

# ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

## Served by the Vocationist Fathers

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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)



## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion  
at the sight of the man stripped  
and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades who are not attending Catholic School. Classes are held on Sundays from September to May at 11:30 AM, with attendance at the 12:30 PM Family Mass.

**Confirmation:** Teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 8<sup>th</sup> 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 at 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  
7:30 PM - St. Padre Pio Mass  
7:30 PM - St. Anthony's Group  
7:30 PM - Holy Rosary Society (9/28)  
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 (July 18, 25, Aug 1, 8, 15)  
Friday 8:30 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM - Blessed  
Sacrament Adoration (9/6)  
Sunday 6:00 PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian Men (7/14)

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13

**7:00AM** James Pallotta by Mary Marino

**8:00AM** Zlatko Simonovic by Nickie & Bruno Piccinich

**5:00PM** Giovanni & Johnny Porco by son & brother

### SUNDAY, July 14

**7:30AM** Ivan Lisica by his wife Regina

**9:30AM** James Pallotta by Frank Kida

**11:00AM** In honor of O.L. Mt. Carmel by Julia & Tony Piccinich

**12:30PM** Anthony Tarabocchia by Maria Mattessich

**7:00PM** For all people of this parish

### MONDAY, July 15

**7:00AM** Ann Martini by family

**8:00AM** Mateo Picinich by his niece Maria Mattessich

### TUESDAY, July 16

**7:00AM** Carmela Bussanich by Betty Scrivanich

**8:00AM** Antonia Brando by DeMaio family

### WEDNESDAY, July 17

**7:00AM** In honor of St. Lazarus by Eduardo Lorenzo

**8:00AM** Giovanna Piccinich by M/M Antonio Piccinich

### THURSDAY, July 18

**7:00AM** James Pallotta by Shirley Ostuni

**8:00AM** Antonio Piccinich by M/M Antonio Piccinich

### FRIDAY, July 19

**7:00AM** Matthew Mattessich by M/M Mirko Saric

**8:00AM** Anton Hroncich by his brother John Hroncich & fam

### SATURDAY, July 20

**7:00AM** Jakominca Mirkovich by Agnes & Dusko Govic

**8:00AM** Robert Hroncich by his family

**5:00PM** Francis M. Pollio-Searfoss by Pat Searfoss

### SUNDAY, July 21

**7:30AM** Linda Roman by Lena Roman & family

**9:30AM** Susan Gasperino by Ronald & Carmela Kida

**11:00AM** Nikolina Mirkovich by Julia & Anton Piccinich

**12:30PM** Susan Gasperino by Angela Caruso

**7:00PM** For all people of this parish

## News of the Parish

**ATTENTION:** We are renovating our bathrooms. During this time, only the ladies' bathroom downstairs will be available. As it becomes a UNISEX area, we ask you to please respectfully knock the door before entering. No children should be downstairs unaccompanied as there are some areas with tools and construction material.

We apologize for the inconvenience.



### HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

will be held every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 PM. During summer, more than ever, we should take advantage of our free time to have private hours of adoration in church. Our church will continue to stay open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Bring your

family to a BIG SCREEN OUTDOOR movie in the church parking lot. Free admission—We will provide lots of popcorn, cupcakes and soft drinks. Our next movie night will be "Paddington 2" - Wed, July 24 at sundown (If it's too hot/humid/raining we will show movie in the church hall – Please call Rosie 201-376-3337 to confirm location)



### OUR ANNUAL MASS IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE will

be celebrated on Friday, July 26 at 8:00 AM. A holy relic of the saint will be venerated immediately after the mass.

### DINNER DANCE & RAFFLE - Our Dinner Dance will be

held on Saturday, October 19 in the church hall. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Raffle tickets are also on sale:** 1 for \$10, 4 for \$30 and 14 for \$100. They are available at the entrance of the church. **We will not mail raffle tickets this year, please offer them to your family and friends.**



This summer we say goodbye to our dear Sr. Jancy. She will be transferred at the beginning of the school year to the Vocationist Sisters Community of Martinsville. Sr. Jancy was a teacher at the Fr. Justin Learning Center—Pre-K for the past years.

