ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers
Fr. Christogonus (Chris) Iwunze, S.D.V., Pastor
Fr. Firmin Htwe, S.D.V., D.R.E.

Church & Rectory
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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)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21st, 2022

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last." — Luke 13:30

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: On any available Sunday during the 11:00 AM (Italian), 9:30 AM or 12:30 PM (English) & 6:00 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 October to May at 11:00 AM, with attendance at the 12:30 PM 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 (English)
7:00 PM (Portuguese) July & August

Weekdays: 7:00 & 8:00 AM
Holy Days: 6:30 and 8:00 AM & 7:30 PM*
*Check bulletin—Holy day schedule is subject to change

Other Weekly Services & Activities:

Mon to Sat	7:35 AM - Morning Prayer
	8:30 AM - Holy Rosary (Eng)
Tuesday	7:30 PM - St. Padre Pio Mass
	8:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Port)
Wednesday	2:00 PM - Holy Rosary (It)
Thursday	6:15—7:15 PM - Holy Hour Adoration
Friday	8:00 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday	8:30—10:00 AM - Blessed Sacrament Adoration (not in July and August)
Sunday	7:00 PM - Youth Group (1st)
	7:00 PM - Rosary by Men in Port. (2nd)

ST. NICHOLAS R.C. CHURCH

Parish Trustees: Giovanni Simone & Michael Massaro
Parish Secretary: Débora Moreira
Music Ministry: Giovanni & Karen Simone, Kelly Oliveira, Angela Costantini and Josephine Maresca

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, August 20
7:00AM Michael Paul Albanese by his family
8:00AM Robert Hroncich by his family
5:00PM Dolly Marie Caiazzo by Philip & Briana Longo

SUNDAY, August 21
7:30AM Dolly Marie Caiazzo by Richard's Pharmacy
9:30AM Martino Matesic by his wife Victoria
11:00AM Vinny Gram by Vinny & Rosaria Caratozzolo
12:30PM Jennie Daniele by Daniele family
7:00PM Living and deceased members of this parish

MONDAY, August 22
7:00AM Paul & Terry Albanese by sisters Mary & Shirley
8:00AM Michael Paul Albanese by his family

TUESDAY, August 23
7:00AM Peggy & Joseph Collins by daughter Margaret
8:00AM Mike DeBartolo by his family

WEDNESDAY, August 24
7:00AM For all Muslins to find Christ
8:00AM Umberto Piccinich by Maria Mattessich

THURSDAY, August 25
7:00AM Matthew Perna by John & Margaret
8:00AM Intentions of Jason and Rey

FRIDAY, August 26
7:00AM Anne Ring by sisters Mary and Shirley
8:00AM Armando Arreola

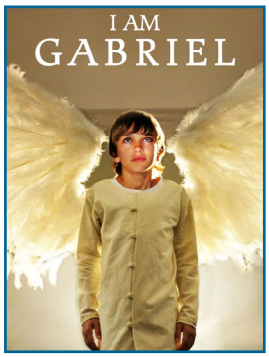
SATURDAY, August 27
7:00AM Lauren Smith-Fields by John Albanese
8:00AM Joseph H. Griffo Sr. by Leonella Picinich
5:00PM Nicolas Costantini by Costantini family

SUNDAY, August 28
7:30AM Ida Lettera & Mary Brigantino by Frank Lettera
9:30AM Tom Porto Sr. by his family
11:00AM Celestino Mattessich by his wife Maria
12:30PM Special intentions of Peter Longo
7:00PM Living and deceased members of this parish

News of the Parish

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING - All couples who have celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony (married by a Catholic priest) are invited to approach the altar at the end of Masses this Sunday, for a special Wedding Anniversary Blessing.

MOVIE NIGHT - Bring your family and friends to a BIG SCREEN and surround sound movie experience this Saturday, Aug 27 at 8:00 PM, in the parking lot. We will be showing the movie:



I AM GABRIEL— The town of Promise, Texas, is dying when a wandering boy shows its residents the way to salvation. They are slow to listen to his message, until the boy reveals his real identity — Free admission, popcorn and soft drinks. In case of rain or extreme heat, we will see the movie in the church hall.

CCD — RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - CCD classes will begin on Sunday, October 23rd. Contact the rectory office to register your child/ren and for more information.

RCIA - CATECHISM FOR ADULTS - This program was created for those who are 18 years or above and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion or Confirmation. For more information, please call the office 201-944-1154.

In Memoriam

ALTAR CANDLES
donated this week in memory of
Michael Paul Albanese
by his family

BREAD AND WINE
donated this week in memory of
Michael Paul Albanese by his family

SANCTUARY LAMP
donated this week in memory of
Michael Paul Albanese by his family

Events of the Week

Monday, August 22
7:00PM – ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom
Tuesday, August 23
8:00PM – Holy Rosary by Brazilians in church
Thursday, August 25
6:15 to 7:15PM – Holy Hour of Adoration
Friday, August 26
8:00PM – Brazilian Prayer Meeting
Saturday, July 27
8:00PM – Movie Night: I AM GABRIEL

Ministers' Schedule for August 28

5:00 PM:	**Lectors -** Lucy
	E. M. - Claudia
7:30 AM:	**Lectors** - Michael and John
	E. M. - Sister Bene
9:30 AM:	**Lectors -** Marie and Matthew
	E.M. - Sister Bene
11:00 AM:	**Lectors -** Frank and Giuseppe
	E.M. - Antonia
12:30 PM:	**Lector -** Lisa and Imelda
	E.M. - Sister Joicy
7:00 PM:	**Lector -** Laine and Patricia
	E.M. - Cida

