



# Church of St. Richard

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## April 1, 2018 ☩ Easter Sunday

**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. unls otherwise noted.)

Monday - \*\* NO MORNING MASS \*\*

Tuesday \*\* 6:00 p.m. \*\* - Michael Sniscak by Daughter Mary Helen Rehatchek

Wednesday - Mary & Ed Halkiewicz by Vicky Karnish

Thursday - Peter Karnish by Wife Vicky Karnish

Friday - Members of Purgatorial Society

Saturday - Sarah Kanaski by Husband "Ski"

### Saturday ☩ April 7<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m.

Intention - Thomas F. Demko, Sr. by Tim & Megan Demko

Lector - Tim Demko

Eucharistic Ministers - Need Two ~ Sheral Bamford, Nancy Brylewski, Megan Demko

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

### Sunday ☩ April 8<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 - Josh Hurst, Joseph Rick, Maddie Rick

### Sunday ☩ April 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

Intention - Jean Andrusyshn by Dr. Kenneth & Michele Boyle

Lector - Patty Sleva

Eucharistic Ministers - Dan Sleva, Patty Sleva, Kristen Williams

Altar Servers - Bree Dobeck, Maggie O'Rourke

**Responsorial:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** In Loving Memory of Daniel Sleva, Jr. ~ Love, Mom, Dad & Allishia

**St. Francis Lamp:** In Loving Memory of My Sister, Judy ~ Love, Marilyn

**Sanctuary Lamp:** In Loving Memory of Deceased Family & Friends

**Blessed Virgin Mary:** Special Intention by Duke & Joan

**St. Richard Lamp:** In Loving Memory of Michael Sniscak by Loving Daughter, Mary Helen Rehatchek

**St. Joseph Lamp:** Happy Birthday in Heaven Mom ~ Love, Marilyn



**Paschal Candle:** In Memory of John & Rose Sochacki and Frank & Bertha Zoba by Regina & Jeff Zoba

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$2,900; Other: \$391 and Rice Bowl: \$303. Your continued support is genuinely appreciated.

**Extra Collections:** *This* weekend, March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>, there are several extra collections: Easter, Monthly Supplement and Feast of St. Richard. All of the additional collection envelopes would go into the second collection.

# Dear Padre

April 1, 2018

***I've just returned from a visit to the Holy Land. When we visited the tomb of Jesus, we saw a simple marble slab in a small chapel. Is our faith based on an empty tomb?***

I am happy to answer your question on this highest truth of our faith—the resurrection of Jesus. Our faith in the resurrection is not based on an empty tomb or a little marble slab. There are many explanations for an empty tomb, most which would not contribute to the belief in Jesus' resurrection.

Our faith in the resurrection rests not only on the physical reality of the empty tomb but, more importantly, on the eyewitness accounts of those who saw Jesus, talked to him, and walked with him after his resurrection.

There are many reports in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles that chronicle the appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. Details vary, but one constant is found in all the accounts: Those who saw the risen Lord had such a powerful experience that they couldn't keep it to themselves. They had to run and tell somebody.

Think of this as a Christian "big bang theory." Jesus' followers had such a tremendous initial experience of the risen Lord that they could not hold it in. They told their friends, neighbors—anyone who would listen. Excitement spread to neighboring villages and hamlets, then to surrounding countries and cultures. Eventually, Christianity expanded, sometimes under great persecution, throughout the world. Could such endurance and dynamism result from only an empty tomb? No. Only an experience of the risen Jesus could bring this about. —*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

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**Bible Study:** Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Fundraising Meeting:** *Next* Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Religious Education:** Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ No Class ~ Happy Easter!  
Sunday, April 8<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, Steve Chakan, 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, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Ellie Setlock, Gene Soult, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Tom Whalen, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski. **Added this week:** Jerry Tracy.

**Basket Raffle:** **Tickets will NOT be for sale after Easter Masses.** Ticket prices are as follows: pre-sale: \$5 per sheet of 25 or 5 sheets for \$20. Day of raffle ~ \$6 per sheet or 5 sheets for \$25. You can bring your donated basket to the Rectory any Monday or Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **We ask that all baskets be turned in by Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.** Reminder that the Basket Raffle is Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> ~ doors open at 11:30 a.m.; drawings start at 2:00 p.m. Pre-shop and drop is Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Remember ~ you need not be present to win ~** You will get a phone call if you won!



**Volunteers and Bakers Needed:** We need 3 volunteers to help with reception for retired Bishop Cullen and the confirmation recipients. Date is Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Time is 3:30 p.m. for a bit and then after the Mass for about an hour. Location is All Saints Church in McAdoo. If you can't volunteer time, how about donating a baked good (either a homemade one or a purchased one ~ we aren't picky!) or drinks (water, soda or juice boxes)? Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 570-467-2197 if you are able to help in any way.



**Baking Dishes/Plates:** If you brought a baked good in a dish or on a plate for the recent fish dinner, you may pick it up in the hall. You'll need it next time we need you to volunteer to bring a baked good ~ like for the confirmation reception!

