

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. Firmin Htwe, S.D.V., D.R.E.



Church & Rectory

442 E Brinkerhoff Ave
Palisades Park, NJ 07650
Tel. 201-944-1154 Fax. 201-944-9510
Email. stnicholas07650@live.com
Website. www.stnicholasrcchurch.org

Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri — 12:00 PM Noon to 6:00 PM
Tuesdays — 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
(Mornings by appointment only)

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2021

*Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness
with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).*



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 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 (English)
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass (English)
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Italian)
12:30 PM Family Mass (English)
6:00 PM (Portuguese)

Weekdays: 7:00 & 8:00 AM

Holy Days: 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM*

*Check bulletin—Holy day schedule s are subject to change

**SOME CHURCH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Other Weekly Services & Activities:

Mon to Sat 7:35 AM - Morning Prayer
8:30 AM - Holy Rosary (English)
Tuesday 9:00 AM - Legion of Mary
7:30 PM - St. Padre Pio Mass
7:30 PM - Holy Rosary Society
8:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Portuguese)
Wednesday 2:30 PM - Holy Rosary (Italian)
7:30 PM - St. Joseph's Mass (4th)
Thursday 6:15 to 7:15 PM - Holy Hour Adoration
for Vocations (2nd and 3rd)
Friday 8:30 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday 8:30 to 10:30 AM - Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 6:00 PM - Rosary by Men
6:00 PM - Respect Life Ministry

ST NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Parish Trustees: Giovanni Simone & Michael Massaro

Parish Secretary: Débora Moreira

Music Ministry: Giovanni & Karen Simone, Silvia Maresca, Angela Costantini and Kelly Oliveira

Vocationist Sisters Community

Sr. Benedita Carvalho, S.D.V., Superior & Pre-K Director;

Sr. Joicy Palatty, S.D.V. and Sr. Emilia Din, S.D.V.

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, March 27

7:00AM Asuncion Quiliban

8:00AM Scott Pallotta by Shirley Ostuni

5:00PM Nicholas Costantini by Celeste Veltri & family

SUNDAY, March 28

7:30AM Cosimo & Nancy Palombini by children

9:30AM Italia & Dominick DeMaio by Vinny & Lina

11:00AM Solidalba & Angelo Cecere by Cecere family

12:30PM Josephine Daniele by her son

6:00PM Live and deceased members of this parish

MONDAY, March 29

7:00AM Matthew Tarabokija by Eleonora Michalopoulos

8:00AM Antonia Hroncich by Nick & Martha Morin

TUESDAY, March 30

7:00AM Walter Mattessich by M/M Mario Jakus

8:00AM Joseph Nicoletti by Frank Lettera

WEDNESDAY, March 31

7:00AM Joseph Giannini by his family

8:00AM Nicola Picinich by his wife Antonia

THURSDAY, April 1

8:00PM - Mass of the Last Supper

FRIDAY, April 2

3:00PM - Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 3

8:30PM - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 4—EASTER

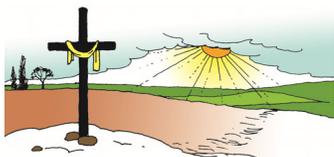
7:30AM Louis and John Ferraioli by family

9:30AM deceased members of the Holy Rosary Society

11:00AM Joseph and Domenica Buda by sister Rosetta

12:30PM Joseph Hroncich Jr. by his mom and dad

6:00PM Live and deceased members of this parish



© J. S. Pallich Co., Inc.

News of the Parish



SOLEMN BLESSING OF PALMS — Palms will not be distributed. They will be available at the entrance of the church for individual pick-up. They will be blessed inside the church at all Masses this Sunday.

REJOICE! OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR EASTER! - We will celebrate all Masses this Holy Week. We are allowed up to 50% of church capacity (76 people). Families may sit together. All others must keep 6ft social distancing. Wearing masks and sanitizing hands as we enter the church is still in order. See page 5 for Holy Week Mass Schedule (Masses streamed Live on the website and Facebook).

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER will be heard this Wednesday, March 31 at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM. For any other day and time, please call the rectory's office to schedule an appointment. We have priests available for confessions in English, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

ANNUAL APPEAL - If you haven't made your pledge to the annual appeal yet, please use the envelopes available at the entrance of the church.

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION—Our Confirmation teenagers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 10 at 3:00 PM, by Most Rev. Bishop John W. Flesey. Our 2nd graders will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2.

In Memoriam



ALTAR CANDLES
donated this week in memory of
Giovanni Ferraioli
by his family

BREAD AND WINE
donated this week in memory of
Giovanni Ferraioli
by his family

SANCTUARY LAMP
donated this week in memory of
Giovanni Ferraioli by his family



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

As part of the celebrations of the
YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

we are inviting all men of our church to say the **HOLY ROSARY** together in church, once a month.

