ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers & Sisters
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Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri — 12:00 PM Noon to 6:00 PM
Tuesdays — 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
(Saturdays and mornings by appointment only)

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

(...) So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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)
6:00 PM (Portuguese)

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	7:00 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
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 and Michael Massaro
Parish Secretary - Débora Moreira
Music Ministry - Giovanni & Karen Simone, Kelly Oliveira, Angela Costantini and Peter Maresca
Director of Religious Education - Sr. Joicy Palatty, S.D.V.
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- Principal: Eric Reid
312 First St—Palisades Park, NJ - Tel. 201-947-5262

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 26
7:00AM Anna Bellanich by M/M Benny Mattessich
8:00AM Stefano Sgambellone by Maria Paniscotta
5:00PM James Granquist by Tony & Blanche DiBona & fam

SUNDAY, November 27
7:30AM Joseph De George by Frank & Anita Lettera
9:30AM Virginia & Steven Dato by daughter Rose
11:00AM Giovanni Galeazza by M/M Dominick Chiola
12:30PM Samuel Marinelli by Marinelli family
6:00PM Living and deceased members of this parish

MONDAY, November 28
7:00AM Norma Mortenson & Greta Garbo by John & Margaret
8:00AM Derek Morin by John & Libe Hroncich

TUESDAY, November 29
7:00AM Orso Lya Gaal by John & Margaret
8:00AM Raymond Mattessich by his mother Maria

WEDNESDAY, November 30
7:00AM Zach Harrington by John Albanese
8:00AM Antonio Tarabochia by Mario & Maria Morin

THURSDAY, December 1
7:00AM Ivan Skrivanic by M/M Zdenko Mirkovic
8:00AM Nicola Picinic by his wife Antonia

FRIDAY, December 2
7:00AM Giuseppe Abate by Molinaro family
8:00AM Phyllis Longo by Longo family

SATURDAY, December 3
7:00AM Antonia Piccinich by Anna Hroncich
8:00AM Salvatore Rispoli by John & Elvira Hroncich
5:00PM Debora Carzen by Silva family

SUNDAY, December 4
7:30AM Pope Francis December prayer intentions
9:30AM deceased members of the Holy Rosary Society
11:00AM Stefano Sgambellone by Angela C. and Maria L.
12:30PM Anthony J. Marino by wife Mary & children
6:00PM Living and deceased members of this parish

News of the Parish

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY & POTLOCK DINNER will be held on Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 PM in the church hall. It will be a pot-luck dinner, bring your favorite dish to share with others. All parishioners and friends are welcome.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - If you signed up to be part of the centennial organizing committee, please come to our first meeting to be held this Monday, November 28 at 7:30 PM in the church hall.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION will be held this first Friday, December 2 from 8:30 to 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

TRIDUUM OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Three days of devotion and prayers to the Immaculate Conception will be held on December 5, 6 and 7 at 6:00 PM in church. Come all.

THE CHOSEN - We will gather to watch together this acclaimed multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus. We will watch 1 episodes each night (average 50 min). This week we will watch it on **Wednesday, 11/30 at 7:00 PM** in the church hall — Come and join us. No registration necessary.

POINSETTIAS - You can donate poinsettias to decorate the altar in memory of your beloved ones this Christmas. Please sure the cut-out form on page 4.

In Memoriam

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

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

BREAD & WINE
donated this week in memory of
John Ferraioli by his family

Events of the Week

Monday, November 28
7:30PM - Centennial Committee—first meeting
Tuesday, November 29
7:00PM - The Chosen—Season 1 episode 2
8:00PM - Holy Rosary in Portuguese in church
Wednesday, November 30
2:00PM - Holy Rosary in Italian in church
Friday, December 2
8:30 to 10:00AM - Blessed Sacrament Adoration
8:00PM - Prayer Group in Portuguese

Ministers' Schedule for December 4

5:00 PM:	**Lector** - Janet
	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** - Imelda and Lisa
	E.M. - Suzanne
6:00 PM:	**Lector** - Leny and Laine
	E.M. - Ieda

Pastoral Care

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, Ana Sofia Farinas, Adriana Carvalho, Lisa Hagopian, Maria Estrada, Enzo Veltri, Victor Columbini, Filomena Palamaro, Carmelo Luvera, and all suffering from the COVID-19.

Remember our deceased: Rosetta Pasquali (11/18)

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL MASSES

These masses will be celebrated in memory of all those who have departed and are greatly missed. You can bring a picture of your beloved ones or flowers to display in the Memorial Altar.

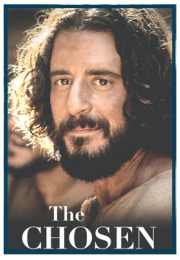
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 PM in Italian
Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 PM in English
Friday, December 16 at 8:00 PM in Portuguese

2024 Mass Book will open on
Monday, December 5
5 Masses per person per week, on first come basis

100th Anniversary of St. Nicholas Parish

On **March 12, 1923** our parish was canonically established and became part of the Archdiocese of Newark as **"ST. NICHOLAS ITALIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH"**
1923—2023

THE CHOSEN



Season 1 — Episode 2
In this ground-breaking first season of The Chosen see how Jesus works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Wednesday, November 30 @ 7:00 PM
in the church hall — Free admission

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

We are grateful to all who helped decorating our church for Christmas this weekend.

