



# Church of St. Richard

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## December 31, 2017 ☩ The Holy Family

**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, New Year's Day \* 9:00 a.m. \*** - Antonio Cusati by Cusatis & Manos Families

Tuesday \*\* **6:00 p.m. \*\*** - Paul Krukus by Duke & Joan Demko

Wednesday - Joseph Kandrot by Sleva Family

Thursday - Joe Rimm by Len, Marion, Bob & Dr. Jenna Stokes-Jenkins

Friday - Members of Purgatorial Society

Saturday - Deceased Members of Purcell & Boyle Families by Estate

**Saturday ☩ January 6<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m.**

Intention - Rick Wagner by Tim & Megan Demko

Lector - Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Ministers - Bill Yatecilla, Donna Yatecilla

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

**Sunday ☩ January 7<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m.**

Intention - Bill O'Brien by Bernard & Felicia Bruni and Family

Lector - Marge Coassolo

Eucharistic Ministers - Cathy Riotto, Frank Riotto

Altar Servers - Joseph Rick, Maddie Rick, Olivia Sebastian

**Sunday ☩ January 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.**

Intention - Joseph J. Kandrot by Edward & Frances Domkus

Lector - Gloria Burda

Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Sleva, Patty Sleva

Altar Servers - Bree Dobeck, Maggie O'Rourke

**Responsorial:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.



**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** Special Intention by Duke & Joan  
**St. Francis Lamp:** In Loving Memory of Patricia A. Boyle ~ Love You, Miss You  
by Husband Ken  
**Sanctuary Lamp:** In Honor of Deacon John & Ellie  
**Blessed Virgin Mary:** None due to Christmas Decorations  
**St. Richard Lamp:** In Honor of Father Whalen  
**St. Joseph's Lamp:** None due to Christmas Decorations

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$3,085; Other: \$434 and Christmas: \$7,787. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**Extra Collection:** *Next* weekend, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, there is an extra collection for the Monthly supplement. Please put this into the second collection.

**Fundraising Meeting:** *Next* Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

# Dear Padre

DECEMBER 31, 2017

***I worry that I'm cramming too much of my Catholic devotions down my children's throats. Should they have more freedom to choose the faith on their own?***

Many of us can connect our faith to our mothers. It was most likely their constancy, love, and devotion that gave us the first hints that faith is important in one's life. When a woman chooses to be a mother, she commits to handing on to her children that which is most powerful and most profound in her own life. Over the years, the children will take what is given, sift through it, and finally add it in some way to their own personalities. But the gift first has to be given, and the commitment of motherhood is giving that gift.

Mary, the patron of the Church and of mothers around the world, is first represented in the Gospels as the one "who believed" (Luke 1:45). It was this deep capacity for faith that became the well that cradled and fed Jesus.

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2226).

The sincerity and reverence of a mother's faith can become a fountain of living water that will naturally overflow, and her children can choose to drink of it. Renew your commitment to handing on your faith to your children freely and without limits!

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**Bible Study:** Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome ~ No prior Bible experience required!!

**Religious Education:** Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Happy New Year ~ No Class  
Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 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, 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, Tom McGrath, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Ellie Setlock, Gene Soult, Dominic Streisel, Lisa Surfild, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Tom Whalen, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.

**Undecorating the Church:** Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 a.m. Mass. It's time to put the festive Christmas decorations back in the boxes for another year. The more hands that come to help, 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. Shop the after Christmas sales to get great bargains on items for the raffle! More info will be in the future bulletins as it becomes available.



**Thank You!:** Father Whalen and Deacon John would like to extend a heartfelt and sincere thank you to everyone who gave them cards, cookies, candy, baked goods and gifts for Christmas. They truly appreciate each and every one and the thoughtfulness that went along with them. Thank you!

**Offering Envelopes:** Children envelopes are now ready to be picked up in the vestibule. Also, would everyone please write your name on the first couple of envelopes so we can cross reference your name with the envelope number? Thanking you in advance for doing this!

**December Raffle Ticket Winners:** Most recent winners: \$100 - Tara Herschman (#0502 on 12/15) and \$50 - Brunis (#7216 on 12/18).

**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!

2018

Happy New Year!

