzarella by her son Giuseppe
8:00AM Giovanna Porco by Rita Garritano

THURSDAY, August 18
7:00AM Anna Delgiudice by Dominic & Christina Chiola
8:00AM Giovanna Porco by Rita Garritano

FRIDAY, August 19
7:00AM Mariantonia Albanese by her daughter Christina
8:00AM Giovanna Porco by Rita Garritano

SATURDAY, August 20
7:00AM Antonia Mattessich by Maria Morin
8:00AM Robert Hroncich by his family
6:00PM Karol Krett by Jana & Jaro Krett

SUNDAY, August 21
7:30AM Rrok Nikci by Lisa, Antony & Antoneta
9:30AM Amelia Mazzarella by Hilda Frei
11:00AM Carmelo Dinaro by Maria Carbone
12:30PM Maria & Santo Gerbavac by daughter Milena
8:00PM People of the Parish

News of the Parish

This Monday, August 15, the **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is not a holy day of obligation this year. We will celebrate Masses at 7:00 and 8:00 AM only.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION will be held every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 PM during summer. We should take advantage of our free time to have private hours of adoration. The church will continue to stay open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. ***JESUS-EUCHARIST waits for your visit.***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - All children of our parish, grades 1 to 8, who are not enrolled in Catholic School should be attending our Religious Education Program. Please come to the rectory office to register your child for the **2016-2017 CCD Religious Education Program.** Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 11:30 AM starting September 25.

RCIA – CATECHISM FOR ADULTS – This program was created for those who are 18 years or older and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion or Confirmation. The classes will be held once a week, in the evening. To enlist in the program and for more information, please contact the rectory's office.

51ST ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will be held on **Saturday, October 22 at The Brownstone Restaurant** – It will be a great fundraising event! – please **SAVE THE DATE!**

Win a trip to the Bahamas for 2 (flight + all inclusive hotel), a 50" Smart HDTV or a $300 gift certificate! Raffle tickets on sale now—$10.00 each or 4 for $30.00!

In Memoriam

SANCTUARY LAMP
donated this week in loving memory of
Linda Lybeck Alaimo Steve Silva
by Tony & Blanche DiBona

Events of the Week

Tuesday, August 16
9:00 AM - Legion of Mary in Blessed Mother's room
8:00 PM - Holy Rosary in the Brazilian families

Thursday, August 18
6:15 to 7:15 PM - Holy Hour for Vocation—Adoration

Ministers' Schedule for August 21

6:00 PM: **Lector** - Carmela B.
E.M. - Rita
7:30 AM: **Lectors** - Michael
E.M. - Sr. Sali and Sr. Jancy
9:30 AM: **Lectors** - Gina
E.M. - Carol and Sisters
11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Antonia and Frank
E.M. - Carmela and Italia
12:30 PM: **E.M.** - Suzanne
8:00 PM: **Lectors** - Viviane, Marcia and Laine
E.M. - Cida and Evaneide

Pastoral Care

Marriage: Nicholas Tortoriello & Letteria Lisciotto (8/14)

Holy Communion was brought last week to: Maria Piccini, Arthur Mazzarella, Victor Columbini and Frances Ceria.

Pray for our sick: Mateus Ribeiro, Domenica Dinaro, Anne Ring, Lorenzo Cafasso, Josephine Dolberry, Eileen Murphy, Angela Tina, Rita Vanore, Gotardo Almeida, Josephine De Monte, Maria Piccini, John Ostuni, Dominick Ostuni, Sara Modafferi, John Hroncich (John Hroncich's nephew), Frank Pallotta, Sr. Antonietta Cioce and Carmela Kida.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

We are grateful to all who attended our ***FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT*** *last Wednesday, August 10. It was a lot fun spending time together, enjoying two great movies under the night sky.*
Thank you to those who setup the big screen and projector, chairs and tables, snacks and drinks, specially ***Rose Gatti****.*

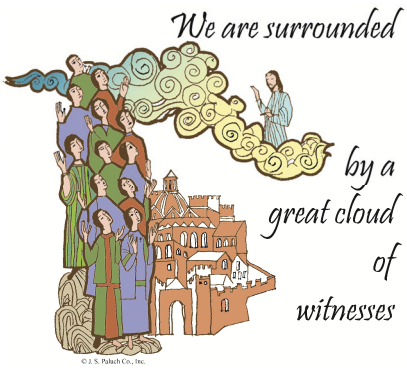
Thank you to ***George Beck Jr.*** *who donated to our parish an incredible sound system that gave our show a powerful theater-like sound effect!*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the collection amount please See bulletin paper edition

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP



Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighed down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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ATTENTION PARENTS AND EDUCATORS!

Homeschooling is increasingly recognized, both nationally and worldwide, as a successful method of education. For Catholic parents, it is not just an affordable and academically rewarding alternative to standard schooling, but it is also an excellent way to grow in the Faith and pass it on to our precious children, the next generation.

