



Church of St. Richard

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Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor

Deacon John A. Setlock

February 4, 2018 ☩ Fifth 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 - Irene Dombroski by Celia Zukoski

Tuesday ** **6:00 p.m.** ** - John J. Lazur by Gerry Kandrot

Wednesday - Dorothy Gallagher by Estate

Thursday - Betty Kankowski by Frank & MaryAnn Yeneskie

Friday - Gary Macek by Wife Beverly

Saturday - Frances Jones by Beth Workman

Saturday ☩ February 10th - 4:00 p.m.

Intention - Al Fritz by Wife & Children

Lector - Donna Yacilla

Eucharistic Ministers - **None needed this week**

Altar Servers - Olivia Eckert, Gretchen Pucklavage

Sunday ☩ February 11th - 8:30 a.m.

Intention - Deceased Members of Weber & Kowalick Families by Weber Family

Lector - Bruce Rang

Eucharistic Ministers - **One needed** ~ Joe Dereskavich, Cathy Riotta, Frank Riotta

Altar Servers - Josh Hurst, Olivia Sebastian

Sunday ☩ February 11th - 10:30 a.m.

Intention - Wanda Kenesky by Allen & Loretta Witkowski

Lector - Gloria Burda

Eucharistic Ministers - **One needed** ~ Beth Bialek, Jim Bialek, Dave Evancho

Altar Servers - Bree Dobeck, Maggie O'Rourke

Responsorial: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.



Sacred Heart of Jesus: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

St. Francis Lamp: Available

Sanctuary Lamp: Available

Blessed Virgin Mary: Happy Birthday in Heaven Pat Beichey ~ Love, Debby

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

St. Joseph's Lamp: Available

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,755; Other: \$295; and Catholic Relief: \$573. Your generous support is truly appreciated.

Extra Collections: *This* weekend, February 3rd & 4th, there is an extra collection for the Monthly Supplement. Kindly put this into the second collection. Also, after each Mass this weekend, A.C.T.I.O.N. members will be collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Bible Study: Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Fundraising Meeting: *Next* Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice: Will resume again *next Wednesday, February 14th* at 5:30 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

How can I ask my priest for better homilies?

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of the generic, "Nice homily, Father." Many people say that so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily!

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching. Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter. Just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that homily we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Religious Education: Sunday, February 4th ~ 9:30 a.m. Religious Education Class
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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, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Ellie Setlock, Gene Sault, Dominic Streisel, Lisa Surfield, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Tom Whalen, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.

Fish/Crab Cake Dinner: Dinner is **Friday, February 16th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances, either in a Mass collection, by mail or bringing directly to the Rectory. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule for donation of baked goods and water, workers the day of the event, setter uppers and clean uppers. Please help out wherever you can ~ it truly is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you... either as a helper/worker and/or eating or picking up a dinner!

Thank You: Deacon John would like to thank whoever turned in keys that were found in the parking lot. They were his and he greatly appreciates finding them in the lost and found box! So, whoever you are who found them ~ Thank you!

We Need A Volunteer (or Two): Father is still in need of a volunteer (or two) to volunteer to be a counter for the collection from the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please see Father directly if interested. It isn't a difficult job!

Contribution Statements: Anyone wishing to have a copy of their 2017 Contribution Statement for tax purposes, kindly call the Rectory on either Monday or Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 570-467-2315 to request one. Once printed they can be picked up or mailed directly to you.



Souper Bowl of Caring: An A.C.T.I.O.N. member will be in the back of church after each Mass with their soup pot. We are asking everyone to donate at least \$1 to the cause (if you can give a few dollars more, that would be appreciated).

Call for a Tour: Trinity Academy welcomes parents to call the Advancement Office at 570-462-3927 or e-mail Jane Grier at jgrier@trinitymatters.com to schedule a personalized tour.

Catholic Relief Collection: Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

Bishop's Scholar Society: The Diocese of Allentown will once again be awarding Catholic High School Scholarships to students who wish to attend one of the six Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Allentown for the 2018-2019 school year. The program will award a one-year, partial scholarship of \$1,000 to the recipient's high school. **Wednesday, February 14, 2018 is the deadline to apply.** Please see Father for applications.



Bake Sale: Saturday, February 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 410 E. Pine Street, Mahanoy City. Benefits Alexis Jones, a sixth grade Tamaqua student who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Alexis has undergone chemotherapy and is awaiting test results.

CANDLES

Special Intention

Special Intention by Donna Kamenas

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

Special Intention for Lauren & Paul

For My Friends at Cancer Treatment by Steve
Health of Suzanne, EZ, Bob & Vaal by Lou & Margie

For All of Our Relatives & Friends by Lou & Margie

Special Intention by Lou & Margie

Special Intention by John & Jean

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 Paul Krukas by his Family
Prayers for Strength & Healing for Joe Boyle by The Dobecks

Special Intention for Steve by Marge

Special Intention for Steve, Brent & Joe by M&S

God's Blessings Upon Sally & Bill Bednar by Jones Family

Intentions of Rochelle, Marcella & Jessica ~ Love, Mom & Dad

Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Special Intention for Cara by Roy & Anne

In Memory of Bill Leitzel by Michelle Pyrds

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

In Loving Memory of Jack Schaar by Loving Wife Liz

In Memory of Jerry Stevens ~ Love, Pat

For Our Friend Leah by Marge & Steve

For Our Son's Success by Mom & Dad

Special Intention by Marianne

In Loving Memory of Tom McGrath by Joanie

Special Intentions for Shelley

In Loving Memory of My Al ~ Love, Fran

Special Intention by Duke & Joan

Intention for Mitch & Ricky by Mams & Unc.

Intention for Lisa & Family by Mom & Jeff

Intention for Jeff by Mom

Intention for Regina

In Memory of Mary Ann Eck

For Successful Surgery

In Loving Memory for Bill Yacilla ~ Love, Donna Yacilla

Special Intention by Patty

Successful Procedure for Donna by Patty

Healing of Loved Ones

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

Prayers for Rachel, Laura & Abby by The Brunis

Thank You for Prayers Answered by The Brunis

Special Prayers for Our Friends by The Brunis

Special Intentions by M & J Konidas

Special Intention for Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Nan

Special Intention for All Parish Personnel & All Our Military by Marge Kufrovich

Health of Joe by Mom

Health of June Blickley by Marge Kufrovich

Health of Francis & Nora Keiser by Marge Kufrovich

Birthday Blessings for Matt by Nan

Blessings for All My Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by Marge Kufrovich

Rest in Peace Jack McDonald by Vicky Karnish

Special Intention for Grandchildren by Marianne
Good Health & God's Blessings Upon Neighbors, Family & Friends by Jones Family