



Church of St. Richard

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November 26, 2017 ☩ Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

1st 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 - Rosemary Gibas by Beverly Macek

Tuesday ** 6:00 p.m. ** - Joseph Pokorny by Vicky Karnish

Wednesday - **NO MORNING MASS**

Thursday - Joseph J. Kandrot by Edward & Frances Domkus

Friday - Members of Purgatorial Society

Saturday - Dorothy Gallagher by Estate

Saturday ☩ December 2nd - 4:00 p.m.

Intention - Paul Setlock by White Birch Employees

Lector - Donna Yacilla

Eucharistic Ministers - Bill Yacilla, Donna Yacilla

Altar Servers - Olivia Eckert, Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert, Gretchen Pucklavage

Sunday ☩ December 3rd - 8:30 a.m.

Intention - Kim Witiszin by Bruce & Louise Rang

Lector - Anne Paisley

Eucharistic Ministers - Roy Paisley, Peg Schaediger

Altar Servers - Josh Hurst, Joseph Rick, Olivia Sebastian

Sunday ☩ December 3rd - 10:30 a.m.

Intention - Joan Fisher by Daughter Paula & Leo DelSerra

Lector - Gloria Burda

Eucharistic Ministers - Terry Purcell, Virginia Purcell

Altar Servers - Bree Dobeck, Maggie O'Rourke

Responsorial: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



Sacred Heart of Jesus: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

St. Francis Lamp: Available

Sanctuary Lamp: Thank You Dear Lord for All Your Beautiful Blessings and for Answering Our Prayers in Your Own Special Way by Anne & Joe Palmer

Blessed Virgin Mary: In Memory of Margaret Soltis by Loving Sister Mary Helen Rehatchek

St. Richard Lamp: Progressive Healing for Nina Day by Bill

St. Joseph's Lamp: In Loving Memory of Beverly ~ Love, Bill & Family

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,910 and Other: \$464. We are very thankful for your generous support.

Extra Collection: *This* weekend, November 25th & 26th, there is an extra collection for Christmas Flowers. *Next* weekend, December 2nd & 3rd, there is an extra collection for the Monthly Supplement. Kindly put each of these into the second collection.

Choir Practice: Wednesday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Bible Study: Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education: Sunday, November 26th ~ Thanksgiving Weekend ~ No Class
Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class

Dear Padre

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

When I was younger the stance of the Catholic Church was that if you were not baptized, you did not get into heaven. Is this still the case?

The Gospels present to us various passages that, when looked at together, give us a sense of whether or not baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus says, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5), and "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). These passages show that salvation is the combination of baptism and believing. Those who "see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ," but who also purposely reject it, remain in darkness (see 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 6).

The First Letter of John 4:7 tells us that "everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." Here the gift of salvation comes to us in loving. Also, in Matthew 25, we have the great scene of the Last Judgment, where people are saved because they ministered to Christ in the poor and the hungry, even though they might not even have been aware of Christ's presence. Salvation here comes because of kind action. Baptism, then, combined with believing is certainly one of the means to salvation, but it's not the only means. In God's goodness, other roads can lead us into the kingdom. God's mercy and goodness are not limited to the sacrament of baptism (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257-1260).

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Lector Books for 2018: Lector books for 2018 are in the Sacristy. If you're a lector, please stop by and pick up your copy.

Eucharistic Minister Schedule: The Eucharistic Minister schedule for December 2017 through the end of April 2018 is available and in the Sacristy. If you are an Eucharistic Minister, please stop by and pick up your copy.

Please Remember the Sick & Shut-ins in Your Prayers, and Especially: Ann Balas, Joe Bones, 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, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Ellie Setlock, Gene Soult, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Tom Whalen, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.
Added this week: Joe "Tibbsey" Boyle and Pat Brown.

Individual Sunday Missals: Cost is \$5 per missal. All the Scripture & Gospel readings are included to make following along with Mass easier. The missals are in the vestibule and an envelope is provided to place the money in.

Offering Envelopes for 2018: All adult offering envelopes are in the vestibule on tables when you walk into the church. Kindly stop by over the next week or two and take your envelopes. Keep checking here for when the children envelopes are ready for pick up.



New York City Bus Trip: Wednesday, November 29th ~ There are *still 11 seats* available for the "Day on Your Own". Bus will depart St. Richard's parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and leave New York promptly at 6:00 p.m. to return. Money is due as soon as possible as everything had to be pre-paid. If paying by check, please make payable to "St. Richard's".

Sweepstakes Tickets: Tickets can be purchased for a \$20 donation. The tickets are for the entire month of December 2017 and are based on the PA Big 4 evening drawing; Monday through Saturday. Both straight and box combinations win! **We need sellers** and for **every five tickets you sell, you get one free!!** Please see Father for more information or to get tickets. **Monday, November 27th is the deadline to purchase a ticket.**



Lost and Found: Missing something? Did you know that there is a "lost and found" box in the vestibule? Things found in the church are placed there each week. If you have misplaced something, check the box, it just might be there!