# CANDLES

In Memory of Pat Morgans by Karlavage Family  
Successful Operation for Mic by Sharon & Helen  
Special Intention by J.  
Special Intention by Marilyn  
For the Souls of Mr. Collins, Mr. Matalvage, Bobby  
Richards & Deb. W. by S & M  
Thanksgiving for Our Blessings by S & M  
Healing for Dawn & Ashley by Aunt Pat & Uncle Jerome  
Prayers for Mrs. Hayes by Patty  
Prayers for Bootsie by Patty  
Merry Christmas to My Beloved in Heaven by Peg  
Schaediger  
Special Intention for Christine by Dad  
Special Intention by John & Jean  
Special Intention by Patty  
New Year's Blessings for Family & Friends by Patty  
Prayers for Sarah & Nathan by Patty  
Health of Suzanne, EZ, Bob, Pat & Vaal by Lou & Margie  
Merry Christmas to All by Lou & Margie  
Special Intention by Lou & Margie  
Christmas Prayers for Our Parents and Mary Ann, Buddy  
& Debbie by Lou & Margie  
Special Intention  
Special Intentions for Shelley  
Healing for Dawn Goho by Pat & Jerry Tracy  
Health for Pat & Jerry Tracy  
Healing for My Sister Tess McNanus by Joann & Steve  
Souchak  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
Happy Birthday in Heaven Denny ~ Love, Mom  
Special Intention by Donna Kamenas  
Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jacquelynn &  
Edward, Jr.  
Special Intention for Lauren & Paul  
Merry Christmas in Heaven to My Mom & Dad by Mary  
Special Intentions by M & J Konidas  
For Safe Travels by Steve & Marge  
Healing for Lydia by Peg Schaediger  
Merry Christmas to Gary in Heaven by Peg Schaediger  
For Kane, Franzen, Burke & Setlock Family ~ Good Health  
by Sally  
Intention of Pauline Gerenza by Jeff & Regina Zoba  
Intention of Kathy Daniels by Jeff & Regina  
Intention of John & Rose Sochacki by Jeff & Regina  
In Thanksgiving by Michelle Pyrdsa (3)  
Special Intentions by Michelle Pyrdsa (3)  
Thank You Jesus for Favors Granted by Mary  
Merry Christmas Timmy by Mother  
In Memory of John & Helen Keiser by Suzanne & Jack  
Special Prayers for Joe & Julie Majetsky by Frank & Mary  
Ann  
Special Prayers for Annie by Frank & Mary Ann  
Healing for Frank

In Loving Memory of John ~ Rest in Peace ~ Love, Niki  
Special Prayers & Intention for Maria by The Brunis  
Special Prayers & Intention for Maria & James by The Brunis  
Special Prayers & Intention for Cara by The Brunis  
Prayers for Safe Travel by The Brunis  
Special Prayers & Intention for Jeannie, Rachel & Laura by The  
Brunis  
Thank You for Prayers Answered by The Brunis  
Happy New Year to Everyone by The Brunis8s  
In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek  
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman  
In Loving Memory of Schaar Family by Liz Schaar  
In Loving Memory of Slotcavage Family by Liz Schaar  
In Loving Memory of John & Ellie Zakrewsky by Liz Schaar  
Merry Christmas to My Al ~ With Love, Fran  
Christmas Blessings Frank by Wife Cynthia, Children &  
Grandchildren  
Intention for Mitch & Ricky by Mams & Unc.  
Intention for Lisa & Family by Mom & Jeff  
Intention for Jeff by Mom  
Intention for Regina  
In Loving Memory of "Sarah" by Husband "Ski"  
Special Intention for K - G by Mom  
Special Intention for Mom & Dad ~ Love, Barbara  
Special Intention for Bernie & Paul ~ Love, Barbara  
Special Intention for Bill ~ Love, Barbara  
Special Intentions by Barbara  
Special Intention by Duke & Joan  
Merry Christmas Mom ~ Love, You Son Cookie  
For Living & Deceased Members of Berdanier & Prosper  
Families ~ God Bless  
Rest in Peace Mom & Dad ~ Love You, Forever & Ever by  
Donald & Michele  
Intention of Rochelle, Marcella & Jessica ~ God Bless You ~  
Love You, Mom & Dad  
Good Health & God's Blessings Upon Deacon John & Father  
Whalen ~ God Bless, Uncle Jim & Michele  
Intentions of My Neighbors, Friends & Family ~ God Bless, M.  
Jones  
For Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Nan  
For All Parish Personnel & All Our Military by Margie Kufrovich  
Special Intentions by Margie Kufrovich  
Healing fo Our World by Margie Kufrovich  
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  
Merry Christmas Dad ~ I Miss You ~ Love, Amy  
Rest in Peace Lammie Fallaghter ~ You were a Sweet, Kind Man  
by The Dobecks  
Christmas Blessings for Father Whalen & Deacon John by The  
Dobecks  
For Those Who Have Strayed ~ May 2018 Bring Renewed Faith  
in God