We have a great opportunity to learn more about it at the **New York Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschooling Conference** on August 5th (from 12:00 to 6:00 pm) and 6th (from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm) 2016, at Mercy College (Rotunda of Mercy Hall, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522.

Admission to the conference is FREE! You can find detailed information and the full schedule at www.ihconference.org/newyork.

Have you ever considered homeschooling as one of your options? The free conference offers the chance to know about homeschooling success story, to see the extensive support network available to you and your children, and view the most updated variety of educational course materials. At the conference, you will be inspired by exceptional speakers, as well as meet other concerned parents and families like yours.

If you are interested and/or desire more information do not hesitate to contact Anna Maresca at 201-362-6812 who is organizing a group of participants from our area.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15 is the day that Catholics have long celebrated what is called the Dormition (falling asleep) or Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven. Along with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) the Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation - one of the most important feasts of the Church year.

According to one tradition, Mary was warned of her approaching end by Saint Michael the Archangel, who conducts souls to Heaven, and was surrounded on her death-bed by the apostles, who were miraculously transported to her bedside from their various mission-fields. It was said that Jesus appeared, bore away her soul, and returned three days after her burial, when angels carried her body to Paradise where it was reunited with her soul under the Tree of Life.

2016/2017 CCD Religious Education Program — Our program provides religious instruction to children from grades 1 to 8 and all children who are not attending Catholic school should be registered. They will receive First Communion on 2nd grade and Confirmation on 8th grade. Please contact the rectory's office for more information or if you have new children to be added to our listings.

A special Mass and support group meeting for **all affected by the disease of alcoholism** will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, August 20 at 12:00 noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly infected with the abuse of alcohol or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565

YOUR KIDS WILL THANK YOU FOR GOING ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!

On a Marriage Encounter weekend married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can make! For more information contact Mike and Eileen Morgan at 973-827-9606

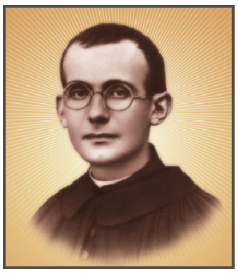
Annual "La Festa Italiana" in honor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin from Thursday, August 18 to Sunday August 21 from 6:00 to 10:00PM. Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church is located at 188 Mac Arthur Ave in Garfield, NJ More information at 973-772-2295

ST. MATTHEW'S— "MUSIC FOR A SUMMER NIGHT" - A concert featuring famous singers John Woverton, Kate Manning, Julia Guthrie and Jessie Gelber. It will be held on Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 PM at St. Matthew's, 555 Prospect Avenue in Ridgefield. Tickets will be $20—$15 for seniors.

WHY DO WE HAVE THE SECOND SUNDAY ASSESSMENT-FREE COLLECTION?

Our Sunday first collections + rental income + baptisms, funerals and weddings + Easter and Christmas collections are assessed a 14% contribution to be given to the Archdiocese of Newark. From July 2015 to June 2016 our Church supported the Archdiocese with $2,915.00 per month, for a total of $34,980.00. The total amount of the **second collection on the second Sunday of every month (YELLOW ENVELOPE) remains at SAINT NICHOLAS** to help defray this expense. Whatever you donate towards this collection **won't be subjected to the 14% Assessment**, and it will help defray the cost of what we contribute to the Archdiocese. We know we are all struggling financially and yet, you have been very generous this past years. Please, we count on your continuance to give generously toward this collection.

Vocationist Corner



I can achieve holiness, and I can lead all souls triumphantly into heaven with me, only if I am docile in Your Hands, faithful to Your Heart, and generous with Your Spirit.

You alone are the way, O God-Jesus, and only in Your Arms can one be safe; only in Your Heart can one rest, and only with Your Spirit can one make progress, only in You is heaven open for us.
O my God and my All…

Fr. Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Spirit of Prayer*, Pages 192-193

IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE about a vocation to priesthood or religious life, you may speak to Fr. Stephen, or one of our staff members or call the Vocationist Fathers and Sisters at 973-966-6262

Please keep praying to God for miracles through Fr. Justin's intercession.

St. Nicholas Church
2016 Dinner Dance Raffle

Grand Prize: Trip for 2 to The Bahamas!

3 nights = flight + hotel (all inclusive) Value: $3,000.00

2nd Prize:
50" Samsung HD LED SMART TV

3rd Prize:
$300.00 VISA Gift Card

Raffle Drawing at
51st Annual Dinner Dance
at The Brownstone Restaurant
351 W Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07522

Saturday
October 22, 2016
at 11:00 PM

$10.00 each or 4 for $30.00

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For raffle tickets, please contact us:
201-944-1154 or stnicholas07650@live.com

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No substitution of offered prizes.