Annual Children's Christmas Party: Friday, December 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Parents and grandparents of St. Richard's, please let us know if your children are joining us for the Annual Children's Christmas Party. Pajamas and a blanket are encouraged. Everyone will enjoy the Nativity story, pizza/snacks, crafts and "The Polar Express". Cost is \$8 for one child, \$15 for two children and \$20 for 3 children. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule or please call Krissy Wonsock at 570-467-2197 with any questions.

Best Advent Ever: You signed up the "Best Lent Ever"... now it's time to sign up for the "Best Advent Ever". 'Tis (almost) the season! Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas. Sign up for FREE at BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited.



Coats for Tots: Mahanoy City Knights of Columbus are collecting “Coats for Tots”. Any good, used coat or new coat that will keep Schuylkill tots warm will be appreciated. A collection barrel is in the vestibule.



Giving Tree: Birthright of Frackville is once again asking for our support of their annual “Giving Tree” project. Anyone wishing to participate may remove a gift tag and then place the UNWRAPPED, donated gift under the tree. Items needed most: baby wipes, sleepers, diaper bags, outfits, baby towels, baby wash cloths, pacifiers, shampoo, baby wash, bibs, socks and bottles. Thank you in advance for your continued help.

CANDLES

Special Intention for K - TU by Mom
 Thank You for Your Prayers St. Kateri
 Thank You for Your Prayers St. Richard
 Thank You for Your Prayers Holy North American
 Martyrs
 Thank You for All Our Family’s Blessings This Past
 Year
 Special Intention by Higgins Family
 Special Intentions by M & J Konidas
 Special Intention for 2 Granddaughters
 Get Better Mom ~ Love, Kathy & Mike
 Special Intention for Samantha ~ Love, Mom & Dad
 Rest in Peace Rosemary & Rosemarie by Beverly
 Healing for My Uncle Stef by Mary
 In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek
 In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman
 Kerri ~ Happy Birthday in Heaven ~ Forever in Our
 Hearts by Theresa & Joe
 Special Intentions by Janice Edmonds
 Special Intention by Jean & John
 Intention for Vitek Family, Sharyn Martin and Joe &
 Kathy Proviznick by Frank & Dolores Vitek
 Special Intentions by Sue & Jay
 Successful Treatment for Paul Molloy by Donna &
 Paul Peca
 In Loving Memory of Our Parents at Thanksgiving
 by Donna & Paul Peca
 Prayers for Nathan, El and Tanya by Patty
 Birthday Blessings for Michael by Patty
 Special Intention by Patty
 Prayers for Vocations by Serra Club
 Special Intention by Duke & Joan
 Rest in Peace Paul by Helene
 Healing for Josh by Aunt Helene
 In Loving Memory of Paul Krukus by his Family
 Special Intention for Amy
 Prayers for Healing & Strength for Joe Boyle by The
 Dobecks
 In Loving Memory of My Al ~ Love, Fran
 Health & Healing for Dr. Jim Strohl by Len, Marion,
 Bobby & Dr. Jenna Stokes-Jenkins

Get Better Gram ~ Love, Michael, Sara, Samantha & Ken
 Special Intention for Job “Tibbsey” Boyle by Jim Bialek
 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
 Thank you Dear Lord for All Your Beautiful Blessings &
 for Answering Our Prayers in Your Own Special Way
 by Anne & Joe Palmer
 For Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Nan
 For All Parish Personnel & All Our Military by Margie
 Kufrovich
 For Health of Joe by Mom
 Birthday Blessings Gale ~ Love You, Nan
 Intentions of All Our Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by
 Margie Kufrovich
 Special Intention for Friend’s Healing by Joann & Steve
 Souchak
 In Loving Memory of Jack Schaar by Loving Wife Liz
 Special Intention by Donna Kamenas
 Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jackie & Edward, Jr.
 Special Intention for Lauren & Paul
 In Loving Memory of John ~ Rest in Peace ~ Love, Niki
 Health of Suzanne, EZ, Bob, Pat & Vaal by Lou & Margie
 For All Our Relatives & Friends by Lou & Margie
 Special Intention by Lou & Margie
 Special Prayers for Bill L. by Lou & Margie
 Special Prayers & Intention for Cara by The Brunis
 Special Prayers & Intention for Maria by The Brunis
 Special Prayers & Intention for Maria & James by The
 Brunis
 Prayers for Safe Travel by The Brunis
 Special Prayers & Intention for Jeannie, Nicole, Rachel,
 Laura & Jennifer by The Brunis
 Special Intention by Sharon
 Special Intention for Eric by Granny
 Healing for the Carol Whalen Family
 Special Intention for Bob & Cheryl by Marianne
 Prayers & Healing for Jaime ~ Love, Fran & Al
 In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered by Duke & Joan