ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers

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Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesdays 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
(Mornings by appointment only)

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 3rd, 2018

This is my body.
This is my blood of the covenant
(Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

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 4:00 to 4:45 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**
5:00 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 Weekly Services & Activities:

Mon to Sat: 7:35 AM - Morning Prayer
8:30 AM - Holy Rosary (English)
Tuesdays: 9:00 AM - Legion of Mary
7:00 PM - Bible Study (English)
7:30 PM - St. Padre Pio Mass
7:30 PM - Holy Rosary Society
8:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Portuguese)
Wednesdays: 7:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Italian)
Thursday: 6:15 to 7:15 PM - Holy Hour Adoration for Vocations (Jun 8, 15, 22)
Friday: 8:30 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday: 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM - Blessed Sacrament Adoration (September 7)
Saturday: 6:30 PM - UNUM adults 30+

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, June 2
7:00AM All souls in purgatory by Anita Tarabocchia
8:00AM Luigi Rella by Laura & Max Tubito
5:00PM Porzia Vitiello by Tony & Blanche DiBona

SUNDAY, June 3
7:30AM Kathleen Scala by Richard's Pharmacy
9:30AM Deceased members of the Holy Rosary Society
11:00AM Francesca & Giuseppe Velardo by their son
12:30PM Joseph Ponsi by Anselmo family
7:00PM For all people of this parish

MONDAY, June 4
7:00AM Martino Matesic by Maria Mattessich
8:00AM John Tarabocchia by M/M John Hroncich

TUESDAY, June 5
7:00AM All souls in purgatory by Matesic family
8:00AM Tommaso Morin by his wife Maria

WEDNESDAY, June 6
7:00AM Palmira Scrivanic by Mario & Ines Glavicic
8:00AM Caterina Tarabocchia by Maria Morin

THURSDAY, June 7
7:00AM Klara Mirkovich by Maria Scrivanich
8:00AM Bruno Matesic by M/M Albino Matesic

FRIDAY, June 8
7:00AM Martino Matesic by Domenic & Jennifer Matesic
8:00AM Evelyn Parise by mom and dad Parise

SATURDAY, June 9
7:00AM Palmira Scrivanich by Maria Mattessich
8:00AM Maria Glavan by Milena Piccinich
5:00PM Theresa Osso by Daniello family

SUNDAY, June 10
7:30AM Ivan Lisica by his wife Regina
9:30AM Jack Cheng by his daughter Wendy Tam
11:00AM Giuseppina Vlacich by Lidia & Giuseppe Parise
12:30PM Martino Matesic by M/M Domenic Matesic
7:00PM For all people of this parish

News of the Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION -

This procession is a beautiful demonstration of our Catholic faith. We invite all parishioners to participate. Plan it well, bring your children, family and friends. The procession will be held on **Sunday, June 3 at 7:00 PM**. We will walk around the street block returning to church for the benediction. The Brazilian Mass will follow the benediction (You do not need to stay for the Mass if you attended Mass earlier in the day).

TRICKY TRAY 2018 will be held next **Saturday, June 9** from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. **Admission ticket is $20.00** - included: sandwich, cookies, soda and coffee (tickets sold at the door won't include sandwich and cookies) Tickets are on sale during the week in the rectory office.

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST - We will celebrate Mass on St. Anthony's feast, Wednesday, June 13 at 7:30 PM. Coffee, cookies and cake will be served in the church hall after the Mass.

BRAZILIAN FESTA JUNINA - Saturday, June 23 Traditional Brazilian food, games for the children, live music to dance and much more! See page 4.

Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations
Every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in church
~ Except on eve of first Fridays ~

In Memoriam

ALTAR CANDLES donated this week in loving memory of **Christine Biango** by Frank Lettera

Events of the Week

Tuesday, June 5
7:00PM - Bible Study in English in the library
8:00PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian families
Wednesday, June 6
7:00PM - Holy Rosary in Italian in Bl. Mother's room
Thursday, June 7
6:15AM to 7:15PM - Holy hour of Adoration for vocations
Friday, June 8
8:30PM - Brazilian prayer group in church hall
Saturday, June 9
7:00PM - TRICKY TRAY—Spring Auction

