

ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers

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Tuesdays 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
(Mornings by appointment only)



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23rd, 2017

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" (Matthew 13).

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: On any available Sunday during the 11:00 AM (Italian), 9:30 AM or 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 AM, 9:30 AM
11:00 AM (Italian)
12:30 PM - Family Mass
7:00 PM (Portuguese)

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

Other Services & Activities:

Mon to Sat: 7:40 AM Morning Prayer
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - Legion of Mary
7:30 PM - St. Padre Pio Mass (9/19)
7:30 PM - Holy Rosary Society (9/26)
8:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Portuguese)
Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Italian)
Thursday: 2:00 PM - Bible Study (Italian)
6:15 to 7:15 PM - Holy Hour Adoration for Vocations (July 27, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)
7:30 PM - Bible Study (English)
8:30 PM - Rosary by Braz. Men (8/10)
Friday: 8:30 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday: 5:30 to 8:30 PM - Blessed Sacrament Adoration (9/1)

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. Jancy Thomas, S.D.V. and Sr. Emilia Din, 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, July 22

7:00AM All souls in purgatory by Anita Tarabocchia

8:00AM Sr. Antonietta Cioce, SDV by Maria Mattessich & fam.

6:00PM Gene Giannantonio by Errante & Sabatella fam.

SUNDAY, July 23

7:30AM Marcos da Silva by Carol & Anthony Oliveri

9:30AM Leo Rossi by his wife & children

11:00AM Carmela Cundari buy her husband Frank

12:30PM Frank DeMaio by Lina & Vincent DeMaio

7:00 PM All people of this parish

MONDAY, July 24

7:00AM Rosanna Conforti by M/M Carmine Magnone

8:00AM Matteo Piccinich by M/M Severino Salamon

TUESDAY, July 25

7:00AM Mario Lisica by his mother Regina

8:00AM Guido Bussani by Tony & Julia Picinich

WEDNESDAY, July 26

7:00AM Caterina Bussanich by Maria Mattessich & fam.

8:00AM In honor of St. Anne by parishioners & friends

THURSDAY, July 27

7:00AM Silvana Piccinich by her husband John

8:00AM Matteo Piccinich by Tony & Julia Picinich

FRIDAY, July 28

7:00AM Tom Porto Jr. & Michael Germaine by family

8:00AM Domenico Tarabocchia by Tony & Julia Picinich

SATURDAY, July 29

7:00AM Florence Bussanich by Maria & Joseph Hroncich

8:00AM Sister Cecilia Morin by Maria Mattessich & family

6:00PM Anthony Calabrese by Mellie Malanga

SUNDAY, July 30

7:30AM John Bucco by Scicutella family

9:30AM Mario & Raffaele Mondo by Cerciello family

11:00AM Cleonice Totaro by Frank and Sara

12:30PM Joseph Hroncich by his grandmother Gaudenzia

7:00 PM All people of this parish

News of the Parish

MISSION APPEAL - Father Martin Lowery, a Maryknoll missionary with experience in Korea will speak at all the Masses and give our parishioners an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ's name and Christ's message to all people. Please welcome Fr. Leon as he makes his appeal and be generous in your response.



OUR ANNUAL MASS IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE, mother of the Virgin Mary and grandmother of Jesus, will be held this Wednesday, July 26 at 8:00 AM. At the end of the Mass everyone will be given a rare opportunity to venerate an authenticated bone fragment of the Saint.

Our parish will celebrate the **FEAST OF BLESSED FR. JUSTIN** on Wednesday, August 2 with a Mass at 7:30 PM. All are invited to attend Mass and join us for coffee after Mass in the church hall.

52nd ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will be held on **Saturday, October 14** at The Brownstone Restaurant in Paterson — It will be a great fundraising event! — please **SAVE THE DATE!**

Celebrating 100 years of Fatima, our **2017 DINNER DANCE RAFFLE'S** 1st prize will be **A TRIP FOR 2 TO FATIMA, PORTUGAL - 5 days, hotel + flight valued at \$3,600.00 (or your dream vacation)**. The raffle's 2nd prize is a **55" SAMSUNG SMART HDTV**; and the 3rd prize is **\$300 VISA GIFT CERTIFICATE!** — The raffle will be drawn at the Dinner Dance on October 14. Winner does not need to be present. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses or during the week at the rectory's office. Cost: \$10.00 each, 4 for \$30.00 or 14 for \$100.00!



