

ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers

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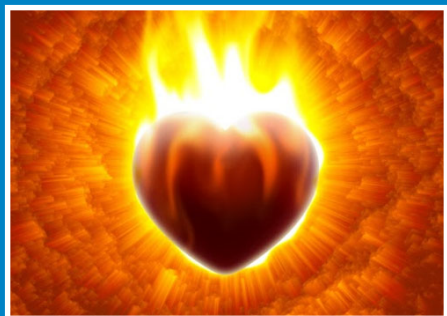
Church & Rectory

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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)



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18th, 2019

*I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).*

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 at the 12:30 PM Family Mass.

Confirmation: Teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 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 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 (Aug 22, 29, Sep 12, 19, 26)
Friday 8:30 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM - Blessed
Sacrament Adoration (9/6)
Sunday 6:00 PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian Men (9/8)

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. Joicy Pallatty, 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, August 17

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

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia by Frances & Bozo Picinic

5:00PM John Pappalardo by his family

SUNDAY, August 18

7:30AM Frank Caiazzo by Frank Lettera

9:30AM Susan Gasperino by the Holy Rosary Society

11:00AM Michele Simone by Giovanni Totaro

12:30PM Matteo Osso by Simone family

7:00PM For all people of this parish

MONDAY, August 19

7:00AM John A. Elisano by Maria & Joseph Hroncich

8:00AM Jakomina Mirkovich by John & Dina Mircovich

TUESDAY, August 20

7:00AM Antonia Mattessich by her daughter Maria

8:00AM Roberto Hroncich by his family

WEDNESDAY, August 21

7:00AM Antonia Mattessich by her daughter Maria

8:00AM Martino Matesich by his wife Victoria

THURSDAY, August 22

7:00AM Michael P. Albanese by his family

8:00AM Matthew Suttora by Anna Hroncich

FRIDAY, August 23

7:00AM Maria Bruno by her husband Orazio

8:00AM Jakomina Mirkovich by Tony & Julia Picinich

SATURDAY, August 24

7:00AM John A. Elisano by Mario Glavicic Jr.

8:00AM Anton Mirkovich by his wife

5:00PM Matthew Mattessich by M/M John Hroncich

SUNDAY, August 25

7:30AM Mario Lisica by his mother Regina

9:30AM Frank Pallotta by St. Nicholas Ushers

11:00AM Cleonice Totaro by her husband & family

12:30PM Maria & Santo Gerbavac by Milena Costanzo

7:00PM For all people of this parish

News of the Parish

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—Bring your family and friends to a BIG SCREEN movie next Wednesday, Aug 21 at 7:30 PM, in the church hall. Free admission, popcorn, cupcakes and soft drinks. We will be showing "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian."



CALENDAR MEETING 2019-2020



will be held on Monday, August 26 at 7:30 PM in the church hall. All coordinators and group leaders are required to attend. Please bring your groups activities plans and dates for the upcoming year.



FAREWELL SR. JANCY—Sister Jancy was a teacher at the Fr. Justin Learning Center—Pre-K for the past 4 years. She also taught CCD to our 6th grade children. She has been transferred to another Vocationist Sisters community, therefore we will gather to say goodbye and best wishes to her on **Saturday, August 31 after the 5:00 PM Mass** in the church hall — All are invited.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION will be held every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 PM. Our church will continue to stay open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.



DINNER DANCE & RAFFLE—Our Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, October 19 in the church hall. Tickets are \$75.00 per person—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.

CCD—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Class will begin Sunday, September 29. Please register your child/ren early to help us prepare the classes.

RCIA/CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

This program was created for those who are 18 years or over and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please contact the office at 201-944-1154.



Events of the Week

Tuesday, August 20

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

8:00PM - Holy Rosary by Brazilian families

Wednesday, August 21

7:30PM - Family Movie Night in church hall

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

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

Ministers' Schedule for August 25

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

E. M. - Claudia and Carmela

7:30 AM: **Lectors** - John and Michael

E. M. - Sr. Jancy and Sr. Emilia

9:30 AM: **Lectors** - Carol and Lynn

E.M. - Gina and Sr. Bene

11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Antonia and Margherita

E.M. - Carmela A., Francesca and Frank

12:30 PM: **Lector** - Kyle Katjomuise and Paul

E.M. - Suzanne

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

E.M. - Candinho and Ieda

Pastoral Care

Baptism: Julian Dillon (8/18)

Holy Communion was brought this month to:

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

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 Eudineia Aniceto.