Ministers' Schedule for June 10

5:00 PM: **Lector** - Carmela B.
E.M. - Maria Claudia and Adriana
7:30 AM: **Lectors** - Michael
E. M. - Sr. Bene
9:30 AM: **Lectors** - Carol and Gina
E.M. - Lynn, Suzanne and Sr. Bene
11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Frank and Italia
E.M. - Carmela A., Francesca and Margherita
12:30 PM: **Lector** - Youth and Rita
E.M. - Suzanne, Sr. Jancy and Sr. Emilia
7:00 PM: **Lector** - Anderson, Viviane and Leny
E.M. - Evaneide and Adriana

Pastoral Care

Holy Communion was brought this month to: Victor Columbini, John Ostuni, Frances Ceria, Cynthia Cornell, Anita Lauria, Francesco De Candia and Arthur Mazzarella.

Pray for our sick: Mateus Ribeiro, Domenica Dinaro, Josephine Dolberry, Eileen Murphy, Angela Tina, Rita Vanore, John Ostuni, Dominick Ostuni, Sara Modafferi, John Hroncich (John Hroncich's nephew), Fred DeCarlo, James Malatesta, Carmelo Luvera, Arthur Mazzarella, and Dolly Marie Caiazzo.

Remember our deceased: Nikolina Mirkovich (5/25)

Charity is that with which no one is lost, and without which no one is saved.
-- St. Robert Bellarmine

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

We are grateful to all parishioners who helped us to organize the beautiful celebrations and crowning of the ***Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,*** *throughout the month of May.*

CORPUS CHRISTI

PRECIOUS BLOOD

On this solemnity we focus our attention on the Body and Blood of Christ. We listen to the story of the renewal of the old covenant, which Moses sealed by splashing the blood of animals on the altar of sacrifice, as well as on the people. Jesus, whose blood is the blood of the new covenant, shed that precious blood on the cross, saving us from sin and promising us everlasting life. Blood is the life source that courses through our bodies. The precious blood of Christ is the life source for our spirits. Today may we, like the psalmist, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, whose Body and Blood strengthen us to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of today's solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never from the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, Juliana of Liège, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions. Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204: a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the procession of the Holy Blood is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible. — --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 20 collection: $ 2,917.00

May 27 collection:

5:00 PM Mass	$ 353.00	
7:30 AM Mass	$ 332.00	
9:30 AM Mass	$ 256.00	
11:00 AM Mass	$ 239.00	
12:30 PM Mass	$ 155.00	
7:00 PM Mass	$ 331.00	
Online	$ 30.00	**$ 1,696.00**

ST. NICHOLAS FUNDRAISING EVENT

TRICKY TRAY 2018

Next Saturday, June 9

TICKET: $ 20.00

Included: 25 tickets (Tier 1)
+ a sandwich, cookies, coffee, water and soda

Wow!
That's a great deal!

(Tickets sold at the door will not include food)

ADMISSION TICKETS ON SALE DURING THE WEEK AT THE RECTORY'S OFFICE

BRAZILIAN "FESTA JUNINA"

SATURDAY, JUNE 23
FROM 8:00 TO 1:00 AM

Traditional Brazilian food, games for the children, Family Bingo, Live music and much more!

This is a tradition Brazilian party that happens during the months of June and July celebrating Saint Peter, Saint John and Saint Anthony.

Come and join us!

Tickets are $15.00 per person
(game, food and drinks not included)
Children 0 to 14 years old—free admission
On sale at the rectory's office

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are planning a **GOLF CHARITABLE EVENT** for this summer. We need a good size group of players. Would you like to play?

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Text: Yes ☐ No ☐

Email: _____

Please drop this form in the collect basket, mail it, bring the rectory's office during the week or email your information to **stnicholas07650@live.com**

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH 53RD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018

The Fiesta 7:00 pm

We are proud to present a special guest appearance with two time Emmy nominated National PBS artist ALFIO who has captured the hearts of fans from all generations around the world.

