



Church of St. Richard

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December 3, 2017 ☩ First Sunday in Advent

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.)

Masses in Blue Satisfy Holy Day Obligation for Immaculate Conception

Monday - Sophia M. Lazur by Richard F. Lazur

Tuesday ** **6:00 p.m.** ** - Mary Sniscak by Loving Daughter, Mary Helen Rehatchek

Wednesday - Dorothy Gimeno by Sister-in-law Dolores

Thursday - ** 8:00 a.m. ** - Felix Lemonovich by Vicky Karnish

** **4:00 p.m.** ** **Anthony "Tony" Wolfe by Bernard & Felicia Bruni & Family**

Friday ** **8:00 a.m.** ** - **Adam, Rose & Mary Shemansky by Pat & Jerry Tracy**

** **6:00 p.m.** ** - **Celeste Danisavich by Duke & Joan Demko**

Saturday - John Vilcheck

Saturday ☩ December 9th - 4:00 p.m.

Intention - Stephen & Mary Gazdick by Gazdick Family

Lector - Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Ministers - Sheral Bamford, Megan Demko, Liz Schaar

Altar Servers - Myles Manjone, Tria Manjone

Sunday ☩ December 10th - 8:30 a.m.

Intention - John Goshiney by Duke & Joan Demko

Lector - Peg Schaediger

Eucharistic Ministers - Paul Babinsky, Cathy Riotta, Frank Riotta

Altar Servers - Allyson Babinsky, John Babinsky, Megan Babinsky

Sunday ☩ December 10th - 10:30 a.m.

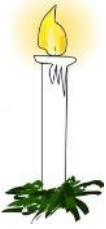
Intention - Irene Dombroski by Celia Zukoski

Lector - Patty Sleva

Eucharistic Ministers - Mike Burda, Dave Evancho, Kristen Williams

Altar Servers - Cole Macieunas, Nicole Yost

Responsorial: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.



Sacred Heart of Jesus: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

St. Francis Lamp: Full Recovery of Beth by Jim

Sanctuary Lamp: Recovery of John Murtin by Jim & Beth Bialek

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

St. Richard Lamp: In Loving Memory of Deceased Family & Friends

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

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,852 Other: \$416; Thanksgiving: \$375 and Christmas Flowers: \$787. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Extra Collection: *This* weekend, December 2nd & 3rd, there is an extra collection for the Monthly Supplement. *Next* weekend, December 9th & 10th, there is an extra collection for Retired Religious. Kindly put each of these into the second collection.

Choir Practice: Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Dear Padre

DECEMBER 3, 2017

Why do we have Advent?

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.

Fr. Thomas Santa, CSSR

Bible Study: Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education: Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class
Sunday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class

Please Remember the Sick & Shut-ins in Your Prayers, and Especially: Ann Balas, Joe Bones, Joe “Tibbsey” Boyle, Pat Brown, Nina Day, Sam Geissing, 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.

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.



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!



Christmas Play: There are participation sign up sheets in the vestibule for the Children’s Christmas Play, which occurs at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. We need singers, actors and readers. If you would like your child to participate in this activity, please sign them up.

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.

Christmas Wafers: Christmas wafers are in the vestibule for a suggested offering of \$2 per packet.

Thank You: We received a letter from Pontifical Mission Societies thanking our parishioners for our gracious donations. The letter reads in part “... I am most grateful for the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parish family. Know that they remain in my prayers ~ and in the prayers of the people in the Missions.”

Last Call for Info Regarding Bishop’s Annual Appeal: As of November 16, 2017, \$13,259 has been pledged or already collected. Our parish goal was \$17,437.90. We fell short of our goal by \$4,178.90. If we would’ve reached our goal, we would get a percentage back as a refund. Our overall participation rate was \$26.41%.



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 Joe “Tibbsey” Boyle by Jim Bialek

Continued Healing for Deacon John by Beth & Jim
Thanksgiving for All of Our Blessings This Year & All of Our Answered Prayers by Bill & Karen Chilinskas

Special Intention by John & Jean

Special Intention by Marilyn

Special Intention by The Neveroskys

Special intention for Fran by The Neveroskys

Special Intention for Billy by The Neveroskys

Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Special Intention by Donna Kamenas

Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jackie & Edward, Jr.

Special Intention for Lauren & Paul

Special Intentions by Michelle Pyrsda

Prayers for Healing & Full Recovery for Joe “Tibsy” Boyle by Marilyn & Jim Tolan

Intention for Sharyn Martin by Dolores & Frank Vitek

Prayers for Ryan ~ Love, Gram

Special Intention by Duke & Joan

For Soul of Mike Phillips by Sheral & Michael

In Loving Memory of Paul Krukus by his Family

Prayers for Strength & Healing for Joe Boyle by The Dobecks

Prayers for John by Amy

Special Intention by Patty

Prayers for Nathan by Patty

Special Intention for Mitch & Ricky by Mams & Unc.

Special Intention for Lisa & Family by Mom & Jeff

Special Intention for Jeff by Mon

Special Intention for Regina

Get Better Mom ~ Love, Kathy & Mike

Special Intention for Samantha ~ Love, Mom & Dad

Special Intention by Helen

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

Love to Angel by Bella

In Loving Memory of John ~ Rest in Peace ~ Love, Niki

Get Better Gram ~ Love, Mike, Sara, Samantha & Ken

In Thanksgiving for Successful Surgery for Deacon John by Wife Ellie

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

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. & John S. by Lou & Margie

Healing for Wayne by Mary

In Loving Memory of Jack Schaar by Loving Wife Liz

Special Intention for 2 Granddaughters

For Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Nan

For All Parish Personnel & All Our Military by Margie

Kufrovich

For Health of Joe by Mom

Intentions of Maggie & Lila by Aunt Margie Kufrovich

Intentions of All Our Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by Margie Kufrovich

Guidance for Matt by Nan

Special Intention for K - G by Mom

In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek

In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman

Special Intentions by M & J Konidas

Special Intention for E & S

Special Intention by Sharon