CCD - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2017-2018 - Our program was created to provide basic doctrine of Catholic faith to our school age children—1st to 8th grades—and it strives to help them deepen their relationship with God. All registrations have been mailed. Please contact the rectory office if you have not received it, or if you have a new child to be enrolled in our program.

RCIA - CATECHISM FOR ADULTS - This program was created for those who are 18 years or above 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 this year program and for more information, please contact the rectory's office at 201-944-1154.

Events of the Week

Tuesday, July 25

9:00AM - Legion of Mary in Bl. Mother's room

8:00PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian families

Wednesday, July 26

8:00AM - Mass in honor of St. Anne

Thursday, July 27

6:15 to 7:15PM - Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations

7:30PM - Bible Study in English

Friday, July 28

8:30PM - Brazilian prayer meeting in church hall

Ministers' Schedule for July 30

6:00 PM: **Lector** - Carmela B.

E.M. - Maria Claudia and Rita

7:30 AM: **Lectors** - Michael

E. M. - Sr. Jancy and Sr. Emilia

9:30 AM: **Lectors** - Suzanne and Gina

E.M. - Sr. Bene and Carol

11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Frank and Italia

E.M. - Carmela A., Francesca and Margherita

12:30 PM: **Lector** - Lucy, Renee and Benjamin

E.M. - Suzanne

7:00 PM: **Lectors** - Patricia, Laine and Katia

E.M. - Adriana and Ieda

Pastoral Care

Holy Communion was brought this month to:

Maria Piccini, Victor Columbini, John Ostuni, Frances Ceria, Cynthia Cornell, Anita Lauria and Gloria Pezzolla.

Pray for our sick:

Mateus Ribeiro, Domenica Dinaro, Lorenzo Cafasso, Josephine Dolberry, Eileen Murphy, Angela Tina, Rita Vanore, Maria Piccini, John Ostuni, Dominick Ostuni, Sara Modafferi, John Hroncich (John Hroncich's nephew), Fred DeCarlo, Martino Matesic, Ashraf Soliman and James Malatesta.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be.

FORGIVENESS

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?

-- St. Catherine of Siena



Shoprite Cards are available after each Sunday Mass or during the week at the office. Our church will get 5% of what you spend.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is

mighty, but lenient to all. God's power

is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency? Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love. — Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. Rom 8:26

LOVING SOMEONE

*To love someone deeply gives you strength.
Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.*

-- Lao Tzu

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 9 collection: \$ 1,874.00

July 16 collection:

6:00 PM Mass \$ 311.00

7:30 AM Mass \$ 341.00

9:30 AM Mass \$ 357.00

11:00 AM Mass \$ 298.00

12:30 PM Mass \$ 297.00

7:00 PM Mass \$ 418.00

Online \$ 70.00 **\$ 2,092.00**

Budget amount needed weekly \$ 2,395.83

Would you consider giving 5% of your weekly income to support St. Nicholas?

HOW MUCH IS 5%

Weekly Income	\$150	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
Offering	\$7.50	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25

This weekend second collection will be
MISSION APPEAL— MARYKNOLL

MASS FOR THE LIVING—You can request a mass to be celebrate for the intention of someone who is sick, going through difficult times and in need of spiritual strength. We are accustomed to offer masses for the souls of our deceased, but we should do the same in the intentions of our families, friends and anyone in need.



Father Martin Lowery, a Maryknoll missionary with experience in Korea will speak at all the Masses and give our parishioners an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ's name and Christ's message to all people. While at the parish, Father Lowery will be happy to talk with any parishioner who is interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll Priest, Sister, Brother or Lay Missionary. Maryknoll is the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Maryknoll's task is to bring God's Word to foreign lands. Maryknollers share the Gospel, not in word alone, but in practical and concrete actions - by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, comforting the oppressed.

A second collection will be taken for the Mission Appeal - Maryknoll, please donate generously.



2017-2018 CCD Religious Education Program — Our program provides religious instruction to children from grades 1 to 8 and ***all children who are not attending Catholic schools 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.

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For adult Catholics over 30

Prayer, discussion, good movie, glass of wine and relaxing chat amongst friends of same faith

**Our next meeting will be
Saturday, August 26**

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St. Nicholas Church

DINNER DANCE RAFFLE 2017

Sponsored by and for the benefit of
St. Nicholas RC Church — Palisades Park, NJ 07650

Raffle drawing on **SATURDAY**
October 14, 2017 at 11:00 PM

The Brownstone Restaurant
351 W Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07522

★ **1st Prize:** Trip for 2 to Fatima, Portugal
5 days — flight + hotel Value: \$3,600.00
... or your dream vacation!

