



# Church of St. Richard

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## September 17, 2017 ☩ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Confessions: Every Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Devotions: 8am Mass, Adoration All Day, Benediction & Sacred Heart Novena 4:00pm**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A.,NCC, LPC– Direct Phone: 800-791-9209  
Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator - Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT - Telephone: 610-332-0442, Ext. 19

*St. Richard's Welcomes All!! ☩ No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, ethnicity, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at the Parish of St. Richard's!*

### ☩ Daily Mass Intentions ☩ (Masses are at 8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.)

Monday - Dolores Hudock by Kamenas Family

Tuesday \*\* 6:00 p.m. \*\* - Kathy Daniels by Duke & Joan Demko

Wednesday - Stanley Lemonovich by Vicky Karnish

Thursday - Al Cumers by Mary & Children

Friday - Deceased Members of O'Brien & Cumers Families by Mary Cumers

Saturday - Marjorie Guinan by Estate

### Saturday ☩ September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 4:00 p.m.

Intention - Brian Firkal by Jim & Pat Firkal

Lector - Tim Demko

Eucharistic Ministers - Sheral Bamford, Nancy Brylewski

Altar Servers - Olivia Eckert, Gretchen Pucklavage

### Sunday ☩ September 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m.

Intention - Eileen DiCasimirro by Bernard & Felicia Bruni and Family

Lector - Marge Coassolo

Eucharistic Ministers - Paul Babinsky, Frank Riotto, Peg Schaediger

Altar Servers - Josh Hurst, Olivia Sebastian

### Sunday ☩ September 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

Intention - Daniel J. McDonald by Tom & Margie Spokas

Lector - Gloria Burda

Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Sleva, Patty Sleva, Kristen Williams

Altar Servers - Bree Dobeck, Maggie O'Rourke

**Responsorial:** The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.



**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** Special Intention by Duke & Joan

**St. Francis Lamp:** Available

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Special Intention for Kelly ~ Love, Mom

**Blessed Virgin Mary:** In Loving Memory of Jayme Ann Grimaldi by Loving Aunt Mary Helen Rehatchek

**St. Richard Lamp:** Rest on Peace Beverly ~ Love, Bill

**St. Joseph's Lamp:** Prayers & God's Blessings in Helping Jan to a Complete & Successful Recovery from her Illness by Anne & Joe Palmer

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$2,816, Other: \$488, St. Vincent de Paul: \$930. Your generous support is truly appreciated.

**Extra Collections:** *This* weekend, September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be an additional free-will collection for the victims of the devastating floods and Hurricane Harvey (please be advised that there are no envelopes for this collection). Kindly put this into the second collection

**Bible Study:** Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

# Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

***Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?***

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1–2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider "more sinful." That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15–17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment. —Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSsR

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**Religious Education:** Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class and 10:30 a.m. Mass ~ Catechist Sunday  
Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class

**Please Remember the Sick & Shut-ins in Your Prayers, and Especially:** Ann Balas, Joe Bones, Celeste Danisavich, Nina Day, Sam Geissinger, William Godanis, Jr., Dee Harvan, Dr. Francis Kane, Jack Kehler, Francis Keiser, Nora Keiser, Vaal Kester, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, Marie Koval, George Kufrovich, Joe Kufrovich, Butchie Rang, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Ellie Setlock, Gene Soult, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Tom Whalen, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.

**For Sale After All Masses Next Weekend:** Food for sale from recent Ethnic Food Festival ~ 6 halupkis for \$5 and \$6 for a dozen of pierogies. Food is frozen. Stop by the church hall after weekend Masses on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Pork Dinner:** Sign up sheets for workers and donations of baked goods are in the vestibule. If you can help out by volunteering for a couple of hours or by making a sweet treat, it would be greatly appreciated. Reminder ~ the dinner is Sunday, October 8, 2017 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Please return your tickets so we can have a somewhat accurate count and have the proper amount of food prepared.

**Help Wanted:** Anyone interested in learning how to prepare the pork for the pork dinners ~ please call the Rectory at 570-467-2315. It really isn't difficult and step-by-step instructions will be given. **Prior culinary experience is NOT a prerequisite!**

**Chance Of A Lifetime Tickets:** Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, these tickets were not available for purchase after the 4:00 p.m. Mass last weekend. To that end, someone will be there after the 4:00 p.m. Mass this weekend. Reminder that tickets are \$1 each or 12 tickets for \$10.



**Take Out Platter Fundraiser:** Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 300 W. Broad Street, Tamaqua. Choice of Roast Beef or Stuffed Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and roll. Tickets are \$10 each. Advance tickets only. Baked goods will be available for sale as well. Please call 570-668-6556 for tickets or more information. Benefits Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center.

