ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers

Fr. Christogonus (Chris) Iwunze, S.D.V., Pastor
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Church & Rectory

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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)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2nd, 2018

The one who does justice
will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

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 (10/2)
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 (Sept 13, 20, 27)
Friday: 8:30 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday: 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM - Blessed Sacrament Adoration (September 7)
Sunday: 6:00 PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian Men (9/9)

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, September 1
7:00AM Michael Joseph Faul by friend Julia Rossi
8:00AM Nicola Picinic by his wife Antonia
5:00PM Uncle Eddie Giannantonio by Gina DiBona

SUNDAY, September 2
7:30AM Michael Albanese & Charles Kaltenbock by family
9:30AM Deceased members of the Holy Rosary Society
11:00AM Nicola Guglielmo by Giambona family
12:30PM Michele Simone by Joseph & Cindy Abbadessa
7:00PM For all people of this parish

MONDAY, September 3
7:00AM John Mattessich by Marie & children
8:00AM John Mattessich by her daughter Frances & family

TUESDAY, September 4
7:00AM Matthew Suttora by Anthony Mattessich
8:00AM Pasquale & Gabriele by Cecere family

WEDNESDAY, September 5
7:00AM Francis Ring by his brother James Ring
8:00AM Tommaso Morin by his wife Maria

THURSDAY, September 6
7:00AM Matthew Suttora by M/M Alfonso Piccinich
8:00AM Klara Mirkovich by Maria Mattessich

FRIDAY, September 7
7:00AM Giuseppe & Cristina Galeazza by son & family
8:00AM Nicolina & Nicolo Bussanich by daug. Rosemary & fam.

SATURDAY, September 8
7:00AM Matthew Suttora by Martino & Annette Mattessich
8:00AM Klara Mirkovich by Maria Morin
5:00PM Carol Ann Caola by Tony & Blanche DiBona

SUNDAY, September 9
7:30AM All souls in purgatory by Luz Benavides
9:30AM Salvatore Bonica by Peppard family
11:00AM Raymond Mattessich by his mother
12:30PM Maria & Domenick 40th wedding anniversary
7:00PM For all people of this parish

News of the Parish

This Saturday, **September 8 from 2:00 to 7:30 PM** in parking lot. Our church will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. We ask families to bring a side dish or dessert to share. **Games and lots of fun!** We will show a movie in big screen after picnic. Please come join us!

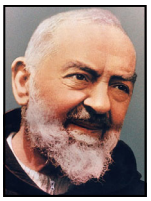
LEGION OF MARY will celebrate the **Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary** this Tuesday, September 4 after 8:00 AM Mass. Cake & coffee will be served. All are invited.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION — Come and spend time in adoration with Jesus present in the Eucharist this first Friday, Sept 7 from 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

HOLY ROSARY BY BRAZILIAN MEN will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:00 PM in church. First meeting will be on Sept 9. Contact Fr. Roberto for more information.

DINNER DANCE & RAFFLE - Our Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, Sept 29 at the Fiesta Banquet in Wood-Ridge, NJ. Special guest appearance of ALFIO. The ticket is $75.00 per person. Tickets are limited and are on sale at the rectory office.

Buy our Raffle tickets: 1 for $10, 4 for $30 and 14 for $100. Please sell them to your family.



ST. PADRE PIO GROUP invites all to the Mass and procession in honor of their beloved saint on Sunday, September 16. Mass at 11:00 AM, procession at 4:00 PM.

In Memoriam

ALTAR CANDLES donated this week
in loving memory of the
Ssgt. Joseph D'Augustine
by Ron & Carmela Kida

BREAD & WINE donated this week
in loving memory of the
Ssgt. Joseph D'Augustine
by Ron & Carmela Kida

SANCTUARY LAMP donated this week
in loving memory of the
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22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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2018 ANNUAL JOURNAL

We invite you to
— once again or for the first time —
be part of St. Nicholas' history
by sponsoring a page in this
2018 ANNUAL JOURNAL.

You might sponsor:
1) - a memorial in honor of your deceased;
2) - a business ad; or
3) - a congratulatory tribute.

The 2018 Annual Journal will be presented at the **53rd ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** to be held on **Saturday, September 29 at the FIESTA Banquet Hall in Wood-ridge.** It will be a great evening of elegant dinner, dancing and lots of fun. Over 200 parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas are expected to attend. A ticket for the dinner is $75.00 per person and can be reserved by calling 201-944-1154.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

The red rose placed by the tabernacle each week for the month of August was donated by ***Leny Marques****.*
The purificators (altar cloths) for the month of August were cleaned by ***Adriana Carvalho****.*

Events of the Week

Tuesday, September 4
9:00AM - Birthday of Bl. Virgin Mary by the Legion of Mary
7:00PM - Bible Study in English in the library
8:00PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian families
Friday, September 7
8:30AM to 7:30PM - Adoration in the church hall
Saturday, September 8
2:00PM to 7:30PM - **PARISH PICNIC** in the parking lot

Lectors and E. Ministers' Schedule for Sept 9

5:00 PM: **Lector** - Silvio and Deacon Thomas
E.M. - Maria Claudia and Adriana
7:30 AM: **Lectors** - John and Michael
E. M. - Sr. Jancy and Sr. Emilia
9:30 AM: **Lectors** - Gina and Carol
E.M. - Lynn, Suzanne and Sr. Bene
11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Margherita and Antonia
E.M. - Carmela, Francesca and Italia
12:30 PM: **Lector** - Rita
E.M. - Suzanne
7:00 PM: **Lector** - Kátia, Leny and Patrícia
E.M. - Leo and Ieda

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), James Malatesta, Carmelo Luvera, Arthur Mazzarella, Dolly Marie Caiazzo and Francesco DeCandia.

