ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers & Sisters
Fr. Firmin Khin Htwe, S.D.V., Administrator

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
(Saturdays and mornings by appointment only)

Church Opening Hours 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM

4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so everyone who believes in him
might have eternal life. — John 3:16

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: On any available Sunday during Mass at 9:30 AM or 12:30 PM (English), 11:00 AM (Italian), & 6:00 PM (Portuguese). 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 only.

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 office to add your name to Fr. Firmin's visitation schedule.

Religious Education Program (CCD): For children 1st to 8th grades who are not attending Catholic School. Classes are held at 11:00 AM on Sundays from September to May, with attendance at the 12:30 PM Mass. Sr. Joicy Palatty, D.R.E. — Come to the office on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for registration.

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:

Sunday	10:30 AM - Holy Rosary (It)
	7:00 PM - Rosary by Men (Port)
Mon to Sat	7:35 AM - Morning Prayer
	8:30 AM - Holy Rosary (Eng)
Mon	7:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Eng)
Tuesday	7:00 PM - St. Padre Pio Mass (3/12)
	8:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Port)
Thursday	6:15 - 7:15 PM - Holy Hour Adoration
Friday	8:00 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1st Friday	8:30 - 10:00 AM - Adoration (4/5)
Saturday	2:00 PM - Healing Service (4/13)

St. Nicholas R.C. Church

Parish Trustees - Giovanni Simone and Michael Massaro
Parish Secretary - Débora Moreira
Music Ministry - Giovanni & Karen Simone, Kelly Oliveira and Sr. Emilia Din, S.D.V.
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.
St Justin Learning Center — Pre-K Tel. 201-944-1376
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY - Principal: Eric Reid
312 First St—Palisades Park, NJ - Tel. 201-947-5262

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 9
7:00AM Antonija Jakus by Mario & Nancy Jakus
8:00AM John Bussanich by Marcela Astore
5:00PM Andia Giannantonio by Longo family

SUNDAY, March 10
7:30AM Nancy Massaro by Mary Buchcanan
9:30AM Gustavo Brusco by Fiorina Magnone
11:00AM Catarina Modafferi by daughter Antonia & fam
12:30PM Adelino G. Souza by Debbie & Larry Grill
6:00PM Living and deceased members of our parish

MONDAY, March 11
7:00AM Josephine De Monte by John & Margaret
8:00AM Antonia Mattessich by Antonia Picinic

TUESDAY, March 12
7:00AM Nicky Morin by M/M Zdenko Mirkovic
8:00AM Ivan Hroncic by Nick & Fides Hroncich

WEDNESDAY, March 13
7:00AM Migrants and refugees
8:00AM Clare Tattoli by Suzanna Allegretta

THURSDAY, March 14
7:00AM Tadeusz Kalinowski by Nadia Bach
8:00AM Ljubica Matesic by M/M Albino Matesic

FRIDAY, March 15
7:00AM Charles Marchetta by Daniel Murphy
8:00AM Clare Tattoli by Maria Paniscotti

SATURDAY, March 16
7:00AM Asuncion and Guillermo
8:00AM Virginia Martini by her family
5:00PM Carmela Giannantonio by Longo family

SUNDAY, March 17
7:30AM Anthony & Nancy Massaro by son Michael
9:30AM Andrew & Loretta Long by Longo family
11:00AM Arthur & Amelia Mazzarella by son Giuseppe
12:30PM Filomena Marinelli by Marinelli family
6:00PM Living and deceased members of our parish

Parish News

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT - Join us for the Parish Lenten Retreat next **Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Retreat will be given by Fr. Louis Caputo, in English — No registration is necessary. We will provide lunch.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM, in English. We invite all our families to participate.

HEALING SERVICE in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament will be held every second Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM. Come all suffering from physical, mental and spiritual afflictions in need of healing. Next service will be April 13.

ST. PADRE PIO'S MASS will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM, in Italian. All are welcome to join us.

Our goal for the 2024 appeal is $14,648.52 and we count on each one of you to help us achieve it. **If you haven't made your pledge to the Annual Appeal yet, please use the envelopes available at the entrance of the church.**

As of Wednesday, March 6, St. Nicholas Church has received **$10,350.00 in pledges from 35 donors**. Thank you to those parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal.

In Memoriam

ALTAR CANDLES
donated this week in loving memory of **Clare Tattoli**
by Suzanna Allegretta & family

BREAD AND WINE
donated this week in loving memory of **Albino Matesic**
by Nick & Mary Morin

SANCTUARY LAMP
donated this week in loving memory of **Julia Picinich**
by her family

Events of the Week

Tuesday, March 12
7:00PM - Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio
8:00PM - Holy Rosary in Portuguese
Thursday, March 14
6:15 to 7:15PM - Holy Hour of Adoration
Friday, March 15
7:00PM - Stations of the Cross
8:00PM - Brazilian prayer meeting

Lectors & Ministers' Schedule for March 17

5:00 PM:	**Lector** - Linda **E.M.** - Claudia
7:30 AM:	**Lectors** - John and Michael **E. M.** - Carol
9:30 AM:	**Lectors** - Marie and Matthew **E.M.** - Sister Bene
11:00 AM:	**Lectors** - Giuseppe and Frank **E.M.** - Antonia
12:30 PM:	**Lectors** - Ivana and Lisa **E.M.** - Suzanne
6:00 PM:	**Lectors** - Klebia and Leny **E.M.** - Ieda

