

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

The parish plans to continue live-stream and recording Sunday, Holy Days, and other special liturgies on the parish's YouTube channel as indicated by the " * " in the weekly liturgy schedule.

Parish YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YO_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q

Mon. 1/11, 8:00am—Weekday

Joseph Shimukonas by Mickey & Jean Konidas

Tues. 1/12, 8:00am—Weekday

Eleanor Zakrewsky by The Family

Wed. 1/13, 8:00am—Weekday;

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

John Murtin by Beverly Macek

Thurs. 1/14, 6:00pm—Weekday

John Kowalick by Weber Family

Fri. 1/15, 8:00am—Weekday

Rose Horvat by Mike, Sue, & Rose

Sat. 1/16, Confessions @ 3:30 pm

Sat. 1/16, Vigil

Mass @ 4:00pm

People of the Parish

*Sun. 1/17, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

Ed & Julia Logan by Logan Family

Sun. 1/17

Mass @ 10:30am

Dorothy T. Yoder by Tim & Megan Demko

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30am Sunday Mass. Parents need to be registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic for a valid reception of Baptism and also obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays @ 3:30pm in the vestibule or call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ~ 9:00am—12:00noon

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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

Diocesan Secretary for :

Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services
Office of Safe Environment
P.O. Box F
Allentown, PA 18105-1538
(610) 871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at least one year 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.

Sponsor Eligibility:

Certificates of Eligibility for Baptism and Confirmation require the sponsor to be a registered & active member of the parish. Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

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.

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited & encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more info about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, & Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Dear parish family,

On this Sunday, January 10, 2021, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the last day of the Christmas Season. I am praying and hoping that you and your families having a blessed and holy Christmas Season. On Monday, January 11th, the Liturgy of the Church begins week one in Ordinary Time.

“Our hope is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” This past year was quite challenging for us to bear our crosses as disciples of Jesus Christ, involving much suffering for so many people here and around the world. This past week on January 4th, the Church celebrated the Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I found the first reading for the Mass on this memorial and the Office of Readings Second Reading from the Liturgy of the Hours for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s feast day quite inspiring and would like to share excerpts of these with you as our families strive to grow in holiness by the grace of God and through the Holy Spirit, as we begin the new calendar year.

1 John 3:23-4:6

“And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us.

Beloved, do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh belongs to God, and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus does not belong to God... [You belong to God, children, and you have conquered them, for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They belong to the world; accordingly, their teaching belongs to the world, and the world listens to them. We belong to God, and anyone who knows God listens to us, while anyone who does not belong to God refuses to hear us. This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit.]”

“From a conference to her spiritual daughters by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

I will tell you what is my own great help. I once read or heard that an interior life means but the continuation of our Savior’s life in us; that the great object of all his mysteries is to merit for us the grace of his interior life and communicate it to us, it being the end of his mission to lead us into the sweet land of promise, a life of constant union with himself. And what was the first rule of our dear Savior’s life? You know it was to do his Father’s will. Well, then, the first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will.

I know what his will is by those who direct me; whatever they bid me do, if it is ever so small in itself, is the will of God for me. Then do it in the manner he wills it, not sewing an old thing as if it were new, or a new thing as if it were old; not fretting because the oven is too hot, or in a fuss because it is too cold. You understand—not flying and driving because you are hurried, not creeping like a snail because no one pushes you. Our dear Savior was never in extremes. The third object is to do his will because God wills it, that is, to be ready to quit at any moment and to do anything else to which you may be called

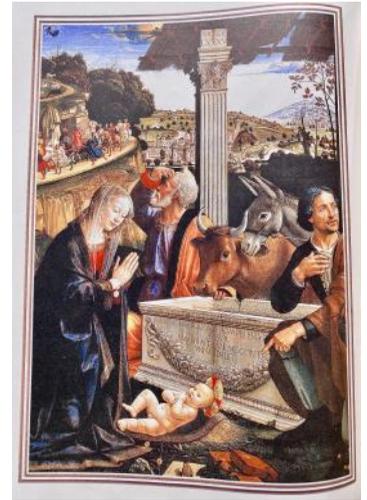
...Perseverance is a great grace. To go on gaining and advancing every day, we must be resolute, and bear and suffer as our blessed forerunners did. Which of them gained heaven without a struggle?...

[What are our real trials? By what name shall we call them? One cuts herself out a cross of pride; another, one of causeless discontent; another, one of restless impatience or peevish fretfulness. But is the whole any better than children’s play if looked at with the common eye of faith? Yet] we know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life, that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty

...Be above the vain fears of nature and efforts of your enemy. You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, and the best of Fathers waits there to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

Prayer

O God, who crowned with the gift of true faith Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton’s burning zeal to find you, grant by her intercession and example that we may always seek you with diligent love and find you in daily service with sincere faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.”



"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christus Natus Est!
Christ Is Born!

This ancient Christmas greeting fills our hearts with great joy at a time when such a message is needed most in our world so beleaguered by a devastating year of pandemic, civil violence, coarse words, and natural disasters.

It would be good to remind ourselves that Mary and Joseph also faced many challenges and uncertainties as they became the Holy Family of Nazareth. Both lived with the uncertainty of receiving a Child from God under circumstances they could not completely comprehend. They desperately searched for a suitable place to give birth to their Child on the dangerous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They were filled with wonder at the visit to their Son by the Magi. And, they knew the fear of having to flee to Egypt to protect their Child from the murderous Herod.