Pastoral Care

Baptism: Jefferson D. Gutierrez Mejia (8/21)

Pray for our sick: Josephine Dolberry, Eileen Murphy, Sara Modafferi, James Malatesta, Paul Albanese, Paul Albanese, John Albanese, Anne Mulieri, Anna Teresi, Mary Marino, Stephany Posada, Adriana Carvalho, Lisa Hagopian, Anna Sofia, Enzo Veltri, John Shaw, Victor Columbini, Filomena Palamaro, and all suffering from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

All parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate in the annual **PARISH PICNIC**. Come and visit with your friends and make new ones. There will be music, games for the kids, movie in a big screen, and more. Bring your family's favorite side dish — Fr. Chris will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks — **Saturday, September 10** from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the parking lot (In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the church hall)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RAFFLE WINNERS!

The 2022 St. Nicholas Raffle was drawn last Saturday, August 13th at the Oldies Dance Night.
The winners are:

1st Prize - Antonio & Blanche DiBona / Ticket # 0817
2nd Prize - Marcos Veloso / Ticket # 1705
3rd Prize - Mary Rose Totaro / Ticket # 1106

Thank you all who helped us
by buying and selling raffle tickets.
The raffle raised $3,629.40 net for our parish.
We are all winners. God bless you!

TRICKY TRAY 2022

WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED:
NEW - NOT USED - UNOPENED
gifts, toys, games, electronics, kitchen appliances, home decoration, paintings, jewelry, etc.
CASH DONATIONS TOO!

Be creative! Donate your work! You can donate 1 hour class of knitting, crochet, cooking, guitar, language, dance lessons! Business owners can donate their services for an hour or two: — cooks, barbers, hairdressers, babysitters, house cleaners, dentists, lawyers, landscaping…

TRICKY TRAY will be held on Saturday, October 15th
Tickets are $20.00
Included: 1 card of 25 tickets of Level 1
Doors open at 6:00 PM.
First drawing at 7:30 PM.
Tickets on sale at the rectory office.
For more information please call 201-944-1154

56th ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS' JOURNAL BOOK

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

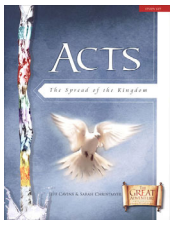
You might sponsor:
1) - a memorial in honor of your deceased;
2) - a business ad; or
3) - a congratulatory tribute.

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. We have sample of the past Journals are the entrance of the church

The 56th Annual Journal will be presented at the TRICKY TRAY to be held on **Saturday, October 15**.

ACTS:
The Spread of the Kingdom

by Jeff Cavins



big screen/surrounded sound

Mondays @ 7:00 PM
in the church hall

No registration or workbook needed

Free admission - Handicap/elevator access Available — Use 13th Street entrance (white door)

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.

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is the response of a grateful heart for all the gifts bestowed on us by God. Stewardship is the willing return of the first measure of our Time, Talent, and Treasure to God for all that He has done for Us.

Our greatest gift from God is Jesus Christ. Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. Stewardship brings us closer to the joy of living a life filled with Christ.

The treasure that you return to God is a decision that you make based on your relationship with Him. An ongoing evaluation of your **TIME, TALENT**, and **TREASURE** combined with fruitful prayerful relationship with Jesus Christ will bring all of us to the Stewardship way of life.

MASS FOR THE LIVING — You can request a mass to be celebrated for the intention of someone who is sick, going 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Do you buy 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.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION will be held every Thursday during the summer from 6:15 to 7:15 PM — Come and join us.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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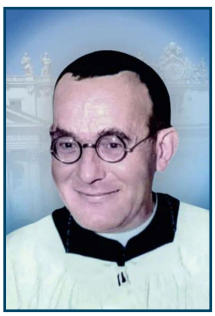
Vocationist Corner



St. Justin

We are limited and successive beings. We cannot simultaneously satisfy every duty, but one at a time. Great means of perfection is to concentrate ourselves totally in fulfilling the duty of the passing moment as if we were, so to speak, with no past, no future, in an eternal present (VI, 242).

We are limited and successive even in our freedom! For our freedom in our state of way and probation is essential that we be allowed to choose between a greater and a lesser good (III, 251).

Fr. Louis Caputo, S.D.V., *Justinian Anthology*, page 148

IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE about a vocation to priesthood or religious life, you may speak to Fr. Chris, or call 973-966-6262

Fall Auction

Tricky Tray 2022

at

ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

in Palisades Park, NJ

Saturday, October 15th

Come, bring your family and friends
for an evening for fun … and win

GREAT PRIZES!

Admission $20.00

INCLUDED: 1 CARD of 25 numbers — LEVEL 1

We will provide cold and hot beverages
Bring your own appetizers & drinks!

Tickets on sale @ St. Nicholas' Office

Call today to reserve
your tickets 201-944-1154
Table reservation for groups of 10

Sales of tickets at the door will depend on space availability — Please check closer to the event

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
PRIZES CALLED AT 7:30 PM

PARISH PICNIC

All Are Welcome!

★★ FOOD, FOLKS, FUN! ★★

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Saint Nicholas Parking Lot

from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Provided: — Tables and chairs, hot dogs, hamburgers, water, soda, coffee and condiments

Parishioners bring: — Side dishes and desserts

GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN, MUSIC, LOTS OF FUN!