Pastoral Care

Pray for our sick:
Sara Modafferi, James Malatesta, Paul Albanese, Paul Albanese (plumber), John Albanese, Joseph & Anne Mulieri, Anna Teresi, Stephany Posada, Ana Sofia Farinas, Lisa Hagopian, Maria Estrada, Enzo Veltri, Victor Columbini, Carmelo Luvera, Norman & Mercedes Schindler, John Mattessich, Fr. Louis Caputo, Wayne Mosley, Marilyn, Natalie and Francis Brenes, Robert Lehrman, Anthony Mastice, Rosemary Iuliano, Gabriella Lavalee, Janet Cooney, Monica Bower, Melissa Finn-Cabreja, Nick Tubito, Lazzaro Pappagallo, and all those suffering from physical, mental and spiritual afflictions.

PERPETUAL CANDLES — We have 2 perpetual candles available in St. Anthony's candlestand. This candle will remain lit all day long in memory of someone you love, family members or friends. The offering is $15/month or $180/year. Please call the office for more information.

Why is Lent called Lent?

Quite simply, our word Lent has origin in the Anglo-Saxon word for the season of spring. That is, "lengten", or "lencten", literally referring to the "lengthening" of the days that is so very noticeable this time of year as late winter and the early days of spring converge. I must say I have a real propensity to love the English word for these 40 days because it provides a wonderful reminder of some equally wonderful material for Lenten meditation: Nature itself.
Why not take time to prayerfully enjoy as many sunrises and sunsets during Lent as possible, noting how the nights are shortening and the days are getting longer? — Catholic365.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

We are grateful to our parishioners and friends who attended the celebration of Fr. Louis Caputo's 83rd birthday last Sunday. We welcomed over a hundred people. Our parishioners brought delicious dishes and desserts to share. We also joined by many Vocationist priests and sisters, as well as a few good friends of Fr. Louis from other parishes.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 25** collection **$2,319.00
March 3** collection **$3,469.00
The Lord will reward your generosity.

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 to schedule a visit.

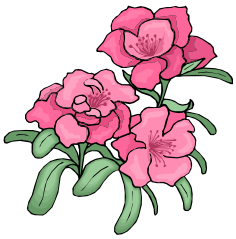
Shoprite Cards are available after each Sunday Mass or during the week at the office. Use the cards to pay for your groceries and **St. Nicholas Church will get 5% of what you spend.**

PASSION PLAY — Since 2006, we have gathered together 3 generations of parishioners to participate in this play that depicts Jesus' last days. Each scene follows the step of the Stations of the Cross. Jonathan Monterosso, who has acted as Jesus for the last 5 years, returns in 2024. If you would like to be part of this event, please call the rectory office or talk to Fr. Firmin after Mass. The Passion Play will be presented on Good Friday, March 29 at 7:30 PM in the church hall. Come and bring your family and friends. The admission is free.

* TRICKY TRAY *

Spring Auction

Saturday, June 1



We are collecting items to be auctioned.

We accept NOT USED, UNOPENED gifts, toys, games, electronics, kitchen appliances, home decoration, paintings, books, jewelry, etc.

All donations are tax deductible

For safety reasons we cannot accept used clothes, shoes, opened toys or objects of decoration even if they look like were never used before.

ST. NICK'S SINGLES GROUP

This exciting new group is catered to our parishioners and friends who are between 40 to 100 years of age and single (un-married, widowed or divorced)

We will meet once a month on a Saturday evening. There will be chats, topics to discuss (non-political), fun games, pizza or movie night and many other social or religious projects and events.

It's good to gather with those who share the same Catholic faith and believes—in a safe environment.

No registration fee — just join us!

YES, I am over 40 and I would like to be part of the St. Nick's Single Group. Add my name to the team!

My name is _____

I live in _____

Phone # ____ _____

IV ANNUAL WALKING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 AM from the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II in Linden to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Newark. Several hundred people will participate including clergy and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The whole route consists of doing the 14 Stations of the Cross and ends with the 6:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral. Anyone interested in participating in this beautiful Lenten experience, please contact Diana Moore at 201-780-2253 or Kasia Rodkowski at 917-282-8488 for more detailed information.

St. Matthew's Church is organizing a trip to see the show **DANIEL at the Sight & Sounds Theatre** in Pennsylvania on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 3:00 P.M — Cost: $175 per person (Included: Ticket, bus fare, and dinner). Confirm your presence and payment by April 22 and no later than May 7. Please call 201-945-3500, for the registration form and further information.

St. Matthew's Church invites you to their **125th Anniversary Dinner Dance** to be held on Thursday, May 9 at the Fiesta Restaurant in Woodridge, NJ. Confirm your presence by April 26 — Tickets: $100 per person. For more information, please call St. Matthew's rectory 201-945-3500.

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!

St. Justin Russolillo, *Spirit of Prayer*, page 96

For more information on Blessed Fr. Justin, please visit
VOCATIONISTFATHERS.ORG

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

A spiritual retreat that will better prepare us to celebrate the Holy Week

Saturday, March 16
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
in the Church Hall

Retreat will be given by
Rev. Louis Caputo, S.D.V.
(in English)

You can attend the entire program or parts of it — Lunch will be served
No registration required

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Every second Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm

Come all suffering from physical, mental and spiritual afflictions in need of healing.

Next service will be Saturday, April 13.

"At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them" (Lk 4:40).