In many ways, this Christmas, perhaps more so than any we have experienced, we live amid much uncertainty and bewilderment. Exactly for this reason, we can see ourselves in the example of Mary and Joseph, finding joy in the birth of a Child, despite the swirling anxieties around us.

Like these Holy Parents, we also find hope: Hope in the salvation Christ's birth brings us; hope in a vaccine for the Coronavirus (which was administered for the first time on December 8th, the Immaculate Conception); hope that gradually we can fill our churches again, gather as families again, return to school again, and be fully employed again; hope for a better, calmer 2021.

At Christmas, we cannot allow 2020 to pass without expressing deep gratitude to all the persons who heroically provide health care, public safety, essential services, and the daily work that allows our society to function. We have taken you for granted for too long. God bless you for going to work every day, stocking shelves, delivering mail and parcels, mopping floors and cleaning door knobs, responding to emergency calls, donning PPE and going directly into the front lines of COVID, teaching in classrooms, and administering the Sacrament of the Sick to the dying.

Despite the agitation in the streets and the political shouting, the pandemic has forced us to realize that we are created in God's image and likeness, redeemed by the Infant Savior, and, from the stable of Bethlehem, that we rely deeply on one another as a human family

May God bless us with good health, renewed spirit, and a true realization and respect for the humanity of our neighbors in 2021. Our hope is in the realization that Christus natus est!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown"

Readings for Sunday Mass, January 17th:
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$3,633 ~ Candles: \$134

Responsorial Psalm:
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second Collections: 1/1~ Solemnity of Mary;
1/3~Monthly Supplement; 1/10~Parish Utilities;
1/17~Parish Utilities; 1/24~Parish Utilities;
1/31~Catholic Relief

Lottery Calendars Winners: (week ending 12/31)
12/28 Dominic Riotto, #014, Barnesville
12/29 T&M Galavage, #054, Port Carbon
12/30 John Byer, #296, Mahanoy City
12/31 No Winner, #030

**COOKS
WITH COLLARS
starting January 15!
Father Tolentino needs
your help!**



Fr. Tolentino will represent the Church of St. Richard in

COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (deadline February 15) for our Diocesan top chef! Each vote is just \$10.00. All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Father Eric and the Church of St. Richard a winner!

2021 Offering Envelopes: The remaining offering envelopes have been mailed. If you do not receive yours within the next week, please call the parish office. Thank you.

2021 Mass Intention Book: Due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic procedures and restrictions, the 2021 Mass Book opening will be done by the fully completed request form (1 request per form). The office will try to accommodate your first choices, however; if there are any questions or concerns, the office will contact you. The request forms are located in the church on the table as you enter or on the parish website.

Please note: We are not permitted to accept more than one intention per Mass. Also, some dates are reserved for specific parish intentions, this includes the Saturday Vigil Mass, (for example: People of the Parish). Mass requests may be submitted in the following ways:
1. Drop your Mass Intention Request form in an envelope marked "Attn: Secretary/Mass Requests" in the collection basket, rectory porch drop box or the mail OR 2. email to strichard@frontiernet.net (please include Mass Requests in the subject line).

The Angelus

V. The angel spoke God's message to Mary,
R. and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail, Mary

V. "I am the lowly servant of the Lord:
R. let it be done to me according to your word."
Hail, Mary

V. And the Word became flesh
R. and lived among us.
Hail, Mary

V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God.
R. That we may become worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Priest: Let us pray.

V. Lord,
fill our hearts with your grace:
once, through the message of an angel you revealed to us the
incarnation of your Son;
now, through his suffering and death lead us to the glory of
his resurrection.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

On Jordan's Bank 418

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the
Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he bring Glad tidings of the King of
kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way
for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home Where such a mighty guest
may come.

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

Ann Balas, William Bednar, Jim Bialek, Mark BeYoung, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Marge Coassolo, Paul Curley, Nina Day, Pat Firkal, Eddy Freer, William Godanis, Jr., Mike Grigalonis, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Dr. Francis Kane, Francis Keiser, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, George Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Dan Metzger, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Soutl, Dominic Streisel, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

Special Intention for Ronnie Rang by Antonette
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran
In Memory of Jean & John Andrusyshyn
by Mike & Gloria Burda
Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Prayer after Communion: Even though we are leaving
the church after receiving Holy Communion, it is very
important in our spiritual lives for us to pause and recognize
Christ's Eucharistic presence within us. We invite you to
take that time before leaving the church parking lot.

I. Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ,
wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated
from thee.
From the malignant enemy defend me. In the hour of my
death call me.
And bid me come unto Thee, That with all Thy saints,
I may praise thee Forever and ever. Amen.

II. May Your Body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and
Your Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my very soul,
and grant that no trace of sin be found in me, whom these
pure and holy mysteries have renewed.

III. Who live and reign, world without end. Amen. We
humbly beseech You, almighty God, to grant that those
whom You refresh with Your sacraments, may serve you
worthily by a life well pleasing to You. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns, world without

Baptized in Water 903

1. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the
blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's
praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb
with Christ our King:
One with his rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now
God's praise we sing.

In Memory of Frank Burda by wife, children, grandchild, &
great-grandchild
Rest in God's Peace brother Art, Love sister Pat
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
Healing for Joann by Beverly