**Easter Flower Donation:** \$50 received from Historical Society of St. Canicus, Inc.

**Day of Prayer for Vocations:** Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church, American Parkway & Front Street, Allentown. Mass is at 8:00 a.m., followed by registration and continental breakfast. There will be Benediction, Rosary for vocations, chanting of Divine Mercy Chaplet and an opportunity for confession. Event will conclude with a light lunch. Offering for the day is \$10. Call 610-285-2002 to reserve your spot. Hosted by Serra Clubs of the Diocese of Allentown.



# CANDLES

Strength for Fran & Beth by The Neveroskys  
Special Intention by The Neveroskys  
In Loving Memory of Paul Krukus by His Family  
Prayers for Healing for Mike Grigalonis by The  
Krukus Family  
Prayers for Strength & Healing for Joe Boyle by The  
Dobecks  
Special Intention for the Pilla/Ligenza Family & Safe  
Travels by Joe & Louise Pilla  
In Memory of Mary Ann Flaherty by Veronica &  
Kristen Williams  
In Memory of John Flaherty by Veronica & Kristen  
Williams  
In Memory of Daniel Sleva, Jr. by Veronica &  
Kristen Williams  
Strength for Dante by Veronica & Kirsten Williams  
Prayers for Healing for Lori by Veronica & Kristen  
Williams  
Grammy Flaherty & Uncle Johnny ~ Love You, Miss  
You by Allishia Sleva  
Special Intention for Steve by Marge  
Special Intention for Joe, Florence & Helen by  
The Children  
For Our Children & Granddaughter by Mom & Dad  
Special Intention by Duke & Joan  
Continued Good Recovery for Mike by Duke & Joan  
For My Beloved by Peg Schaediger  
For the Soul of Nancy Piercini Dietrich by Sheral  
Special Intention for My Family & Friends by Mary  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
Special Intentions by Higgins Family  
In Loving Memory of My Al ~ Love Fran  
In Memory of Our Parents by Frank & Mary Ann  
Special Intentions for Jer & Pat Tracy by Donna Y.  
In Loving Memory of Bill by Loving Wife Donna Y.  
Healing for Jerome by Pat  
Special Intentions for Shelley  
Special Intention by Patty  
Prayers for Gemma by Patty  
Easter Blessings for Family & Friends by Patty  
Healing Health by Shaun  
Health of Suzanne, EZ, Bob & Vaal by Lou & Margie  
For All of Our Relatives & Friends by Lou & Margie  
Special Intention by Lou & Margie  
Happy Easter to All by Lou & Margie  
Special Intention  
For C, B, B, B & A Families by Mom & D  
Special Intentions for Leah by Marge & Steve  
Blessed Easter to My Craft Friends  
Special Intentions by M & J Konidas

Special Intention by Donna Kamenas  
Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jackie & Edward, Jr.  
Special Intention for Lauren & Paul  
Special Intention for Christine, KA, BS & BT by M & S  
Special Intention for Mike & Sara ~ Love, Mom & Dad  
Special Intention for Samantha ~ Love, Mom & Dad  
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  
Special Intention for Christine, Kyle & Adelyn by Marge  
& Steve  
Prayers of Comfort for the Bruni Family by Roy & Anne  
Thank You M & L by Roy & Anne  
Thanksgiving for Special Friends by Roy & Anne  
Prayers for My Sister-in-law by Roy & Anne  
Special Intention & Prayers for Maria ~ Love, Mom & Dad  
Special Intention & Prayers for Maria & James ~ Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Special Intention & Prayers for Cara ~ Love, Mom & Dad  
Prayers for Safe Travel by The Brunis  
Special Prayers & Intention for Rachel, Laura, Abby &  
Tricia by The Brunis  
Rest in Peace for My Brother Gino by Bernard & Felicia  
Bruni and Family  
Thank You for Prayers Answered by The Brunis  
Intention for Mitch & Ricky by Mams & Unc.  
Intention for Lisa & Family by Mom & Jeff  
Intention for Jeff by Mom  
Intention for Regina  
Prayers & Comfort for Bruni Family by Chris & Debby  
In Loving Memory of Jack Schaar by Loving Wife Liz  
In Loving Memory of John ~ Rest in Peace ~ Love, Niki  
Special Intention for Children, Grandchildren & Great  
Grandchild by Nan  
Special Intention for All Parish Personnel & All Our  
Military by Margie Kufrovich  
Intentions of Sally Bednar & Bill by Margie Kufrovich  
Easter Blessings on Father Whalen, Deacon John, My  
Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by Margie  
Kufrovich  
In Thanksgiving for All Our Daily Blessings by Margie  
Kufrovich  
Praying for You June Blickley ~ Love, Jones Family  
Intentions of Rochelle, Marcella, Jessica ~ Love You  
~ Mom & Dad  
Rest in Peace Mom & Dad ~ Love Your Forever & Ever  
by Donald & Michele  
For Living & Deceased of Prosper & Berdanier Families  
~ Love, the Family