ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers
Fr. Christogonus (Chris) Iwunze, S.D.V., Pastor
Fr. Roberto da Silva, S.D.V., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Louis Caputo, S.D.V., Weekend Assistant
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(Mornings by appointment only)

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20th, 2019
Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana,
Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

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 (1/22)
7:30 PM - St. Anthony’s Group (2/12)
7:30 PM - Holy Rosary Society (1/29)
8:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Portuguese)

Wednesdays 2:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Italian)

Thursday 6:15 to 7:15 PM - Holy Hour Adoration
for Vocations (Jan 24, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28)

Friday 8:30 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM - Blessed
Sacrament Adoration (2/1)

Sunday 6:00 PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian Men (2/10)
### Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 19**
7:00AM  Tomazina Busanich by Anna Maria Hroncich  
8:00AM  Mateo Tarabokija by Victoria Matesic  
5:00PM  Lynn Malone by Christie & Jimmy Marohn  

**SUNDAY, January 20**
7:30AM  John & Nicolina Mattessich by daughter-in-law  
9:30AM  Carmina Molinaro by Eileen Colonna  
11:00AM  Robert Hroncich by his family  
12:30PM  In honor of the Holy Family by Anna Peticca  
7:00PM  For all people of this parish  

**MONDAY, January 21**
7:00AM  Martino Matesic by his wife Vitoria  
8:00AM  Anna Picinic by M/M Domenick Matesic  

**TUESDAY, January 22**
7:00AM  Nicolina Mirkovic by M/M Nick Bussanich  
8:00AM  Mary Trasmundi by Glavan family  

**WEDNESDAY, January 23**
7:00AM  Roze Picinic by M/M Gino Morin  
8:00AM  Giuseppe Mattessich by his wife Gaudenzia  

**THURSDAY, January 24**
7:00AM  Matthew Mattessich by Mary Bollhofer  
8:00AM  Klara Mirkovich by John & Stephane Hroncich  

**FRIDAY, January 25**
7:00AM  Mario Lisica by his mother Regina  
8:00AM  Michele Simone by Carmela Allegretta  

**SATURDAY, January 26**
7:00AM  Mateo Scrivanich by his sister Regina  
8:00AM  Matthew Suttora by Julia & Tony Piccinich  
5:00PM  Ottavio Martire by Pasquale & Rita Garritano  

**SUNDAY, January 27**
7:30AM  Cosimo Palombini by his family  
9:30AM  Matthew Mattessich by Rimanic family  
11:00AM  Martino R. Mattessich by his wife  
12:30PM  Filomena Abballe & Joseph Peticca by Anna  
7:00PM  For all people of this parish  

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### News of the Parish

**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  
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**ST. PADRE PIO GROUP** invites all to a Mass in honor of their beloved saint. The Mass has been postponed to this Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30 PM, in Italian.

**VALENTINE’S DINNER DANCE** will be held on Sunday, Feb 10 from 1:30 to 5:30 PM in the church hall. Tickets are $40.00 per person — on sale at the rectory’s office.

**CONFIRMATION 2019** - Our 8th grade teenagers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 27 at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass by Bishop John W. Flesey.

Save the date: **DEACON THOMAS WILL BE ORDAINED A PRIEST** on Saturday, June 22 at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass, followed by reception in church hall. All are invited.

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**Holy Hour for Vocations**
Holy hours of Adoration are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We focus our prayer to Jesus Christ on peace, life, vocations, and other topics that are at the heart of the life of the Church and the world.
Every week on Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in church  
(Except on eve of first Fridays)

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**Do you shop for groceries at SHOPRITE?**
Our church sells Shoprite Cards ($50 and $20 dollars) When you use these cards to pay for your groceries, instead of cash, **St. Nicholas gets 5% of what you spend at no cost to you**
It’s a great way to support our parish! SHOPRITE CARDS are available after each Sunday Mass or during the week at the rectory’s office.
### Pastoral Care

**Baptism:** Noah De Marsico (1/20)

**Holy Communion was brought this month to:**
VColumbini, Frances Ceria, Cynthia Cornell, Anita Lauria, Francesco DeCandia, Eileen Murphy and Arthur Mazzarella.

**Pray for our sick:** Mateus Ribeiro, Domenica & Vincenzo Dinaro, Josephine Dolberry, Angela Tina, Rita Vanore, Eileen Murphy, Dominick Ostuni, Sara Modafferi, John Hronchich (John Hronchich’s nephew), James Malatesta, Arthur Mazzarella, Dolly Marie Caiazzo, Frank “Cousin” Pallotta, Francesco DeCandia, Rosetta Lo Faro, Lina Cannella, Paul Albanese, Paul Albanese, Stefano Sgambarlone, Fr. Steve Conner, Giulia Picinich and Anne Mulieri.

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**Stewards of Time and Talent**

*We are grateful to the parishioners who helped us move construction rubbish, and other things to a dumpster last Monday and Wednesday. Their prompt response to a call for volunteers is a sign to their readiness to serve the Lord at all times. May the Lord continue to grant them hearts of service and charity.*

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A VISIBLE GOD**

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult public life at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his first sign, providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

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

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**Notre Dame Academy**

Notre Dame Academy is happy to announce our Open House and School Tours schedule for the 2019-2010 school year registration:

**Open House** - Sunday, January 27th from 1pm to 4pm School Tours - Wednesday January 30th from 10am to 2pm

**Open House** - Wednesday, January 30th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Please call 201-947-5262 or visit www.notredameint.org and check out admissions tab for further details.
Vocationist Corner

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VOCATIONIST DAY OF SPIRITUALITY

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128th Birthday this Monday, January 21

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The program will include:
Talk by Fr. Louis Caputo on the Vocationist Spirituality, Mass of Br. Jerry Bauer’s Perpetual Vows and lunch.

