

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. 2/8, 8:00am—Weekday;

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Living & deceased members of the Cumers, Brandewie,
& O'Brien families by Mary Cumers

Tues. 2/9, 8:00am—Weekday

In Loving Memory of Gary Macek by wife Beverly

Wed. 2/10, 8:00am—St. Scholastica, Virgin

Deceased diocesan priests

Thurs. 2/11, 6:00pm—Weekday;

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saige Leidwinger by Jack & Josh Cusatis

Fri. 2/12, 8:00am—Weekday

Joe Kufrovich by Bruce & Louise Rang

Sat. 2/13, Confessions @ 3:30 pm

Sat. 2/13

Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm

People of the Parish

*Sun. 2/14, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

Robert Rehatchek by Loving wife Mary Helen

Sun. 2/14

Mass @ 10:30am

Kenneth Karlavage by Beverly Macek

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

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,

St. John Paul II, Pope, wrote in his Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (E.V.) that: “The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news:

"I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11).

The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Savior; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)." (E.V. #1)

Please pray in communion with the Church for the respect and legal protection of every human life from conception to natural death. This past Friday, January 22, 2021, all of the Dioceses in the United States observed “a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion” on the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe vs. Wade* (1973).

“The Church knows that this Gospel of life, which she has received from her Lord, has a profound and persuasive echo in the heart of every person-believer and non-believer alike-because it marvelously fulfills all the heart's expectations while infinitely surpassing them. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded.

In a special way, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth recalled by the Second Vatican Council: "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being." This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person." (E.V. #2)

May God bless you and keep you,
+ Rev. Eric Tolentino

Readings for Sunday Mass, February 14th:
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1;
Mk 1:40-45

Responsorial Psalm:
Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2, 094 ~ Candles: \$38

Second Collections:
2/7~Monthly Supplement, Catholic Relief Services;
2/14~Parish Utilities; 2/17~Ash Wednesday;
2/21~ Black/Indian Home Missions; 2/28~Parish Utilities

2020 Contribution Statements: Anyone wanting to receive a copy of their 2020 Contribution Statement for tax preparation can call the office and leave your name, number, and a brief message.

2021 Offering Envelopes: The remaining offering envelopes were mailed. If you did not receive yours, please call the parish office. Thank you.

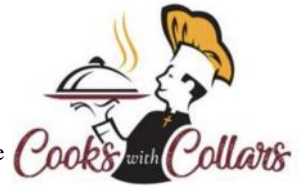
Parish Drop Boxes: There are 2 drop boxes located on the Parish Rectory porch. The larger box is for anything that comes directly to the office, the smaller box will be for all fundraising returns. Both these boxes are marked accordingly and locked and will be opened by office personnel. Thank you.

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).

**COOKS
WITH COLLARS**
One More Week To Go!
**Father Tolentino needs
your help!**



Fr. Tolentino is representing 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. And besides the publications in the AD Times and AD Today, there was a recent article in the Lehigh Times News and listed here is the link to a story run on BRC TV. www.brctv13.com/news/local-news/27036-cooks-with-collars-virtual-cooking-competition-fundraiser. So 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!

Fish/Crab Cake Dinner: Our annual Crab/Fish Dinner will be held Friday, February 19th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost is \$11 per dinner and includes choice of a piece of fried haddock or a fried crab cake, french fries, green beans, cole slaw and choice of cake.

Due to the recent inclement weather, the deadline for the return of your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances are Friday, February 12th. The tickets can be dropped in any of the Mass collections or in the box marked "Fundraisers" on the rectory porch. If you have any questions, please contact Joann @ (570) 640-1034. Thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Relief Services: This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help *Jesus in disguise*. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collections. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance: Junior & senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes beginning Monday, February 15th through Friday, March 26th. The program is part of the United States Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. To schedule a VITA appointment, call (610) 282-1100, ext. 1868. A DeSales student will return the phone call & provide assistance accordingly. Individuals needing assistance should bring all printed tax information and all documents pertaining to federal, state and local taxes to their appointment. All in-person appointments will be conducted with all COVID-related precautions, and visitors to the DeSales campus are required to be masked.

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.

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 end. Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 567

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God everlasting through eternity.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! 570

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all,
And crown him Lord of all, And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all!
2. Crown him, you martyrs of our God Who from his altar call:
Extol the stem of Jesus' rod, And crown him Lord of all,
And crown him Lord of all, And crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesus' rod, And crown him Lord of all!

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 Sault, Dominic Streisel, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Intercessory Candles

Happy Birthday to my Al in Heaven, Love Fran
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
Special Intention for good treatment results & health

Healing for Jack & Rose by Sue
Recovery for niece Janet, Love Aunt Pat
Special Intention by Sue & Jay