The red rose placed by the tabernacle for the month of November were offered by ***Leda Rocha****.*
The purificators (altar cloths) for the month of November were cleaned by ***Viviane Borges.***

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 13 collection **$ 2,688.00**
November 20 collection **$ 2,056.00**

Our St. Nicholas Parish will continue to support the less fortunate children of St. Michael's Church in Newark and of the Headstart Program in Cliffside Park through the

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

Please pick up names on the Christmas Giving Trees and return your gifts by
Sunday, December 18

FATHER JUSTIN LEARNING CENTER
Saint Nicholas' Pre-K School

The most important assignment husbands and wives have from God is to see that their children are properly educated. When parents, therefore, choose a school for their children, they delegate to the teachers a large part of their responsibilities and a significant portion of their child's education.

The Vocationist Sisters—Sister Bene, Sister Joicy and Sister Emilia—work together with an exceptional team to provide the best education, care, social interaction and fun to the children at Fr. Justin Pre-K.

We are accepting children ages $2^{1/2}$ to 5
Full or half days / 5, 3 or 2 days a week

Those interested please email
Sister Benedita Carvalho @ 201-944-1376

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when He comes again, we will be awake and watchful.

Donation for the poinsettias decorating the altar this Christmas

From: _____

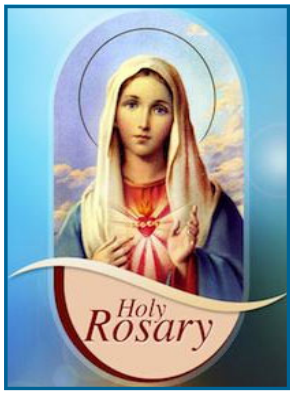
In loving memory of:
_____
_____
_____
_____

Donation of $ _____

Please return this slip with your donation to the rectory office or drop in the collection baskets

The ***Holy Rosary*** is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation.

Come and pray the HOLY ROSARY with us



- Everyday after the 8:00 AM Mass, in English;
- Wednesdays at 2:00 PM, in Italian;
- Tuesdays at 8:00 PM, in Portuguese.

Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

It will allow you to send your Sunday offers using credit card or bank transfers anytime, from anywhere. Visit our website and click on the Parish Giving link to enroll

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If you or someone you know is sick, homebound, and desire to receive the visit of a Priest or Eucharistic Minister to bring Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please let us know by calling the rectory office (201) 944-1154

Shoprite Cards are available after each Sunday Mass or during the week at the office. Use the cards to pay for your groceries and St. Nicholas Church will get 5% of what you spend.

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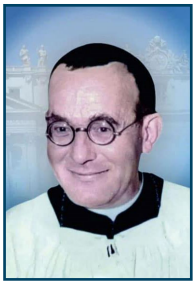
Vocationist Corner



Heavens possess you now,
but earth has not lost you.
You carry in your heart the whole
world and its inhabitants, and you
will be fully blessed only when you
will see everyone in God's Glory
and Grace forever.

St. Justin

Grant that this blessed day which opens
the gates of Paradise for us
may fittingly come for us.
Blessed are you, O Mary.
O my God and my All...

Blessed Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Spirit of Prayer*, page 160

DO YOU WANT A SON PRIEST?

Support the Vocationist Fathers by adopting a seminarian of India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Colombia, Equator, Phillipines, Nigeria, Argentina or Chile. Your commitment of $35.00 a month can help a young man to become a priest. If you are ready for this commitment, please contact Fr. Firmin or Fr. Louis after Mass, or call 973-966-6262

HOW TO MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

You should be able to find most of the items at your local craft store.
The Advent candles can usually be found at your religious store or online.

1) — Take your metal frame and lay your garland on top. Use a green floral wire to attach the garland to the frame. Make sure your garland is arranged so that the wreath will sit flat on a table.

2) — Add the decorative items you selected, such as pine cones or ornaments, to the garland and attach with floral wire to secure.

3) — Wrap your ribbon around the garland loosely. Tie a pretty bow on one side. It's usually easier if you create the bow separately and then tie it on with the ribbon you used to wrap around the garland.

4) — Add your candles. Three purple, one pink and one white in the center.

Remember to light your candles each Sunday of Advent. Use a prayer such as this *Blessing of an Advent Wreath* while lighting each candle.

What is an Advent wreath?
The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Gather your family around the wreath.
All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: A reading from Isaiah 9: 1-6
The Word of the Lord.
R/. Thanks be to God.

Leader: Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

All: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":
O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

ST. NICHOLAS

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 3
at 6:00 PM

Potluck Dinner

Bring your favorite dish to share with everyone!

Live Nativity Scene
Great Fun Christmas Carol
Visit of Santa Claus!

Free admission—All are welcome