All are welcome!

VALENTINE’S DINNER DANCE

Sunday, February 10

in the Church Hall

from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM - Delicious food & music

Come and join us in a friendly romantic afternoon to dance, eat and enjoy the company of loved ones.

Tickets are $40.00 per person available at the rectory office.

Please use this form to request your tickets for the VALENTINE’S DINNER DANCE

Name: ____________________________

Tel: ____________________ # of tickets ______

[ ] Please mail my tickets
[ ] I will pick them up at the office

Please attached your check. You can drop it at the collection basket, mail or bring it to the rectory office during the week.

Ticket: $40.00 each

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners. We hope that you will always feel welcomed here at our St. Nicholas Parish. We ask all our new parishioners to please come to the rectory to register.

If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact the rectory office. Envelope offerings are registered and for those who so desire, if you need we will issue a certificate of your offerings at the end of the year for your tax deduction.

If you wish to receive the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home for the year 2019, please fill in your name and phone number for the week of your choice on the calendar at the entrance of the rectory office.

ST. NICHOLAS FUNDRAISING EVENT ~ TRICK TRAY 2019 ~

We are beginning to collect items to be auctioned on Saturday, June 1, 2019 — NEW, NOT USED, UNOPENED gifts, toys, games, electronics, kitchen appliances, home decoration, paintings, books, jewelry, etc.

All donations are tax deductible!

Perpetual Candles

We have candles available at the St. Anthony’s candle stand for those parishioners who are interested in lighting a PERPETUAL CANDLE in memory of their beloved ones. The offering is $180.00 per candle per year ($15.00 per month) Please contact the rectory’s office for more information.

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BRAZILIAN FEIJOADA

Save the date:
Sunday, March 3rd

2:00 to 5:00 PM

in the church hall

LEGION OF MARY

Are you a shut-in?

Unable to come to church?

Allow the Legion of Mary to visit you. We would like to pray the rosary with you and offer holy communion.

If there is someone you know or you yourself would like such a visit, please call the rectory office and someone from the Legion of Mary will contact you.

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 9:00 AM in the Blessed Mother’s room in the rectory.

SANTO ROSARIO IN ITALIANO

Venite a pregare con noi il Santo Rosario ogni Mercoledì alle ore 14:00 in chiesa

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Fr. Justin was born on January 18, 1891 in Pianura (Naples). His parents were Luigi and Giuseppina Simpatia, humble people who lived an outstanding Christian life. The day Fr. Justin was born, an unusual and abundant snowfall occurred in Pianura, an area where snow very rarely appears. That same day his parents brought him through the snow to church for baptism. Justin was the third of six boys and four girls. From his beautiful nest the Lord picked three for himself: Justin became a priest and founder of the Society of Divine Vocations.

Upon completion of his elementary school, a very serious problem arose. From early on, Fr. Justin had said to everyone that he wanted to be a priest. He strengthened his wish through prayer and reception of the sacraments. In order to satisfy his desire, it was necessary to provide a seminary and the means to pay for tuition.

His family was quite large, and the means at their disposal were limited. His parents tried to approach a wealthy man in Pianura and seek his help. When they were turned down, his mother in a mixture of anger and transport of faith told her son, “Don’t be afraid, Justin, your mother will send you to the seminary even if she has to pawn her eyeballs.” Sustained by this faith and determination, Justin was sent to Pozzuoli’s diocesan seminary. During the entrance examination, one of the teachers said, “I have never come across a young man as intelligent as this one.” He was admitted to the first year of high school.

Yet this beautiful and promising vocation was threatened in time by some adverse events. At first, his father was severely injured while working and, subsequently, one of the aunts—who was paying part of the tuition—suddenly died. At this point, it was impossible for Giuseppina to keep her son in the seminary. However, before taking any painful decision, she decided to go to Bishop Giuseppe Zezza who, when he heard the story, immediately offered his help.

Having experienced the hardships of poverty, and knowing first hand what an obstacle this could be to following one’s vocation, Fr. Justin dedicated his life and that of the Vocationist Fathers to foster, encourage, educate and help vocations, so that “poverty should never be an obstacle to follow one’s vocation to priesthood or religious life.” Fr. Justin established the Vocationary, a special house which would supply vocations for both religious orders and seminaries. The only requirement for acceptance into the Vocationary was a strong desire to know and serve God as a diocesan or religious priest. In order to assist the chosen ones in their discernment, Fr. Justin acquainted them with the spirit of various orders and biography of their founders. The Vocationary flourished and in a short time it was crowded with large numbers of young men eager to serve God.

Like the mustard seed, the Society of Divine Vocations grew. Fr. Justin was truly the apostle of vocations; he focused his attention not only on candidates coming to the Vocationary, but also on those who had left the priesthood or were in danger of doing so. Thus, the Vocationary, often gave new life to some who had abandoned the active ministry. Only the Lord knows how many were rehabilitated by Fr. Justin’s fatherly love and zeal. Bishops, priests, religious and lay people alike sought his spiritual counseling and brought their special problems to him.

Blessed Fr. Justin completed his earthly mission on August 2, 1955, comforted by the Sacraments of the Church and the prayerful presence of many of his spiritual children. Those who knew Fr. Justin considered him to be a real saint. Blessed Fr. Justin was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on May 7, 2011; and his canonization process is far advanced.