

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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January 1, 2023 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mon. 1/2,
Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Tues. 1/3, Christmas Weekday;
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wed. 1/4, 8:00am, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA)
Eternal Remembrance Society

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:30am (after Mass) followed by Benediction
Confession
Wednesday 8:30am-9:00am

Thurs. 1/5, 8:00am, St. John Neumann, Bishop (USA)
Deceased diocesan priests

Fri. 1/6, Christmas Weekday;
St. Andre Bessette, Religious

Sat. 1/7,
Confessions at 5:00pm – 5:15pm
Vigil Mass at 5:30pm
Blessings for our parish family

Sun. 1/8, The Epiphany of the Lord (USA)
Mass at 10:30am
Living and deceased members of St. Richard and St. John XXIII parishes

Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encouragement:

Linda Agosti, Robert Allesch Sr., Ann Balas, William Bednar, Mark BeYoung, Joe Bones, Bob Bonner, Marge Coassolo, Ella Connolly, Paul Curley, Maria Cusati, Nina Day, Margie Felosci, Eddy Freer, Marci Gill, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Valerie Higgins, Dr. Francis Kane, Paul Kerrick, Patrick Kotula, George Koval, Margaret Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Michael Matricion, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Eric Richardson, Helene Richmond, Joel Rivera, Cathy Sanchez, Mattea Sanfilippo, Jonathan Schimpf, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Joe Shustack Sr., Dominic Streisel, Edward Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson

Devotional and Intercessory Candles:

Sacred Heart: Special Intention by Duke and Joan

In Loving Memory of John & Eva Mizzer by Rajkowski Family
Special Intention by Sue & Jay
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
Special Intention for our family by Marge & Steve
In Loving Memory of the deceased of the Cumers and O'Brien families
Merry Christmas in Heaven Al – Mary and Children
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ~ 9:00 am—12:00 pm
Bulletin announcements may be emailed or called in **no later than** Wednesday 12:00 noon. Thank you.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

In observance of the New Year holiday, the parish office will be closed Mon. & Tues. January 2nd & 3rd. It will reopen on Wed. January 4th @ 9:00am.

FROM THE OFFICE:

On behalf of Fr. Finlan and the parish staff, may all of our parishioners and their families have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

May God bless us in his mercy.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, January 8th:

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Regular: \$2,106 ~ Candles: \$35

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

1/1~Initial Offering, Solemnity of Mary, Parish Facility Fund;
1/8~Parish Utilities; 1/15~Parish Utilities;
1/22~Parish Utilities; 1/29~Catholic Relief Services

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:

Available in the vestibule.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 1 - 4; Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 am
Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, January 15th at 9:00 am
Grades 1 - 4; Sunday, January 22nd at 9:30 am
Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, January 29th at 9:00 am

All classes are held in the hall except when noted.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

First meeting of 2023 to be held Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The sacrament will be administered following the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass this weekend (12/31 & 1/1).

Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH:

NEXT Sunday, January 8th at 1:00 pm.

LOTTERY CALENDARS: December 2022 Winners

12/18 Mary Helen Rehatchek, #893, \$25
12/19 Brooke Kurzinsky, #476, \$25
12/20 Not Sold, #337, \$25
12/21 Not Sold, #136, \$25
12/22 Ann Ryan, #965, \$25
12/23 Amy Whitley, #723, \$25
12/24 Not Sold, #074, \$100
12/25 Not Sold, #776, \$100

Just a reminder, there are still January lottery calendars for sale.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

The change of weather is upon us. When the bad weather does occur, St. Richard will follow Mahanoy Area School District. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be NO weekday Mass. Fr. Finlan will celebrate Mass for your loved one privately.

2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK: PLEASE READ

The Mass Book is now open. Intentions will be accepted through the 2023 Revised Mass Intention Form (found in church or online) and can be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped at the office. **Please use this revised form since it is different from previous years.** The form(s) must also be fully completed with the \$10 per Mass stipend enclosed.

As there is an overflow of Masses and Mass times are limited; we cannot guarantee a specific date and time for Mass intentions. To try and accommodate the intentions **(which also includes reserved dates)**, there is a limit of three Masses per family. Please also consider having a weekday Mass or remembering your loved one through the Eternal Remembrance Society, the Sanctuary Lamp or one of the Devotional Candles (Sacred Heart, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis, St. Joseph, St. Richard).

If there is a question with your request, the office will contact you.

Sponsor Eligibility:

Certificates of Eligibility for Baptism and Confirmation require the sponsor to be a registered & active member of the parish, and if married, in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for additional information.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on a Sunday afternoon. Parents need to be registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic and also obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date to begin pre-nuptial instructions before making any arrangements. Please call the parish office for more information and schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak (800) 791-9209
victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service @ www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.