

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 8:00 am, February 17th — Weekday;
(opt) The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Intention: Agnes & Ignatz Lemonovich by daughter Vicky Karnish

Tuesday 8:00 am, February 18th — Weekday
Intention: Gertrude B. Schwick by Anna Brennan

Wednesday 8:00 am, February 19th — Weekday
Intention: Emil Forgotch by Gerry Kandrot

Thursday 6:00 pm, February 20th — Weekday
Intention: Bob Rehatchek by wife Mary Helen

Friday 8:00 am, February 21st — Weekday;
(St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)
Intention: Ellen Bross by Peter Fazio

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are 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 or call the Rectory to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at least one year prior to the proposed wedding date to begin pre-nuptial instructions. 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 an active & registered member of the parish. Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak (800) 791-9209
victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:
Sister Meg Cole (610) 332-0442 Ext. 2019
mcole@allentowndioocese.org

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.allentowndioocese.org & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Saturday 3:30 pm, February 22nd Confessions

Saturday 4:00 pm, February 22nd Vigil Mass

Intention: Susan Kovich by Leo & Lorraine Drosdak

Lector: Tim Demko

EM: Megan Demko, Steve Souchak

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert

Sunday 8:30 am, February 23rd, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Paul Campbell by Family

Lector: Peg Schaediger

EM: Paul Babinsky, Joe Dereskavich

Altar Servers: Allyson Babinsky, John Babinsky

Sunday 10:30 am, February 23rd

Intention: People of the Parish

Lector: Beth Bialek

EM: Jim Kane, Kristen Williams

Altar Servers: Bree Dobeck, Nicole Yost

Psalm Response:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Readings for Sunday Mass, February 23rd:

LV 19:1-2, 17-18; PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 3:16-23; MT 5:38-48

Sunday Collection:

Regular: \$2,706 ~ Candles: \$122 ~ Parish Utilities: \$152

Second Collections:

February 15th & February 16th ~ Parish Utilities

February 22nd & February 23rd ~ Parish Utilities

Mass Attendance:

(February 8th & February 9th):

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 130 Sunday, 8:30 am - 117 Sunday, 10:30 am - 147

Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encouragement: Ann Balas, William Bednar, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Marge Coassolo, Paul Curley, Nina Day, Eddy Freer, William Godanis, Jr., Joe Goodrich, Mike Grigalonis, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Dr. Francis Kane, Kenny Karlavage, Francis Keiser, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, George Kufrovich, Joe Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Dan Metzger, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Soult, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Bulletins for Children: Available in the vestibule.

Religious Education:

Grades 1st through 4th ~ Sunday, February 16th @ 9:30 am in the hall

Grades 5th through 7th ~ Sunday, February 16th @ 6:00 pm in the hall

Grades 1st through 4th ~ Sunday, February 23rd @ 9:30 am in the hall

From the Office of the Bishop: In light of the heightened cases of Influenza being reported in our five-county areas and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Influenza Status of “widespread,” His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended beginning with the Vigil and Sundays Mases on the weekend of January 11th & January 12th. The suspension will be in effect until further notice is given when the incidence of influenza subsides in our region.

A Spiritual Lesson from Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.:

“Humility is nothing more or less than knowing our place before God.”

Volunteers Needed: We are still looking for additional volunteers to join our team of counters for the weekend Masses, especially the Sunday 8:30 am Mass. If you are interested, please contact the parish office during business hours. Thank you.

Cub Scouts: Wednesday, February 19th @ 6:30 pm in the hall.

Adult Bible Study: Thursday, February 20th @ 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Boy Scouts: Thursday, February 20th @ 7:00 pm in the hall.

Palms Past: By tradition, the ashes that are used for Ash Wednesday are obtained by burning the palms left over from the Palm Sunday of the prior year. Those ashes are then collected and blessed as part of the liturgy with Ash Wednesday. If you still have blessed palms from last year, bring them to the church **this** weekend, February 15th & 16th, and place them in the basket in the vestibule so we are able to make ashes to be used for this year’s Ash Wednesday.

Choir Practice: Beginning Wednesday, February 26th at 4:00 pm in the choir loft. All are welcome!

Fish/Crab Cake Dinner: Friday, February 28th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances in any of the Mass collections or bring them to the rectory; whichever is convenient for you. Also, there are sign up sheets in the vestibule for donations of baked goods, beverages and workers the day of the dinner. Please lend a helping hand wherever you can!

13th Annual Gala Raffle: The annual Gala is a significant source of income to help fund all of Catholic Charities’ critical programs and services such as Pregnancy & Parenting Support, Counseling Services, Veterans Services, Immigration Services, Soup Kitchens/Community Center (Pottsville & Allentown), and Services for Older Adults. 1st Prize: 2 exclusive tickets for the Broadway Preview performance on March 16th at the Longacre Theatre (Value: Priceless), 2nd Prize: Diamond Tennis Bracelet (Value: \$1,000) and 3rd Prize: Hotel Bethlehem Getaway (Value: \$500). Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and can be purchased at the parish office. Drawing date is March 8th and winner need not be present to win.

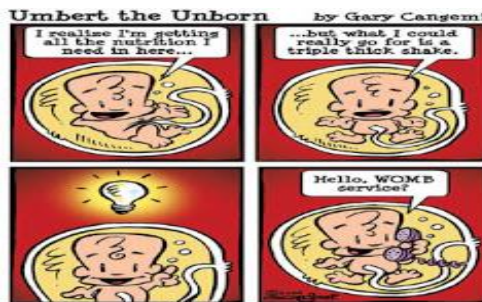
Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat—An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion on March 6th-8th. Held in a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God’s compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact Sr. Meg Cole (toll free) @ 1-866-3 RACHEL or (610) 332-0442 x 2019. Deadline for registration is March 1st.

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, January 20th through Friday, March 27th. 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.

World Marriage Day: Couples, Do you have a desire for your good marriage to be even better? A World Marriage Day weekend will help you discover new ways to refresh your marriage. For more information call (610) 449-1859 or visit www.wwme.org.

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE? Seek answers at **Discovering Christ** which will be presented at All Saints R.C. parish in McAdoo this coming Lent. Life can be overwhelming. Do you ever wish for some way – any way – to slow down and really consider what it's all about? **Discovering Christ** is for all adults who are curious about the meaning of Christ for our lives. It will run for 7 weeks from Feb 20th to April 2nd on Thursday nights 6:45 – 9:15 pm. It will be held in the Church Hall (34 N. Cleveland St. McAdoo) across from All Saints Church. Each session includes a delicious, and free, dinner; an engaging Bible-inspired message and conversation about the message. All are invited. No cost to participate. Register by calling the office at 570-929-1073 or check out "All Saints Parish" McAdoo on Facebook.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley offers hope for married couples experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery, or frustration in their marriage. Couples learn valuable communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Our next program starts February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern PA. For more information, call (215) 766-6944 or (800) 470-2230. All inquiries kept strictly confidential.



Intercessory Candles

Special Intention by Sue & Jay
Rest in God's Peace Jer ~ Love, Wife Pat
In Loving Memory of my Al ~ Love, Fran
Special Intentions by the Higgins Family
In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek
In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek

Prayers for Good Health
Prayers for the Weber Family
Love, Michele, & Don Jones
Special Intention for Stanley Schodowski
by the Schodowski Family