

# ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

## Served by the Vocationist Fathers & Sisters

Fr. Firmin Khin Htwe, S.D.V., Administrator

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## 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)



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7, 2024

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me,  
says the Lord;  
Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!*

— John 20:29

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (4/9) 8:00 PM - Holy Rosary (Port)
Thursday	6:15 - 7:15 PM - Holy Hour Adoration
Friday	8:00 PM - Brazilian Prayer Group
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	8:30 - 10:00 AM - Adoration (5/3)
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, April 6

7:00AM Ivan Jakus by Mario & Nancy Jakus

8:00AM Antonio Mirkovic by M/M Zdenko Mirkovic

5:00PM Emilia DeBenedetto by Tommolillo family

### SUNDAY, April 7 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30AM Michael Paul Albanese by his family

9:30AM In honor of Divine Mercy by us poor sinners

11:00AM Teresa & Gerardo Stancato by family

12:30PM Josephine Daniele by her brother Paul

6:00PM **Living and deceased members of our parish**

### MONDAY, April 8

7:00AM Intentions of Albanese & Mele families

8:00AM Caterina & Nicola Lionetti by Simone family

### TUESDAY, April 9

7:00AM Albino Matesic by M/M Mario Jakus

8:00AM John Bussanich by Maryann & Mirko Saric

### WEDNESDAY, April 10

7:00AM Albino Matesic by M/M Anthony Mattessich

8:00AM Ivan Hronic by Caterina Hronic

### THURSDAY, April 11

7:00AM Ivan Tarabokija by Mattea & Carol Mattessich

8:00AM Antonija Hronic by Lionella Picinich

### FRIDAY, April 12

7:00AM Joseph Picinich by Tony Picinich

8:00AM John Bussanich by John Mattessich

### SATURDAY, April 13

7:00AM Intentions of Domenica Bussanich

8:00AM Antonia Mirkovic by M/M Zdenko Mirkovic

5:00PM Special intention of Peter Longo

### SUNDAY, April 14

7:30AM Nancy Massaro by Pagano family

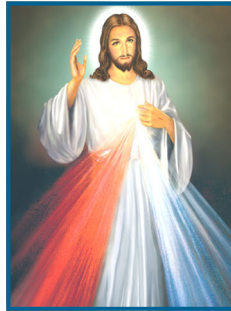
9:30AM Ersilia Munafo by daughters Clare & Frances

11:00AM Julia Picinich by husband Tom & family

12:30PM Gustavo Brusco by Salvatore & Antonia Molinaro

6:00PM **Living and deceased members of our parish**

## Parish News



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - All are invite to join us at 3:00 PM this afternoon as we will celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the chaplet and prayers in English, Italian and Portuguese.

**ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are grateful to all who have donated to the 2024 year Annual Appeal. As of Wednesday, April 3, we have received \$14,915.00 from 44 donors. **We have reached our goal for this year!**

**CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION** - Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teenagers will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Saturday, April 20 at the 5:00 PM Mass by Most Rev. Michael Saporito; and the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade CCD Class will receive their **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 5 at the 12:30 PM Mass. Please pray for all our children and their families.

**FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS** - We will celebrate the **Feast of Saint Nicholas** on Saturday, May 11. There will be a Solemn Mass celebrated at 5:00 PM, followed by a procession. After Mass we will hold our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Food Festival & Karaoke Night in the church hall.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL & KARAOKE NIGHT** - One admission will guarantee an incredible evening of cultural gastronomic delight. Tickets are: Adults \$20/Child 0-6 \$10 - It will be a beautiful feast. Come and join us.

## In Memoriam

**ALTAR CANDLES**  
donated this week in loving  
memory of **Roberto Hronic**  
by Eleonora Hronic



**BREAD AND WINE**  
donated this week in loving memory of  
**Suzanne Fedele**  
by Patrick, Susan, David & Sharon Morin

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
donated this week in loving memory of  
**Suzanne Fedele**  
by Patrick, Susan, David & Sharon Morin

## Events of the Week

### Tuesday, April 9

**7:00PM** – Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio

**8:00PM** – Holy Rosary in Portuguese

### Thursday, April 11

**6:15 to 7:15PM** – Holy Hour of Adoration

### Friday, April 12

**8:00PM** – Brazilian prayer group

### Saturday, April 13

**2:00PM** – Healing Service w/ Exp. Bl. Sacrament

### Lectors & Ministers' Schedule for April 14

5:00 PM (Vigil) **Lector** - Linda  
**E.M.** - Claudia

7:30 AM **Lectors** - John and Michael  
**E. M.** - Sr. Bene

9:30 AM: **Lectors** - Carol and Diana  
**E.M.** - Sister Bene

11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Frank and Italia  
**E.M.** - Antonia

12:30 PM: **Lectors** - Imelda and Mirian  
**E.M.** - Suzanne

6:00 PM: **Lectors** - Men's Rosary  
**E.M.** - Candido



The children in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade CCD Class will receive the **Sacrament of Penance** (Confession) on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Their **First Holy Communion** will be on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 12:30 PM Mass.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD Class will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** by Bishop Michael Saporito on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 PM Mass.



*Pray for our children during these very important steps in their Catholic life.*

**HEALING SERVICE WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** on the **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**.