Remember for our deceased: Janet DeCarlo (8/10)



SINGER / ORGANIST

We are looking for someone who wants to sing and play the organ or keyboard at our 9:30 AM Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in the position, please call the rectory office.

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 at 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.

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen. — Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

We invite you to — once again or for the first time — be part of St. Nicholas' history by sponsoring a page in this 2019 ANNUAL JOURNAL

You might sponsor:

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

WE NEED NEW SPONSORS — If you know businesses, friends or members of your family who would like to participate, present the idea to them. You will be surprised by the great response you will have by asking people to support our Saint Nicholas Church.

The 2019 Annual Journal will be presented at the **54th ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** to be held on Saturday, October 19 in the church hall. Call the office for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 4 collection: **\$ 2,105.00**
August 11 collection:

5:00 PM Mass	\$ 295.00	
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 317.00	
9:30 AM Mass	\$ 378.00	
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 182.00	
12:30 PM Mass	\$ 238.00	
7:00 PM Mass	\$ 303.00	
Online offerings	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,723.00

DREAM VACATION RAFFLE

Sponsored by and for the benefit of
St. Nicholas Church

Raffle drawing at the
DINNER DANCE
Saturday
October 19 @ 11:00 PM
in the **CHURCH HALL**



1st Prize: Travel Voucher of \$3,600.00!
To travel anywhere in the world, anytime you want.

2nd Prize: 55" Samsung Smart TV

3rd Prize: \$300.00 Visa 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
201-944-1154 stnicholas07650@live.com stnicholasrcchurch.org

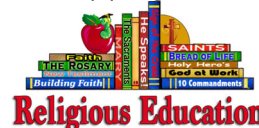
Winners do not need to be present. No substitution of offered prizes.

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 and classroom aides to help on our Sunday program.

If you are interested in helping please contact our D.R.E., Fr. Thomas at the rectory office



Who owns our talents and how we use them until Christ returns to hold us accountable?

You may have a talent sitting inside your heart that you can use to serve your church.

Discover that the Holy Spirit is calling you to do with that ability!

Ask not "What do I get from my church?", but rather "How can I be an active member of the church and give in a way that enriches the community?"



ST. MICHAELS' CARNIVAL

Thursday Sept 12 to Sunday Sept 15
4:00pm to 10:00pm

Palisades Park Sports Area

Entrance at Roosevelt Pl off Grand Ave

For discounts pre-sale tickets call 201-944-1061

GIVE THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME Amediys Hospice is looking for volunteers to give emotional support, keep company, a good chat, listen, help improving the lives of their patients. Time is valuable. At the end of life every moment matters. If you would like to participate in their program, please call Melissa at 201-342-7766

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

Vocationist Corner

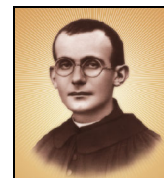
O Mary, make me as you are:
immaculate and even more full of grace,
the closest to the states and acts of
Jesus, the most abundant with Divine
Perfections and Operations, the most intimate with the
Sacred Mysteries, the most united to the Divine Persons!

Make me as you are, O Mary!

O my God and my All, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine,
always more in me and in everyone, as in yourself,

O my God and my All!

Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Spirit of Prayer*, Pages 145



through difficult times and/or 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.

Whatever your lot in life, build something on it.
Anonymous

*The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy.
It depends upon how we occupy that place.*
St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Shoprite Cards are available after each Sunday Mass or during the week at the office. Our church will get 5% of what you spend.



Family Movie Night

"NARNIA" FULL OF CHRISTIAN IMAGERY

Although **"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"** is a fantasy film filled with talking animals, a witch and a magical closet, the 2005 film is also full of religious symbolism and Christian references, according to Father James Fennessy.

"It's a story about sin and redemption," said Father Fennessy, parochial vicar for the Roman Catholic Community of Geneva. This emphasis on Christian themes makes the movie an ideal jumping-off point for parents who'd like to start discussions about faith and morals with their children.