This is already a tradition of many countries around the world. A moment reserved for fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, grandfathers and friends to unite in prayer for our families.

If you would like more information, please call Anderson Borges @201-832-0586, Vincent Maresca @551-574-0408 or the rectory 201-944-1154

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 10 at 6:00 PM

Pastoral Care

Pray for our sick:

Angela Tina,
Domenica Dinario,
Josephine Dolberry,
Eileen Murphy,
Sara Modafferi,
James Malatesta,
Dolly Marie Caiazzo,
Paul Albanese,
Paul Albanese,
John Albanese,
Stefano Sgambellone,
Giulia Picinich, Anne
Mulieri, Anna Teresi,

Marie Marino,
Stephany
Posada, Paul
Odorisio, Lisa
Hagopian,
Zoe Jaramillo,
Enzo Veltri,
Glaucir José
Silveira,
Lucia Sforza,
and for all those
suffering from the
COVID19 Pandemic.



Christ Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

— Philippians 2:8



*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 Our Church to the rectory to register.

Do you shop for groceries at SHOPRITE?

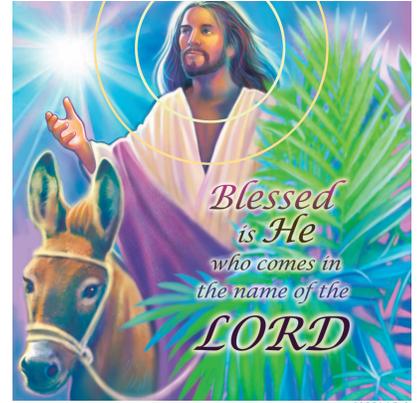
When you buy Shoprite cards from us and use them to pay for your groceries, instead of cash, **St. Nicholas gets 5% of what you spend at no cost to you.** It's a great way to support our parish! SHOPRITE CARDS are available during the week at the rectory's office. Please call in advance.



PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly.



Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



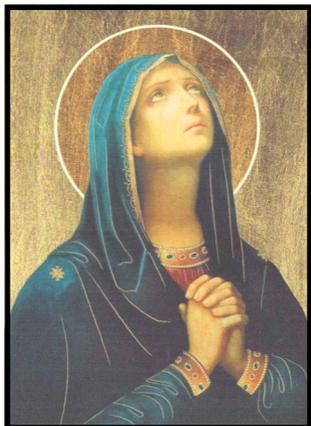
We will miss the presentation of the **PASSION PLAY** this year again. We hope to return next year with another beautiful production.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pontifical collection for the Holy Land

To maintain the holy places, to sustain all kinds of pastoral, educational and social programs for local Christians, to assist pilgrims, and to intensify Catholic evangelization. During these times of the pandemic, it is even more important that we support the work of the missionaries in the Holy Land.

POPE'S PRAYER FOR MARY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of Salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,

keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

**Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain
the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.**

SUPPORT OUR PARISH BULLETIN - Our Sunday bulletin connects our Catholic family. It brings weekly updated information about all our parish religious and social activities, scheduled events and Masses. It is available every Sunday after Mass on paper and digitally on our website.

Because of the high printing costs, in order to continue issue our bulletins, we need to increase the number of advertisers (page 6). Their businesses allow us to receive bulletins free of charge. If you or someone you know would like to support our parish by placing an BUSINESS AD in our bulletin, please contact JS Paluch at 1-800-524-0263. They will help you decide the best ad for your business.

**Please Patronize Our Advertisers
and let them know you appreciate their support
of our parish bulletin**

FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Vocationist Corner

Your Passion is the Salvation of all people. It is the Sanctification of the Elect, and the supreme Glorification of the Father.

Meditating on, feeding and sharing Your Passion gives us the opportunity to obtain the Fruits of Redemption,

to promote our own Sanctification, and to glorify the Father.

**I want to be with you!
I want to pay heed to Your Heart, above all,
because every affront, every torment,
was a wound to Your Infinite Love!
So great a Passion, O my God!**

Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Spirit of Prayer*, page 96



Holy Week Mass Schedule

We are allowed up to 50% of the church capacity, which is approximately 76 people.
Families may sit together, others must keep 6 ft social distancing.
We must wear masks and sanitize our hands as we enter the church.

Wednesday, March 31
10:00 AM & 7:30 PM - Confessions for Easter

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1
8:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2
3:00 PM - The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 3
8:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS
There will be no 5:00 PM Vigil Mass



Sunday, April 4

EASTER

Masses celebrated at 7:30, 9:30 and 12:30 in English
11:00 AM in Italian and 6:00 PM in Portuguese

9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM Masses will be streamed Live
on our website and Facebook page