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers.
-- Anonymous

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 19 first collection: $ 2,038.00

August 26 first collection:

5:00 PM Mass	$ 324.00	
7:30 AM Mass	$ 357.00	
9:30 AM Mass	$ 443.00	
11:00 AM Mass	$ 352.00	
12:30 PM Mass	$ 166.00	
7:00 PM Mass	$ 400.00	
Online offerings	$ 20.00	**$ 2,062.00**

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

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

We are considering the creation of a new group: **GROUP OF DEVOTION TO ST. ANTHONY**

The initial plan is that the group would **meet once a month,** possibly on the First Fridays at 7:30 PM, following the Blessed Sacrament Adoration, in church.

We will meet to meditate on the life of our beloved St. Anthony and request his powerful intercession and blessings over us. The meeting would last about one hour. If you are devoted of St. Anthony and would like to be part of this group, please come and join us on creating the group. Call the rectory 201-944-1154 to add your name.

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy to possess miraculous powers. Miracles wait on your word, which you are ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Amen.

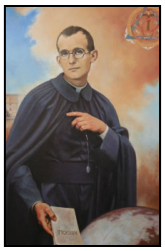
RCIA — CATECHISM FOR ADULTS - This program was created for those who are 18 years or older and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion or Confirmation. The classes will be held once a week, in the evening. To enlist in the program and for more information, please contact the rectory's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

We are looking for a **SINGER/ORGANIST** to play at our 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Sunday Masses. If you know anyone know is interested, please talk to Fr. Chris or call the office at 201-944-1154

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – All children of our parish, grades 1 to 8, who are not enrolled in Catholic School should attend our Religious Education Program.

Please come to the rectory office to register your child for the **2018-2019 CCD Religious Education Program.** Classes will be held on Sunday morning at 11:30 AM, starting September 23.

Vocationist Corner



I adore You and unite myself to You, O Word of God, substantial and personal Truth and Beauty of the Divinity, make me like You, in accord with Your Divine Doctrine.

I adore You and unite myself to You, O Holy Spirit, substantial and personal Goodness and Tenderness of the Divinity. Make me like You through Your Gifts! O my God and my All…

Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Spirit of Prayer*, Page 220

Please pray for the all Vocationist Fathers attending the 15th Chapter in Pianura, Italy this week.

Highlights of Our Parish Calendar 2018-2019

The scheduled dates and events are subjected to change

SEPTEMBER

4 - Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
After the 8:00AM Mass

8 - Parish Picnic in the parking lot
2:00 to 7:30PM, followed by movie

9 - Holy Rosary by Brazilian Men
6:00PM in church (Portuguese)

16 - Feast of St. Padre Pio
11:00AM & 4:00PM - Procession & social

23 - 1st Day of CCD
11:30AM

29 - 53rd Dinner Dance & Journal
7:00 to 11:00 PM at The Fiesta Banquet Hall

OCTOBER

1 to 31 - Holy Rosary everyday from 7:00 to 7:20PM

4 to 12 - Novena of Our Lady Aparecida
8:00 PM in church (Portuguese)

4 - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Blessing of pets in front of the church at 7:30PM

14 - Feast of Our Lady Aparecida
Procession at 7:00PM, followed by Mass

28 - CCD—All Saints' Parade
At the 12:30 PM Mass

NOVEMBER

3 - Parish Retreat

17 - Family Movie Night
7:00PM in the church hall

29 - 12/7 - Immaculate Conception Novena
7:00PM - Rosary and Mass

DECEMBER

7 - Fr. Justin L. Center Christmas Show

8 - Parish Christmas Party
Potluck Dinner & Family Bingo

16 - Padre Pio's Group Christmas Party
1:30 to 5:30 at Café Tivoli

10 - Radio City Christmas Show
Leaving parking lot at 6:00PM

31 - New Year's Eve Party
9:00 PM to 2:00 AM in the church hall

2019

JANUARY

21 - Day of Vocationist Spirituality
10:30 AM in the church hall

FEBRUARY

2 - Family Movie Night
7:00PM in the church hall

10 - Valentine's Dinner Dance
1:30 to 5:30 PM in the church hall

MARCH

3 - Brazilian Feijoada
2:00 to 6:00 PM in the church hall

16 & 17 - Feast of St. Joseph
Poor Man's Dinner & St. Joseph's Tables

APRIL

6 - Parish Day of Recollection

19 - Passion Play
7:30PM in the Church Hall

21 - EASTER SUNDAY
The most important day in the Liturgical Year

27 - Confirmation

28 - Divine Mercy Sunday
3:00 PM with prayers in Eng., Italian & Port.

MAY

5 - First Communion

19 - CCD End of the Year Party
After the 12:30 PM Mass

JUNE

1 - Spring Auction—Tricky Tray
7:00 PM in the church hall

13 - Feast of St. Anthony

22 - Brazilian "Festa Junina"
8:00 PM to 2:00 AM in the church hall

JULY

10 & 24 - Family Movie Night
8:30PM (sunset) in the parking lot

26 - Feast of St. Anne
8:00AM Mass

AUGUST

2 - Feast of Blessed Fr. Justin

7 & 21 - Family Movie Night
8:30PM (sunset) in the parking lot