She also taught CCD for our 6th grade children. We were blessed by her kind, sweet, loving presence among us, always smiling and willing to serve. We will gather to thank and say goodbye to Sr. Jancy on **Saturday, September 7 after the 5:00 PM Mass** in the church hall. All are invited.

## Events of the Week

### Tuesday, July 16

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

8:00PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian families

### Thursday, July 18

6:15PM to 7:00PM - Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations

### Friday, July 19

8:30PM - Brazilian Prayer Group in the church hall

### Ministers' Schedule for July 21

5:00 PM **Lectors** - Carmela and Silvio

**E. M.** - 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 and Sr. Bene

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

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

12:30 PM: **Lector** - Kyle Katjomuise and Sr. Bene

**E.M.** - Suzanne

7:00 PM: **Lector** - Katia, Patricia and Viviane

**E.M.** - Evaneide and Adriana

## Pastoral Care

### Holy Communion was brought this month to:

Victor Columbini, Frances Ceria, Cynthia Cornell, Francesco DeCandia, Eileen Murphy, Arthur Mazzarella, Joan Driscoll and Dominick Rotundo.

**Pray for our sick:** Mateus Ribeiro, Angela Tina, Domenica Dinaro, Josephine Dolberry, Eileen Murphy, Sara Modafferi, John Hroncich (John Hroncich's nephew), James Malatesta, Arthur Mazzarella, Dolly Marie Caiazzo, Francesco DeCandia, Rosetta Lo Faro, Paul Albanese, Paul Albanese, Stefano Sgambellone, Fr. Steve Conner, Giulia Picinich, Anne Mulieri and Eudinea Aniceto.

**Remember our deceased:** Lina Cannella, Frank Caiazzo and Dominick Ostuni.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

*Thanks to all who participated in this year  
**FESTA JUNINA** on June 29.*

*It was a lot work but the end result  
was great. It was a beautiful celebration.*

*Thanks to Rosie Gatti who put together the  
**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** last Wednesday.  
She donated the popcorn and baked delicious  
cupcakes for us. It was a lot of fun!*

*Thank you, Lord for giving us these beautiful people  
who donated their Time and Talent  
to the good of your church.*



## Religious Education

**Are you being called? — St. Nicholas Religious Education Program** is blessed with some very dedicated volunteers who help to pass on our faith to the children and young adults of our parish, but we need more help.

As our students grow and leave our program, sometimes our catechists need to go too.

We need to replace the catechists who are leaving.

**Please consider joining this ministry.**

We are looking for catechists, substitute catechists, and classroom aides to help on our Sunday program. If you think you might be interested in helping please contact our D.R.E., Fr. Thomas at the rectory office or by email at [stnicholas07650@live.com](mailto:stnicholas07650@live.com)

### Registration for Religious Education Program

We will begin enrolling students for our religious education program. All students in grades 1 to 8 who are not enrolled in a Catholic school would be enrolled in our program. Registration forms have been mailed to all returning families. If you are the parent of a first grader or you are new to the program please contact the rectory and a form will be sent to you.

If you are 18 or older and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion or Confirmation ... the RCIA—Catechism for Adults Program will start this September. The classes are once a week in the evening. To enlist in this year program and for more information, please contact the rectory office.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**June 30 collection: \$ 1,799.00**

#### **July 7 collection:**

5:00 PM Mass . . . . .	\$ 179.00
7:30 AM Mass . . . . .	\$ 404.00
9:30 AM Mass . . . . .	\$ 189.00
11:00 AM Mass . . . . .	\$ 213.00
12:30 PM Mass . . . . .	\$ 197.00
7:00 PM Mass . . . . .	\$ 412.00
Online offerings . . . . .	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,604.00</b>

**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



# 2019 DINNER DANCE & JOURNAL

## Celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rebuilding of the Church

### SAVE THE DATE:

Our Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Church Hall  
Support St. Nicholas Church by sponsoring a page in this year journal

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the baptism of the bells, recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell. In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

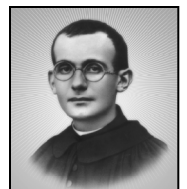
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### Vocationist Corner

Apply yourself to discover every possible fragment of truth in every error, and every bit of goodness in every evil (IX, 120).