"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is based on C.S. Lewis' 1950 book of the same name, one of seven volumes in the Chronicles of Narnia series. The main characters in both the book and the film are four siblings -- Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy -- who evacuate war-torn London for the safety of the countryside during World War II. After stepping through a magic wardrobe, however, the children find themselves in Narnia, a land where it is always winter but never Christmas and where danger lurks in the form of the evil White Witch and her army of wolves.

"As the movie opens, the four children and their mother run for shelter while warplanes bomb the city. Although this scene is brief, it lets viewers know the children are in danger," Father Fennessy said. *"As the children travel to the countryside by train, the train's smoke changes from white to black and back to white again, showing that the children are on a journey of good versus evil."*

"When Lucy accidentally stumbles into Narnia through the wardrobe while playing hide and seek, she meets Mr. Tumnus, a creature who is half man and half goat. The creature is just

as startled to see Lucy as she is to see him, and his first words to Lucy are full of symbolism. He calls her a daughter of Eve, so right off the bat you know this girl represents humankind," he explained.

Viewers later learn that Lucy, Susan, and their brothers -- referred to as sons of Adam -- represent humankind. Upon his first trip to Narnia, Edmund meets the White Witch, who represents the devil. The witch charms Edmund by giving him Turkish delight, a kind of sugary candy. The witch preys on Edmund's selfish nature and also tells him she will make him royalty in Narnia if he will only deliver his siblings to her. Not recognizing the witch for the evil character she is, Edmund agrees to betray his family and lead them to her. Later, he realizes the witch's capacity for evil, but by then it's too late. Edmund is the one who sins. The devil entices him and he is trapped. The whole story talks about the battle between the witch and the good. When Peter, Susan and Lucy realize their brother is with the White Witch, they set out to rescue him with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, who are indeed talking beavers. It is through the beavers that the children first learn of Aslan, a powerful lion ruler and Christ-like figure.

"They're the ones who talk about a savior, someone who will defeat the witch. They're the ones who tell (the children) about the prophecy of Aslan. They're like the prophets of the Old Testament who said that Jesus is coming to save the world," Father Fennessy said.

Although the children are willing to help, Aslan is the only one who can ultimately redeem Edmund, just as Jesus is the only one who can redeem sinners, he added. Aslan makes a deal with the witch and offers to give her his own life in exchange for Edmund's. The witch excitedly agrees, and Edmund is freed while Aslan is tied to a great stone table. The witch and her followers jeer at and torment Aslan before the witch kills him.

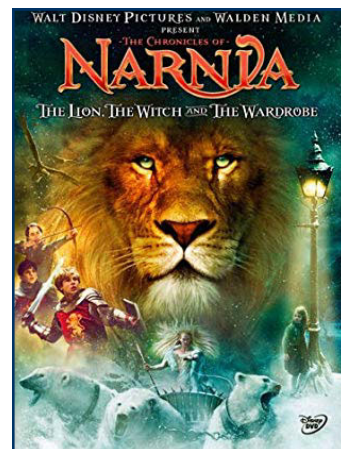
Susan and Lucy, who witness Aslan's death, cry over his lifeless body, but soon find out that he has risen from the dead and is more powerful than ever. He brings them to the witch's castle, where he literally breathes new life into creatures the witch had turned into stone statues.

"He breathes upon them and they come back to life, which is reminiscent of how Jesus dies, descends into hell and the dead are raised," Father Fennessy said.

The movie clearly explains the concepts of sin and redemption as well as death and resurrection, and it explains why Jesus had to die and how he saved humankind by doing so. Parents can use the movie to help their children understand this concept as well as the themes of trust, faith, humility and repentance, and they can then engage in discussions about the roles these values have played in their own lives.

"The Chronicles of Narnia" is not the only film to include Christian imagery, however. Such symbolism and values can be found in a number of recent films, including "Shrek," "Finding Nemo" and "The Matrix," Father Fennessy said. *"If you see a movie that you think the kids really like ... look at it a little bit deeper. Instead of watching the movie just to have fun, try and learn from it,"* he suggested.

By Jennifer Burke/Catholic Courier 04.21.2006



Come and join us on FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We will be showing **NARNIA:
PRINCE CASPIAN**
this Wednesday, August 21
and
**NARNIA: THE VOYAGE OF
THE DAWN TREADER**
on Wednesday, August 28
at 7:30 PM in the church hall

