



Church of St. Richard

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December 10, 2017 ☩ Second 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

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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 - Vera Knapp by Mary Cumers

Tuesday ** 6:00 p.m. ** - Christopher R. Lazur by Beverly Macek

Wednesday - Krasowski, Tracy & Shemansky Families by Pat & Jerry Tracy

Thursday - Rosemary J. Gibas by Mary Ann, Janice & Vicky

Friday - Thomas Gimeno by Sister ~ Dolores

Saturday - Ted & Emma Lemonovich by Vicky Karnish

Saturday ☩ December 16th - 4:00 p.m.

Intention - Alfred Bolinsky by St. Richard's Choir

Lector - Tim Demko

Eucharistic Ministers - Nancy Brylewski, Liz Schaar

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

Sunday ☩ December 17th - 8:30 a.m.

Intention - James Weber by Weber Family

Lector - Marge Coassolo

Eucharistic Ministers - Bernard Bruni, Felicia Bruni

Altar Servers - Tucker Bowman, Joseph Rick, Maddie Rick

Sunday ☩ December 17th - 10:30 a.m.

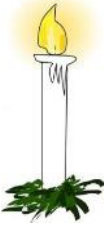
Intention - Al Cumers by Mary & Children

Lector - Kelsey Macieunas

Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Sleva, Patty Sleva

Altar Servers - Bree Dobeck, Maggie O'Rourke

Responsorial: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.



Sacred Heart of Jesus: In Loving Memory of Judy Lawrence by Marilyn & Jim Tolan

St. Francis Lamp: Available

Sanctuary Lamp: Available

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

St. Richard Lamp: Available

St. Joseph's Lamp: Rest in Peace Beverly ~ Love, Bill & Family

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$4,130 and Other: \$1,865. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Extra Collection: *This* weekend, December 9th & 10th, there is an extra collection for Retired Religious. Kindly put this into the second collection.

Choir Practice: Wednesday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Bible Study: Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education: Sunday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class
Sunday, December 17th at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class

Dear Padre

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Especially before Christmas, I appreciate times of silence at Mass but seldom find them. Priests ask the congregation to open their missalettes after Communion to recite the daily antiphon, which seems more trouble to locate and say than to simply remain silent. Please advise.

Before Mass, it's commendable that silence be observed in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and adjacent areas so that all may "carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45).

During Mass, "Let us pray" is an invitation to observe a moment of silence for the congregation to "place themselves in God's presence and make their personal petitions" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 35). Communal silence is also observed within the penitential act for people to recollect themselves, at the end of a reading or the homily for all to meditate briefly on what they've heard, then after Communion to praise and pray to God in their hearts (*GIRM* 45). In other words, there's a silence that reflects shame before God for our sins, a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word, and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body of Christ!

If there's no singing after Communion, the antiphon "may be recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful" (*GIRM* 87).

Without liturgical silence, "the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction* 48). —Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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. **Added this week:** Lisa Surfield.

Eternal Rest Grant Upon Them, O Lord: Tom Collins of Barnesville and John Lazur of Lake Hauto. Please include both of them in your prayers.

New Lector Schedule: The Lector Schedule for January through June 2018 is ready and in the Sacristy for pick up. If you are a Lector, please stop by and pick up your copy.

Sign Up Sheets: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Alter Servers are asked to sign up where your schedule permits for the various Masses for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Also, please be aware that we need 3 additional Eucharistic Ministers in the Church Hall for overflow at the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve. Sign up sheets are in the Sacristy. Thanking you in advance for your attention to this!



Decorating the Church: Sunday, December 17th after 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please come and help. The more the merrier and the quicker it will go. All are welcome!

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!: Thank you to everyone who helped make the 4th Children’s Christmas Party memorable for all the children. Special thanks to Santa for stopping by, Basile’s for donating the pizza and Gloria Danisavich for donating paint and supplies.



Giving Tree: Birthright of Frackville is once again asking for our support of their annual “Giving Tree” project. Thank you in advance for your continued help.

Retired Religious Collection: Your gift to today’s collection for the Retired Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers & religious order priests. It also helps insure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you for your generous support.

CANDLES

Special Intention by Sharon
Special Intention by Helen
Special Intention by John & Jean
Marcie Bonner ~ Thank You by Janice Edmonds
Special Intentions by Higgins Family
Prayers for Fathers Whalen & Linkchorst by “Ski”
Special Intention by Carol
In Memory of Jack & Betty Kehler by Carol & Ben
Special Intention for M. Shultz by Carol & Ben
Good Health for Children & Grands by Carol & Ben
For Bob & Grandchildren by Marianne
Continued Prayers & Good Health for a Very Special Person by Karen & Bill Chilinskas
Healing for My Sister Marie & Healing for Joe “Tibsey” Boyle by Ed & Flo Nolan
For Our Children by Marge & Steve
Special Intention by Donna Kamenas
Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jackie & Edward, Jr.
Special Intention for Lauren & Paul
Prayers for Recovery for Deacon John Setlock by Megan & Tim Demko
Intention for Michael Silverberg by J’Eva Riotto
For My Beloved Husband in Heaven by Peg Schaediger
Prayers for Financial Aid
In Thanksgiving by Michelle Pyrda
For Good Health for Father Whalen & Deacon John by Roy & Anne
Special Blessings for V.K. by Roy & Anne
Special Intention by Roy & Anne
Special Intention by Patty
Birthday Blessings for Jimmy by Patty
Prayers for Nathan & Family by Patty
For Sue & Christine by Steve
Special Intention
Special Intention for K & G by Mom
In Loving Memory of My Al ~ Love, Fran
In Thanksgiving for Ryan Township Fire Fighters ~ God Bless by Jones Family
Good Health & God Bless Uncle Jim & BaBa ~ Love, The Family
Intentions of Rochelle, Marcella & Jessica ~ Love, Mom & Dad
Good Health & God Bless My Neighbors, Friends & Family by M. Jones
Special Intention for 2 Granddaughters
Special Intention for Bob by Marianne

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
In Loving Memory of John ~ Rest in Peace ~ Love, Niki
Special Intention for Cara by The Brunis
Special Intention for Maria by The Brunis
Special Intention for Maria & James by The Brunis
Prayers for Safe Travel by The Brunis
Special Intention & Prayers for Jeannie, Rachel, Laura & Jennifer by The Brunis
Prayers & Healing for Rochelle by the Brunis
Prayers for Father Whalen by The Brunis
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
Rest in Peace Tom & Jack Ogradnick by Bruce & Louise
Prayers for Joe & Carol Whalen’s Families by Bruce & Louise
In Memory of Sara Packer
In Memory of Betsy Kasha
In Loving Memory of Steve Romanick by Wife & Children
St. Jude Continue to Intercede for Me by Mary
In Loving Memory of Jack Schaar by Loving Wife Liz
Health for Father Whalen by Pat & Jerry Tracy
Special Intention by Sue & Jay
In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman
Happy Birthday Blessings to My Mom ~ God Bless You ~ Love, Your Son, Bill
Special Intention to Our Dear Friend Nancy ~ God Bless You ~ We Love You by Sally & Bill
The Lord’s Blessings for Good Health & Happiness to Father Whalen and Deacon John & Wife ~ God Bless You by Sally & Bill Bednar
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 Bernadette by Mom
Intentions of All Our Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by Margie Kufrovich
Special Intentions by M & J Konidas
In Loving Memory of Paul Krukus by his Family
Prayers for Healing & Strength for Joe Boyle by The Dobecks
For Christine, Brent, Brittany, Adelyn & Sus by Steve
Special Intention by Marianne