

Palisades Park — September 23, 2020



Dear parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas Parish:

We hope this letter will find you and your family safe and blessed, protected from all forms of evil during these difficult and uncertain times. This has been an incredibly stressful year, our world came to a halt due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Churches were closed to the public for three months — a fact without precedent. So many souls were lost, and many suffered the unbearable pain of not being able to say goodbye to their love ones. Our prayers remained constant, though. We persisted in our faith trusting in the Lord. People gathered to pray the Rosary virtually, throughout the world Masses were celebrated hourly and the faithful were able to participate on social media, their hearts full of hope.

This virus changed our lives completely. It will take time to recuperate the emotional, economic and spiritual damage caused by fear, stress, anxiety and more. Churches who count on offerings and donations were greatly affected, including St. Nicholas. Even though our doors were closed, some of you were able to send your weekly envelopes. We are very thankful for that. Those who could not afford to give, we kept and will continue to keep in our prayers.

As you know, safety guidelines forced us to cancel all fundraising events for this year. A great part of our budget comes from the money raised from those events. We are only able to keep our annual raffle. And isn't it true that everybody loves a raffle? We need to move on with the positive attitude of true believers. No matter if you are an active parishioner or if you live far away now, we know St. Nicholas Parish has a very special place in your heart. We hope to count on your support.

Thank you, God bless you and your family.

**Fr. Christogonus Iwunze, S.D.V. — Pastor**

The prizes for the **2020 ST. NICHOLAS RAFFLE** are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize — 6 Visa Gift Cards of \$500.00 = \$3,000.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize — 2 Visa Gift Cards of \$500.00 = \$1,000.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize — 1 Visa Gift Card of \$500.00**

The raffle will be held on **Saturday, November 14 at 3:00 PM** at St. Nicholas Church  
It will be streamed Live on our website: **stnicholasrcchurch.org** / Facebook page: **St Nicholas RC Church**

**Tickets are \$10.00 / 4 for \$30.00 / 14 for \$100.00**

Tickets are available at the rectory office 201-944-1154

Please return the raffle stubs with your check to

**ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH — 442 E Brinkerhoff Ave, Palisades Park, NJ 07650**

Fill out this form and send us with your check, if you want to buy more tickets or make a donation to St. Nicholas Church

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to make a donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_