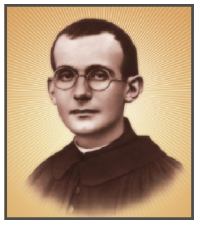
To purchase tickets, contact Parish Rectory
201-944-1154
Tickets $75

Tickets include: Cocktail hour, dinner, unlimited wine and entertainment

A WALK TO RESPECT AND PROTECT LIFE — Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, June 9 at 11:30 AM. The March begins at 12:00 PM at 340 Main Street in Fort Lee (Church of Madonna Rectory) and ends at Madonna Cemetery (Church on the Hill). The parade will be led by the Knights of Columbus Color Corps with the recitation of the Rosary while on the way. Sandwich wedges and light refreshments will be served.

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.

Vocationist Corner



God-Father! God-Father!
Grand that I may be united to You!

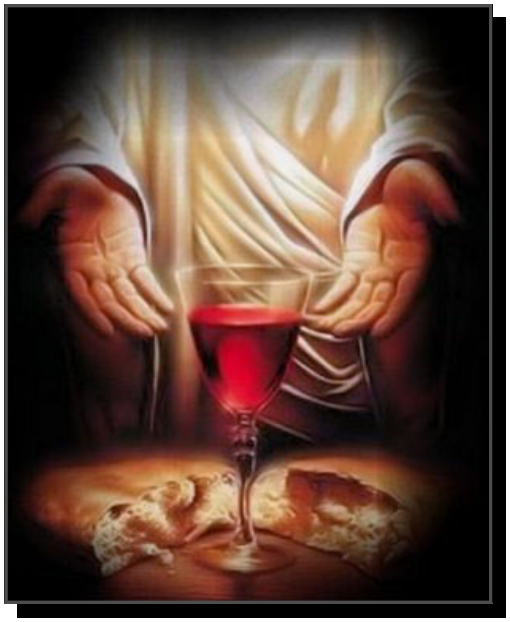
I beg You, for the love of Your Son, since You have made me His disciple, brother, friend and priest, let me be close to You as was Mary!
O my God and my All...

Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Spirit of Prayer*, page 99

Vocationist Fathers and Sisters
973-966-6262—vocationistfathers.org

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Blood and Body of Christ



The Solemnity of Corpus Christi commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist, paralleling Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) commemorating Our Lord's institution of the Eucharist. Corpus Christ was introduced in the late 13th century to encourage the faithful give special honor to the institution of the Holy Eucharist to the Blessed Sacrament.

Corpus Christi became a mandatory feast in the Roman Church in 1312. But nearly a century earlier, Saint Juliana of Mont Cornillon, promoted a feast to honor the Blessed Sacrament. From early age Juliana, who became an Augustinian nun in Liége, France, in 1206, had a great veneration for the Blessed Sacrament, and longed for a special feast in its honor. She had a vision of the Church under the appearance of the full moon having one dark spot, which signified the absence of such a solemnity. She made known her ideas to the Bishop of Liége, Robert de Thorete, to the Dominican Hugh who later became cardinal legate in the Netherlands, and to Jacques Panaléon, at the time Archdeacon of Liége and who later became Pope Urban IV. Bishop Robert de Thorete ordered that the feast be celebrated in his diocese.

Pope Urban IV later ordered the annual celebration of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. More than four decades later, Pope Clement V published a new decree which embodied Urban IV's decree and ordered the adoption of the feast at the General Council of Vienna (1311).

The processions on Corpus Christi to honor the Holy Eucharist were not mentioned in the decrees, but had become a principal feature of the feast's celebration by the faithful, and became a tradition throughout Europe. These processions were endowed with indulgences by Popes Martin V and Eugene IV.

In the words of St. Thomas:

"How inestimable a dignity, beloved brethren, divine bounty has bestowed upon us Christians from the treasury of its infinite goodness! For there neither is nor ever has been a people to whom the gods were so nigh as our Lord and God is nigh unto us. Desirous that we be made partakers of His divinity, the only-begotten Son of God has taken to Himself our nature so that having become man, He would be enabled to make men gods. Whatever He assumed of our nature He wrought unto our salvation. For on the altar of the Cross He immolated to the Father His own Body as victim for our reconciliation and shed His blood both for our ransom and for our regeneration. Moreover, in order that a remembrance of so great benefits may always be with us, He has left us His Body as food and His Blood as drink under appearances of bread and wine."

CORPUS CHRISTI

Candlelight Procession

this Sunday, June 3 at 7:00 PM

We will walk in procession around the church block