

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)



Good Shepherd Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

*The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep
(John 10:11-18).*

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 (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 st Friday	8:30 - 10:00 AM - Adoration (5/3)
Saturday	2:00 PM - Healing Service (4/27)

St. Nicholas R.C. Church

Parish Trustees - Giovanni Simone and Michael Massaro

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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 20

7:00AM John Bussanich by Maria Morin

8:00AM Robert Hroncich 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**

MONDAY, April 22

7:00AM Albino Matesic by M/M Alfonso Piccinich

8:00AM Ivan Hroncich by Dina Sultan

TUESDAY, April 23

7:00AM Ivan Tarabokija by Anna Hroncich

8:00AM Nedilka Lucin by Diana & Vinko Dunatov

WEDNESDAY, April 24

7:00AM Fr. Francis Gasparik, OFM by John Albanese

8:00AM Maria & Diego Liotine by Simone family

THURSDAY, April 25

7:00AM Albino Matesic by Nick & Mary Morin

8:00AM Domenica Piccinic by daug-in-law Antonia

FRIDAY, April 26

7:00AM All deceased of Albanese & Mele families

8:00AM Ivan Hroncich by Luciana Picinic

SATURDAY, April 27

7:00AM Anita Tilio by Mario & Nancy Jakus

8:00AM Antonija Hroncich by Nick & Fides Hroncich

5:00PM Liliana Tommolillo by Tommolillo family

SUNDAY, April 28

7:30AM Julia Picinich by her family

9:30AM Vincenzo & Concetta Lofaro by Frank & Anna Appice

11:00AM Catarina Busceti by Angela & Kenny Cundari

12:30PM Paulette Daniele by her husband Paul

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

Parish News

CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION – Our 8th Grade teenagers will receive the **Sacrament of**

Confirmation this Saturday, April 20 at the 5:00 PM Mass by Most Rev. Michael Saporito. The **RCIA** class with receive their Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, April 21 at the 9:30 AM Mass. The children in 2nd Grade CCD Class will receive their



First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5 at the 12:30 PM Mass.

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 3rd Annual International Food Festival & Karaoke Night in the church hall.



3rd 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.

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. Please bring your donations to the rectory's office.

In Memoriam

ALTAR CANDLES
donated this week
in loving memory of
Jack Coonan by his family



BREAD AND WINE
donated this week in loving memory of
Jack Coonan by his family

SANCTUARY LAMP
donated this week in loving memory of
Jack Coonan by his family

Events of the Week

Monday, April 22

7:00PM - The Chosen—Season 4 Ep. 1

Tuesday, April 23

8:00PM - Holy Rosary in Portuguese

Thursday, April 25

6:15 to 7:15PM - Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, April 26

8:00PM - Brazilian prayer group

Saturday, April 27

2:00PM - Healing Service & Expos. BI Sacrament

Lectors & Ministers' Schedule for April 28

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 Suzanne

E.M. - Sister Bene

11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Italia and Giuseppe

E.M. - Antonia

12:30 PM: **Lectors** - Ivana and Mirian

E.M. - Imelda

6:00 PM: **Lectors** - Viviane and Leny

E.M. - Evaneide

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, 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, Luigi Zefi, Michael Dunatov, Maryann Fusco, and all those suffering from physical, mental and spiritual afflictions.

Remember of deceased: Victor Columbini (4/7)

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

—John 10:14-15



The children in our 2nd Grade CCD Class will receive their **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 5th at the 12:30 PM Mass.

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

HEALING SERVICE with the EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 2nd and 4th 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 27.*



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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

We are grateful to our 8 volunteer teams who work on an alternating schedule to deep clean our church.

Your dedication has helped us to significantly cut the cost of church maintenance. And we are also grateful to those who maintain the church clean with weekly touch ups, flower arrangements and others. God bless you all.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 7 collection \$ 3,197.00

April 14 collection \$ 2,528.00

THE CHOSEN

Season 4 — Episode 1

Big screen with surrounded sound

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

Use 13th Street Entrance (white door)
Handicap access available

FREE ADMISSION

We are accepting food donations for the **3rd 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



SAFE ENVIROMENT CORNER Training Children

All our Catholic school children and all children in parish faith formation programs receive annual training on how to keep themselves safe. Do you know the risks children face from their use of the Internet and cell phone apps? Do you speak about these risks with the children in your life? Would you know how to report a disclosure? Find more about this training by going to www.rcan.org, and clicking Protect/Report, and then Protecting God's Children, then scroll down to Empowering God's Children.

Parish Giving™

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.

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.**

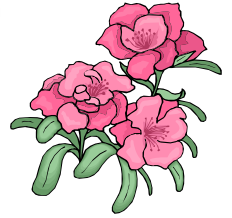


* TRICKY TRAY *

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 **50th Anniversaries** the mass will be on **Sunday, June 2 at 12:00 PM,**

and those celebrating

25th and 5th Anniversaries

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



Please come to the rectory office for registration

~ Deadline is April 28 ~

Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations

Every Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in church

~ Except on eve of first Fridays ~

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



Godparent Requirements

To become a godparent, a person must obtain a Sponsorship Certificate from the Catholic Church they belong to and attend.

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872).

Please see the following requirements when choosing Catholic godparents for your child:

- a) — A sponsor must be **fully initiated** into the Catholic Church. That is, they have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Church law permits two godparents for Baptism — only one is necessary. If one of the chosen godparents has been baptized, but belongs to a non-Catholic Christian community, they may act as a **Christian Witness**, provided there is also one Catholic sponsor. However, a baptized Catholic who does not meet the mentioned requirements **may not** act as a Christian witness. A Catholic not in good standing with the Church (for example, one who does not attend Mass regularly, divorced and re-married, or has left the Catholic Church to practice another religion) **may not** serve as a sponsor nor as a Christian witness.
- b) — A Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- c) — Since the sponsor is seen as a faith role model, a sponsor should be living according to the codes, Canons Laws and teachings of the Church. For example, if the person is married, it has to be in a marriage that is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church (married by a priest.)
- d) — A sponsor should be a participant in the community life of the Church. This means he or she must be **registered in a parish, receive the Eucharist regularly, and lead a life in harmony with the faith to be undertaken.**
- e) — In order to obtain a Sponsorship Certificate from our parish the person requesting a Sponsor Certificate must be **registered at his/her church** at least three (3) months prior to the request.
- f) — A sponsor for Baptism **cannot** be the mother or father of the one to be baptized.

During the course of the year, many people are invited to become sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation. When they request a Sponsorship Certificate, most of the time there is no problem. However, there are times when we are not able to provide the certificate.

It is heartbreaking when someone comes to us seeking a Sponsorship Certificate and we are unable to provide it because one (or more) of the above requirements are not being met to by the individual. Register in a parish, practice your faith on a regular basis, follow the Church's teachings, and there will be no problem obtaining a certificate.

It is important for some parishioners to remember that, even though St. Nicholas is and will forever be your church because all your family grew up here, you received your Sacraments and went to school here, your parents may even still attend Mass here every week, but **this is about your life today**. Where you reside is your parish now, unless you do not live far and still come to St. Nicholas for Masses regularly. Your actions reflect you as a Catholic today. Remember, for a priest to sign a document stating you are qualified to be a child's sponsor, he must know you and you must be part of the parish today. This is Church Law, not the choice of the parish clergy.

If you have any question, please call the rectory's office or speak with Fr. Firmin after Mass.

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Mark 12:30



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