★ **2nd Prize:** 55" SAMSUNG LED Smart HDTV

★ **3rd Prize:** \$300.00 VISA Gift Card

No. Winner do not need to be present.
No substitution of offered prizes.

DONATION \$10.00



Feast of Saint Anne

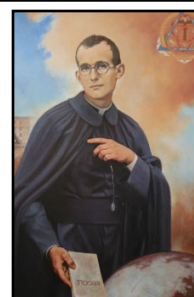
A Mass in honor of
St. Anne, mother of the
Virgin Mary
and grandmother of
Jesus,
will be celebrated this
Wednesday, July 26th
at 8:00 AM.

At the end of the Mass everyone will be given a rare opportunity to venerate an authenticated bone fragment of the Saint.

Vocationist Corner

O immaculate Virgin Mary,
we rejoice with you,
and we bless the divine Trinity
for the singular privileges
granted to you.
Blessed are you, because you are
exempt from the law of original sin,
and are without ignorance, without weaknesses.
You are all virtue and gifts,
perfectly united to God since
your Immaculate Conception.

Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Devotional*, page 236



"IF GOD CALLS YOU CALL US"

The VOCATIONIST FATHERS are a Catholic Religious Congregation that strives to foster vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, especially among the poor. Their main ministry is to identify and guide those who believe they are called to serve God as Priests, Brothers and Nuns. Please call 973-966-6262 for further information.

Saint Anne

Feast Day: July 26

According to Christian tradition, **Saint Anne** (also Ann or Anna) of David's house and line, was the mother of the Virgin Mary. Mary's mother is not named in the canonical Gospels. According to the apocryphal Gospel of James, Anne and her husband Joaquin, after years of childlessness, were visited by an angel who told them that they would conceive a child. Anne promised to dedicate the child to God's service. The story bears a superficial similarity to that of the birth of Samuel whose mother Hannah had also been childless. Although Anne's cult receives little attention in the Western church prior to the late 12th century, dedications to Anne in the Eastern church occur as early as the 6th century. In the Eastern Orthodox tradition, Anne is ascribed the title *Forbear of God*, and both the Birth of Mary and the Dedication of Mary to the Temple are celebrated as two of the Twelve Great Feasts.

Varying theologians have believed either that Joachim was Anne's only husband, or that she was married thrice. Ancient belief, attested to by a sermon of St John Damascene, was that Anne married once. Similarly, in the 4th century, and then much later in the 15th century, a belief arose that Mary was born of Anne by virgin birth. Those believers included the 16th century mystic Valentine Weigel who claimed Anne conceived Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. This belief was also condemned as an error by the Catholic Church in 1677. Instead, the Church teaches that Mary was conceived in the normal fashion, but that she was miraculously preserved from original sin in order to make her fit to bear Christ. The conception of Mary free from original sin is termed the Immaculate Conception - which is frequently confused with the Virgin Birth or Incarnation of Christ.

The iconographic subject of Joachim and Anne "The Meeting at the Golden Gate" fitted both views, and was a regular component of artistic cycles of the "Life of the Virgin". The couple meets at the "Golden Gate" of Jerusalem and embraces. They are aware of Anne's

pregnancy, of which they have been separately informed by an archangel.

For those believing in the virgin birth of Mary, this moment stood for her conception, and the feast was celebrated on the same day as the Immaculate Conception. The Birth of Mary, the Presentation of Mary and the Marriage of the Virgin were usual components of cycles of the Life of the Virgin in which Anne is normally shown.

Anne is never shown as present at the Nativity of Christ, but is frequently shown with the infant Christ in various subjects. She is normally shown as present at the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple and the Circumcision of Christ. There was a tradition that she went (separately) to Egypt and rejoined the Holy Family after their Flight to Egypt.. Anne is not seen with the adult Christ, so was regarded as having died during the youth of Jesus.

Saint Anne is especially invoked as the Patroness of all Mothers, against Sterility, for the Conception Difficulties, Infertility, help of the Pregnant, Women in Labor, and also the Grandparents. The feast day of Anne is 26 July.

Prayer to Saint Anne

"Good St. Anne, you were especially favored by God to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Savior. By your power with your most pure daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the grace and the favor we now seek.

Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the strength to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen."

"Good Saint Anne, pray for us."