**A Wine & Cheese Event:** Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Family Center. Cost is \$10. Are you looking for something more in your life? National presenter Bill Donaghy will explore what and who we are made for so that we can finally attain our desire and fulfill our deepest longing. Questions? Please call 610-289-8900. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Protecting God's Children (PGC) Session:** A PGC session is scheduled for Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose School. Any adult who has direct contact with children in CYO, PREP, or any other capacity are required to attend a PGC session. To register, contact Mary Ellen at 570-385-1031 or [stambroseprep@comcast.net](mailto:stambroseprep@comcast.net).

**Bulletin Ad:** This just in...

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# **CANDLES**

Happy Birthday Blessed Mother in Heaven ~ Love, Helen  
In Memory of Martin & Agnes Blue by Carol & Bob Blue  
Safety of Hurricane Victims by Carol & Bob Blue  
In Memory of John Goshiney by Carol & Bob Blue  
Special Intention by The Neveroskys  
In Loving Memory of Sarah Kanaski by Husband "Ski"  
In Loving Memory of Steve Hereck  
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman  
For Successful Surgery for Lori by Lenny Zakrewsky  
In Loving Memory of Jack Schaar by Loving Wife Liz  
Successful Surgery for Sue & Kelly by Mary  
Continue to Intercede for Me from St. Jude by Mary  
For A Safe Trip & Good Test Results  
Special Intention for Mitch & Ricky by Mams & Unc.  
Special Intention for Lisa & Family by Mom & Jeff  
Special Intention for Jeff by Mom  
Special Intention by Regina  
Healing for Jerry, Art & Callie by Pat  
In Loving Memory of My Al ~ Love, Fran  
Get Better Soon Gram ~ Love, Michael, Sara, Samantha,  
Ken  
Get Better Soon Mom ~ Love, Kathy & Mike  
Special Intention for Samantha ~ Love, Mom & Dad  
Prayers for the Johnson Family by Sleva Family  
Special Intentions for Dante by Sleva Family  
Special Intentions for Allishia & Brian by Mom & Dad  
In Loving Memory of Daniel Jr. ~ Love, Mom & Dad  
Special Intention for K-P-L-G-G-B-B by Mom  
Special Intention by Mary  
Special Intention by Joan Lare  
Special Intention by Kim  
Special Intentions by Higgins Family  
Continued Good Health for Uncle Jim & BaBa ~ Love,  
The Girls  
God Bless My Neighbors with Good Health by Jones  
Family  
Intentions of Rochelle, Marcella & Jessica ~ Love, Mom &  
Dad  
Special Intentions by M & J Konidas  
For Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Nan  
For All Parish Personnel & All Our Military by Margie  
Kufrovich  
Intentions of Vicki Brassington & Baby by Margie  
Kufrovich  
In Memory of Joe ~ Love, Gerry  
In Memory of Judy Zukoski by Gerry  
Special Intention

For All Our Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by Margie  
Kufrovich  
Healing of Our World by Margie Kufrovich  
In Loving Memory of John ~ Rest in Peace ~ Love, Niki  
Prayers for Vicki & Brynlee by Friends  
Happy Birthday Joan by The Craft Girls  
Special Intention by Duke & Joan  
God's Blessings on the Marriage of Tyler & Megan by Gram  
Special Intention by Patty  
Prayers for Hurricane Victims & First Responders by Patty  
Health of Suzanne, EZ, Bob, Pat & Vaal by Lou & Margie  
For All Our Relatives & Friends by Lou & Margie  
Special Intention by Lou & Margie  
Prayers for Healing  
Special Intention & Prayers for Maria by The Brunis  
Special Intention & Prayers for Maria & James by The Brunis  
Prayers for Safe Travel by The Brunis  
Special Intention & Prayers for Cara by The Brunis  
Special Intention & Prayers for Jeannie, Nicole, Kailee & Rachel  
by The Brunis  
Thank You for Prayers Answered by The Brunis  
Special Intention & Blessings for Kelsey & Andy and For All  
Those Displaced by Irma by Kelly Macieunas  
Prayers for Victims of Hurricane Irma  
Special Intention for a Healthy Mom & Baby  
Happy Birthday to Our Dads in Heaven by Joe & Maryellen  
Special Intention by Joe & Maryellen  
Prayers for the Texas Victims by Joe & Maryellen  
Healing for Vickie by Maryellen  
Prayers for Florida Victims by Joe & Maryellen  
For Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them by Joe &  
Maryellen  
Good Health for Fr. Whalen by Joe & Maryellen  
Special Intention for Job for Brian Fischer by Michelle Pyrdsa  
Special Intention by Donna Kamenas  
Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jackie & Edward, Jr.  
Special Intention for Lauren & Paul  
Special Intention  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
In Loving Memory of Paul Krukus by His Family  
Birthday Blessings on Aunt Sandy by Amy & Bree  
Prayers for Help to All Hurricane Victims  
Special Intention by John & Jean  
Prayers & God's Blessings in Helping Jan to a Complete &  
Successful Recovery from her Illness by Anne & Joe Palmer  
Improved Health for Celeste by Bill  
Rest in Peace Bev ~ Miss & Love You, Bill