

# 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)



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

*The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. — Luke 24:35*

## 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 (5/14) 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 (5/11)

# 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 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 Munafò 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**

### MONDAY, April 15

7:00AM Giuseppe Mattessich by daughter Maria

8:00AM Anton & Ann Piccinich by daug. Elvira & fam.

### TUESDAY, April 16

7:00AM Frank and Mary G. Albanese by Mary Marino

8:00AM John, Silvana & Dominic by Elvira & family

### WEDNESDAY, April 17

7:00AM In honor of St. Lazarus by Eduardo Lorenzo

8:00AM Doris Cooney by her family

### THURSDAY, April 18

7:00AM Simona and Quentin

8:00AM Ivan Hroncic by Mateo Hroncic

### FRIDAY, April 19

7:00AM Intentions of Collins & Flatley families by Margaret

8:00AM Antonia Scrivanic by daughter Antonia

### SATURDAY, April 20

7:00AM John Bussanich by Maria Morin

8:00AM Robert Hroncic by his family

5:00PM Adriana Carvalho by Pat, Mel and Gary

### SUNDAY, April 21

7:30AM John Vaccarelli by Frank and Anita Lettera

9:30AM Gustavo Brusco by Salvatore & Silvana Guglielmo & fam

11:00AM Ada Mendola by Salvatore & Antonia Molinaro

12:30PM Misael Sanchez by son Misael & Yusselys

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

## Parish News

**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 6-12 \$10 - It will be a beautiful feast. Come and join us.



**ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are grateful to all who have donated to the 2024 year Annual Appeal. As of Wednesday, April 10, we have received \$15,588.00 from 48 donors. **We have reached our goal for this year! Thank you!**

**TRICKY TRAY 2024** will be held on Sat, June 1 - We are collecting **new/not used** items to be auctioned - Gifts, toys, electronics, appliances, games, books, items for theme baskets, gift certificates, etc. We also accept cash donations.

## In Memoriam

**ALTAR CANDLES**  
donated this week in loving memory of **Julia Picinich**  
by her family



**BREAD AND WINE**  
donated this week in loving memory of **Julia Picinich** by her family

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

## Events of the Week

### Tuesday, April 16

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

### Thursday, April 18

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

### Friday, April 19

**8:00PM** – Brazilian prayer group

### Saturday, April 20

**5:00PM** – Sacrament of Confirmation

### Lectors & Ministers' Schedule for April 21

5:00 PM (Vigil) **Lector** – Linda

**E.M.** – Claudia

7:30 AM **Lectors** – Michael and John

**E. M.** – Sr. Bene

9:30 AM: **Lectors** – Diana and Carol

**E.M.** – Sister Bene

11:00 AM: **Lectors** – Giuseppe and Frank

**E.M.** – Antonia

12:30 PM: **Lectors** – Suzanne and Mirian

**E.M.** – Imelda

6:00 PM: **Lectors** – Patricia and Klebia

**E.M.** – Ieda

## Pastoral Care



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.

Remember of deceased: Anna Peticca (3/28)

### Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations

Every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in church  
~ Except on eve of first Fridays ~



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, May 11**.

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

### Biblical Reflection

Unlike the hired hand, the good shepherd feels personal responsibility for the owner's property. The image of the good shepherd teaches us that stewardship is not about money, but about responsibility and commitment.



### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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

**April 7 collection \$ 3,197.00**

## 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**

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

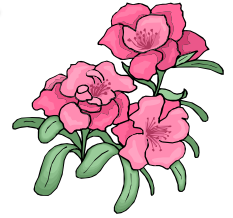
We are collecting items to be auctioned.

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



### 2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

at the Cathedral Basilica of Sacred Heart in Newark for couples celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries** the mass will be on **Sunday, June 2 at 12:00 PM,**

and those celebrating

**25<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries**

it will be on **Sunday, May 5 at 12:00 PM.**



Please come to the rectory office for registration ~ Deadline is April 8 ~

*Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?*

— St. Francis de Sales

## Vocationist Corner

*I believe in Your Desire, I see Your Plan, I know Your Prayer! You will win, my Jesus. You will triumph!*

*Oh! Let this begin and proceed with me! I want to be a Host with You, in You and for You!*

*O my God and my All, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may Your Will be done, Your Love reign, Your Glory shine, always more in me and in everyone, as in Yourself, O my God and my All!*

**Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV, Spirit of Prayer, page 210**



**St. Justin**

For more information on Saint Justin, please contact the Vocationist Fathers at 973-966-6262 or visit their website at [vocationistfathers.org](http://vocationistfathers.org)



# Feast of **ST. NICHOLAS**

**Saturday, May 11**

## **Solemn Mass**

at 5:00 PM followed by the  
**Traditional Procession  
of Saint Nicholas**

All are welcome to attend Mass and  
participate in the procession walking on  
the streets around the church

The festivities will continue after the procession

International  
**Food  
Festival**



**Tickets: Adult — \$20.00**

Child — 6 to 12 \$10.00  
0 to 5 — Free

**&  
Karaoke  
Night!**



**Included:**

All you can eat buffet,  
refreshments and dessert

Doors open @ 7:00 PM  
We do not guarantee food for late arrivals