



# Church of St. Richard

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## December 17, 2017 ☩ Third Sunday in Advent

**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

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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 - Celeste Danisavich by Frank & Cathy Riotto

Tuesday \*\* 6:00 p.m. \*\* - Frank & Agnes Kline by Son, Frank Jr.

Wednesday - Elmer Stokes by Len, Marion, Bob & Dr. Jenna Stokes-Jenkins

Thursday - John & Stella O'Brien by Mary Cumers

Friday - Joseph Kufrovich, Sr. by Wife & Family

Saturday - Michael Konidas by Mom & Dad

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

Intention - Jimmy Abromitis by Michael & Sheral Bamford

Lector - Marge Coassolo

Eucharistic Ministers - Megan Demko, Bill Yatecilla, Donna Yatecilla

Altar Servers - Olivia Eckert, Gretchen Pucklavage

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

Intention - John Goshiney by Wife Niki

Lector - Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Ministers - Joe Dereskavich, Jack Hurst, Tony Liscusky

Altar Servers - Noah Hayes, Josh Hurst, Olivia Sebastian

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

Intention - Our Parents ~ Frank & Frances Yeneskie and Metro & Mary Kerrick by Frank & Mary Ann Yeneskie

Lector - Beth Bialek

Eucharistic Ministers - Beth Bialek, Jim Bialek, Mike Burda

Altar Servers - Bree Dobeck, Maggie O'Rourke

**Responsorial:** My soul rejoices in my God.



**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** Special Intention by Duke & Joan  
**St. Francis Lamp:** In Loving Memory of My Parents Joseph & Catherine Earley  
by Marilyn  
**Sanctuary Lamp:** In Loving Memory Judy Lawrence by Marilyn & Jim Tolan  
**Blessed Virgin Mary:** None due to Christmas Decorations  
**St. Richard Lamp:** Healing & Strength for William Kilroy by Old Friends ~ Jim  
Tolan and Ken Boyle, Sr.  
**St. Joseph's Lamp:** None due to Christmas Decorations

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$1,353; Other: \$481 and Immaculate Conception: \$254.  
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**Choir Practice:** Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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

**Religious Education:** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. ~ Religious Education Class  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. ~ None due to holiday

# Dear Padre

DECEMBER 17, 2017

***Once again I feel overwhelmed by the commercial hype of Christmas. Any suggestions for keeping a Christ-centered Christmas amid the shopping and gift expectations?***

It's our Advent task to make Christ, Emmanuel, present in our lives. We do this by centering on the love and peace that is within us and offering that to others. By staying centered and at peace, we'll find the Christ Child even in the midst of the mania!

**Take time to pray.** In Advent, church decorations accent the sense of longing during this season. Make it a part of your schedule to stop in daily for quiet time and prayer.

**Spend less money.** Buy fewer gifts, ones that you really enjoy buying. Let your family know that you intend to spend less money and want to enjoy your purchasing experience. Ask them to help you select gifts that have meaning.

**Be inspiring.** Give gifts that focus more on Christ and Christmas. They could be inspirational books, a Christian music CD, or tickets to a Christmas play or concert.

**Start a tradition.** Make it a point to find a new Christmas tradition from a different culture and adopt that tradition for this season.

**Volunteer.** Give someone a gift of unexpected kindness, compassion, and unconditional love. Visit the sick, help in a soup kitchen, buy and wrap presents that will be given to the poor.

*Source: Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask, © 2003 Liguori Publications*

**Please Remember the Sick & Shut-ins in Your Prayers, and Especially:** Ann Balas, Joe Bones, Joe “Tibbsey” Boyle , Pat Brown, 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, Lisa Surfield, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Tom Whalen, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski. **Added this week:** Tom McGrath.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please come and help. The more the merrier and the quicker it will go. All are welcome!



**Save the Dates:** **Friday, February 16, 2018** will be the Fish and Crab Cake Dinner. **Sunday, April 8, 2018** is the date for the next Basket Raffle. More info will be in the future bulletins as it becomes available.