**Fr. Firmin will be blessing water, salt and oil that day. You are welcome to bring your own and place it at the altar before the service to be blessed.**

## Pastoral Care

Matrimony: Joseph Ricciardi & Nicole Napolitano (4/6)

Baptisms: Adrianna & Luca Urcioli (4/7)

Pray for our sick: Sara Modafferi, James Malatesta, Paul Albanese (plumber), Paul & Patricia Albanese, 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, Farhad Marvasti, Luigj Zefi, and all those suffering from physical, mental and spiritual afflictions.



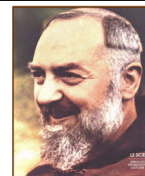
### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**March 24 collection \$ 3,342.00**

**March 31 collection \$ 4,906.00**

**Easter collection \$ 3,303.00**

All are invited to attend a Mass in honor of our beloved **Saint Padre Pio** this Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM, in Italian.



## THE CHOSEN

**Season 4 — Episode 1**

Big screen with surrounded sound

**Monday, April 22 @ 7:00 PM  
in the church hall**

Use 13<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance (white door)

Handicap access available

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Give thanks to the LORD for He is good,  
His love is everlasting.** — Psalm 118

**We are accepting food donations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL.** If you have a specialty that is traditional from your original country and would like to donate, please call the office 201-944-1154



**FATHER JUSTIN LEARNING CENTER  
Saint Nicholas' Pre-K School**



In September 2003, a community of Vocationist Sisters was created at St. Nicholas to staff our PreK School. Their dedication and competence has gained the affection of

many parishioners. We hope that the Lord will continue to touch the lives of many young families of our parish as they dedicate wholeheartedly to the education of our children.

All families need the assurance of a safe and secure environment for their children to stay. We have large airy safe classrooms and well trained responsible teachers and helpers.

**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 Bene at [fatherjustinlearningcenter@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjustinlearningcenter@gmail.com)

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 the rectory to register.



**Parish Giving™**

Online donation is convenient, easy and safe.

It will allow you to send your Sunday offers using credit card or bank transfers anytime, anywhere.

Visit our website and click on PARISH GIVING to enroll.

**STNICHOLASRCCHURCH.ORG**

**St. Matthew's Church** invites you to their **125<sup>th</sup> 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.

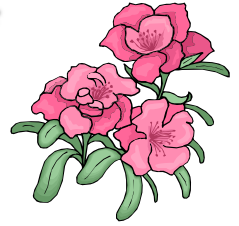
**St. Matthew's Church** is organizing a trip to see the show **DANIEL at the Sight & Sounds Theatre** in Pennsylvania on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 3:00 P.M — Cost: \$175 per person (Included: Ticket, bus fare, and dinner). Please call 201-945-3500, for the registration form and further information.

**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.**



**\* 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.

Please bring your donations to the rectory's office during the week



**SAFE ENVIROMENT CORNER**  
**How to report Abuse**

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.

*Vocationist Corner*

*Divert your attention not only from all that is illegal and harmful, but also from everything that is simply superfluous and vain. Concentrate only just enough on everything that is necessary or convenient in temporal and sensitive affairs (V, 274).*



**St. Justin**

*My major deficiency is the lack of loving vision of the divine presence, The lack of loving attention to God's words (V, 288).*

Teachings of Saint Justin Russolillo

To know more about the Vocationist Father, please visit their website at **vocationistfathers.org**



We would like to thank all who participated in this year's presentation of the Passion Play. For the past 18 years, this play has been the fruit of the love, work and dedication of more than 50 parishioners, ages 8 to 88. Each one collaborating together for the success of this performance – by either sewing, ironing, hanging curtains, folding chairs, memorizing lines, or just acting brilliantly. There are a few in the group who have been with us since 2006, never missing a single year.

Many started as children and are now adults.

Through this play, they follow the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ who commended us to

***“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel.”***

<b>JESUS</b> . . . .	Jonathan Monterosso	Centurion	Thomas Oliveira
Mary . . . .	Barbara Oliveira Evans	Soldier #1 . . . .	Nicholas Veloso
The Apostles:		Soldier #2 . . . . .	Christopher Schweizer
John . . . .	Matthew Morin		
Peter . . . .	Fabio de Oliveira	Veronica . . . .	Kelly Oliveira
James, the Greater	Anderson Borges	Woman #1 . . . .	Viviane Borges
James, the Lesser	Douglas De Marsico	Woman #2 . . . .	Patricia Veloso
Andrew . . . .	Paul Daniele	Woman #3 . . . .	Cida Oliveira
Philip . . . .	Joaquim Braga	Woman #4 . . . .	Sr. Joicy Palatty
Thomas . . . .	Gilberto Pereira	Mary Magdalene ..	Laine Moura
Bartholomew . . .	Ademilson Patente	Woman with water	Leda Rocha
Thaddeus-Judas	Mauricio T. Bernardino	Angel . . . .	Melanie Chou
Matthew . . . .	Giuseppe Monterosso		
Judas . . . .	Michael Massaro	Narrator . . . .	Anthony Stabile
Simon, the Zealot	Candido Landeiro	Sound . . . .	Diana Moore
		Lighting . . . .	Millane Schweizer
Pilate . . . .	Anthony Stabile	Backstage . . . .	Cláudia Oliveira,
High Priest . . . .	Antonio de Oliveira		Viviane Borges,
Barabbas . . . .	Candido Landeiro		Ieda Mendes and
Simon Cyrenian	Douglas De Marsico		Débora Moreira