Even when it seems that we are going up to Calvary, Jesus leads us to Tabor through the Via Crucis—Way of the Cross. Let us never be victims of distrust and discouragement for any difficulty, adversity or sickness of any kind (XVI, 320).

Teachings of Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo



## DREAM VACATION

## RAFFLE

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Raffle drawing at the **DINNER DANCE**

**Saturday, October 19**  
@ 11:00 PM  
in the church hall

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: *Travel Voucher of \$3,600.00!*

Get ready for your DREAM VACATION!  
Anywhere and anytime you want to go!

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: *55" Samsung Smart TV*

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: *\$300.00 Visa Gift Card*

TICKET: 1 FOR \$10 / 4 FOR \$30 / 14 FOR \$100

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE AT THE RECTORY OFFICE  
442 E Brinkerhoff Avenue — Palisades Park, NJ 07650  
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Winner does not need to be present. No substitution of offered prizes.

## A vacation is no vacation without Mass

Does your summer vacation include taking a vacation from Mass? Finding a Mass when you are away from home may mean making special efforts. Here are four reasons to fit Mass into your summer home or away:

1. Wherever Mass is said anywhere in the world, millions of people you don't know are praying for you and with you. Where else can you get that kind of help?

2. Attending Mass connects you to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and believers on earth. That's



powerful company.

3. After Jesus ascended to Heaven, his followers formed the early Church to keep his message alive.

Every time you attend Mass, you help to keep Jesus' message alive.

4. God commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills that requirement. And if God tells us to do something, we should do it.

**Note:** to find a church or Mass time anywhere in the country, call (410)676-6000 or visit [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com).

### Scripture LESSON

### Luke 1:57-66, Take God at his word.

Sometimes God has to take drastic action to get our attention. Before John the Baptist was born, Zechariah was visited by an angel and told that his prayers for a son and his prayers for a savior would be answered in a miraculous way. The appearance of an angel should have been enough to convince Zechariah but he was still skeptical that what the angel said was possible. So, God shut Zechariah's mouth to make it easier for him to hear and see the truth.

After the angel's visit, Zechariah



silently watched his wife's body swell with her miraculous pregnancy.

When the baby was born, Zechariah demonstrated his obedience and his mouth was opened. Zechariah's first words showered praise on God and told the people around him of God's faithfulness and awesome love.

**What can a parent do?** We can always trust God's love and care. He will never fail us. Help your children listen for God's voice and remember that all things are possible for God.

### Parent TALK

I was mortified during a visit we made to our friends' house recently.



The Fairchilds are a nice family we met at church, with four well behaved children.

When we sat down to dinner, the dad led everyone in a decade of the Rosary. Mrs.

Fairchild said they pray one before every dinner and bedtime. Partway through, I noticed my eleven-year-old noisily eating her dinner despite the prayers being said around her. Embarrassed, I tapped her on the shoulder to stop and we joined in.

When we got home, my husband and I realized that while we are prayerful people, we don't pray often as a family. That's why our daughter didn't get the message to stop whatever she was doing and give the Lord his due. After a brisk family discussion, we quickly made some fast and heartfelt changes. Now, family prayer has become part of who we are.

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### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 20 – Immaculate Heart of Mary.** In response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

**June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591).** St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to cut back in order to study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

**June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist.** St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for

Jesus' saving mission. He even baptized Jesus but was executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.

**June 28 – St. Irenaeus (220).** As bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus investigated and disproved assertions of the Gnostics who claimed secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to select disciples. In great service to the Church, Irenaeus clarified Church teaching and gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