**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.



**Thank You!:** Deacon John would like to thank everyone for their prayers, get well wishes and cards. He truly appreciated each and every one of them. Again, thank you!



**Christmas Concert:** Ashland Area Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at The Church of the Nazarene in Lavelle, Pennsylvania.



**The Twelve Days of Christmas:** Do you know that the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” was actually a secret catechism for Catholics in England when Catholicism was persecuted during the war of religious from Henry the VIII to 1829? The song was an opportunity to teach children knowledge of the saints and doctrine in a secret code. On the **first day** of Christmas, a partridge in a pear tree symbolizes God, our true love, and Jesus Christ, the partridge. **Two turtle doves** were the Old and New Testaments. **Three French hens** represented the three gifts of faith, hope and love. **Four calling birds** were the four gospels. **Five golden rings** were the Books of Moses. **Six geese a-laying** stands for the six days of creation. **Seven swans a-swimming** were the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Eight maids a-milking** were the eight beatitudes. **Nine ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit such as charity, peace and kindness. **Ten Lords a-leaping** represent the 10 Commandments. **Eleven pipers piping** were the 11 faithful apostles. And **twelve drummers drumming** represented the points of the Apostles Creed.



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

**Cantata Choir Performance:** All Saints Church, 21 N. Cleveland Street, McAdoo on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. This year’s cantata is entitled: The Song Heard ‘Round the World. There is no cost ~ it is simply their gift to the community. Bring a friend and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season!

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# CANDLES

Peace on Earth  
For Grandchildren by Marianne  
Special Intention by Marianne  
Special Intention by Duke & Joan  
Rest in Peace Beth Ann by Sleva Family  
Healing & Prayers for Our Friend Tibsy Boyle by Pat & Jerry Tracy  
Special Intention by The Neveroskys  
Special Intention for Bill & Fran by The Neveroskys  
Special Intentions by Michelle Pyrdsa  
In Memory of John & Jean Andrusyshyn  
Special Intentions for Family  
Good Health/Report for My Husband Bob  
Special Intention by Helen  
In Loving Memory of Felix Lemonovich by Vicky Karnish  
Special Intention for Rose Charney by Vicky Karnish  
In Loving Memory of Deceased Brothers & Sister by Vicky Karnish  
In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad Lemonovich by Vicky Karnish  
Love & Miss You ~ My Beloved by Peg Schaediger  
For Intention of Michael Garrett  
Special Intention by Patty  
Birthday Blessings for Michael by Patty  
Prayers for Nathan by Patty  
In Loving Memory of Our Parents at Christmas by Frank & Linda  
Special Intention  
Special Intention for Maggie ~ Love, Baba  
Healing for Bill by Tish  
Special Intention for K - G by Mom  
Special Intention by Donna Kamenas  
Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jackie & Edward, Jr.  
Special Intention for Lauren & Paul  
Good Health & God’s Blessings Upon BaBa & Uncle Jim ~ Love, The Family  
Intentions of Rochelle, Marcella & Jessica ~ Love, Mom & Dad

In Loving Memory of Paul Krukus by his Family  
Prayers for Strength & Healing for Tibbsey by The Dobecks  
Special Intention for My Mom  
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  
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 & Prayers for Cara by The Brunis  
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 Jeannie, Rachel, Laura & Jennifer by The Brunis  
Thank you for Prayers Answered by The Brunis  
Prayers for Angel by Bella  
Intention for Mitch & Ricky by Mams & Unc.  
Intention for Jeff by Mom  
Intention for Lisa & Family by Mom & Jeff  
Intention for Regina  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
Special Intention  
For Our Family’s Special Needs by Steve  
Special Intentions by M & J Konidas  
For Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Nan  
For All Parish Personnel & All Our Military by Margie Kufrovich  
For Health of Joe by Mom  
Health of Father Whalen & Deacon John by Margie Kufrovich  
For Blessings on All My Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by Margie Kufrovich  
Thank You Jesus & Mary for Prayers Answered by Helen & Sharon  
Thank You Lord  
Special Intention for Sierra by Juxy