

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

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_SqC1KeZsyFjO4vpw3Q

Mon. 2/22, 8:00am—The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle
Leo Drosdak by Anna & Jack Yaroma

Sat. 2/27, Confessions @ 3:30 pm

Tues. 2/23, 8:00am—Lenten Weekday;
St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
Helen Krutsick by Gene & Michele McConnon

Sat. 2/27
Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm
People of the Parish

Wed. 2/24, 8:00 am—Lenten Weekday
Living & deceased members of the Cumers,
Brandewie & O'Brien Families by Mary Cumers

***Sun. 2/28, 2nd Sunday of Lent**
Mass @ 8:30am
(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)
Kenny Karlavage by Stanley & Joann Dombrowski

Thurs. 2/25, 6:00pm—Lenten Weekday
Barbara Savage by Ray & Mary Ann Boyer

Sun. 2/28
Mass @ 10:30am
Henry F. Coyne by the Demko Family

Fri. 2/26, 8:00 am—Lenten Weekday
Robert Demko by Duke & Joan Demko
6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross

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 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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.

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,

So far Punxsutawney Phil prediction of six more weeks of winter is accurate and includes beaucoup snow making Schuylkill County a “winter wonderland.” I hope and pray that you are safe and managed to clear the snow from the last snow storm before we get more snow this coming week.

While praying the Liturgy Hours Office of Readings, I read a quote from the constitution on the Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council - *Sacrosanctum Concilium* and was inspired by the beauty of the Liturgy of the Church, especially her celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. I would like to share some of our Catholic faith’s teaching about of the liturgy so that we can continue to grow in understanding and appreciation of the Sacrifice of the Mass as we prepare to begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

"In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven" is the Gospel - Good News - that we are longing to hear and the way in which our Lord redeems and sustains us and nourishes us with heavenly food of his Real Presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

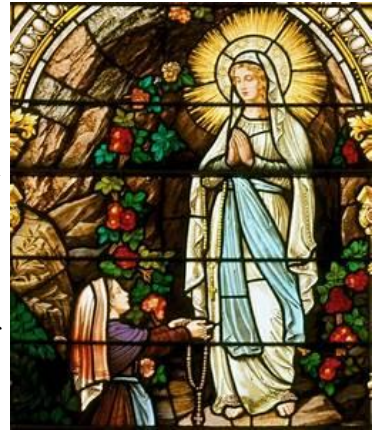
From the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council
(*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nn. 7-8. 106)

Christ is present to his Church

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.*

Indeed, in this great work which give perfect glory to God ad brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man’s sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.



Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a preeminent kind. No other action of the Church equals it title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goals of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ’s resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord’s day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord’s day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

Readings for Sunday Mass, February 28th:
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19;
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Responsorial Psalm:
Your ways O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,924 ~ Candles: \$58

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 streichard@frontiernet.net (please include Mass Requests in the subject line).

Late Night Lent: Hosted by Maggie Riggins, Director of the Office of Young Adult and Campus Evangelization, each Wednesday evening in Lent will include Lenten reflections, small group discussions, and appearances by special guests who will share their Lenten journey. Links to join the Zoom event will be posted and shared on the Diocese of Allentown Facebook page under Events.

UPDATE—Fish/Crab Cake Dinner:

Due to the unpredictable inclement weather, our annual Crab/Fish Dinner **has been rescheduled to Friday, March 19th** from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Dinners and 50/50 chances are still available for purchase. 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.

If you have any questions, **please** contact Joann @ (570) 640-1034.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our parish.

Marian Catholic High School:

Join us for a Virtual Information Session to learn more about Marian Catholic!

Final Date: Monday, Feb. 22nd at 6:30PM.

All **new** students who enroll by Feb. 26th are entered into our tuition credit raffle to win \$3K, \$2K, \$1K, or \$500 off their tuition. Winners announced March 1st.

For more information, please call Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment Management, @ 570-467-3335 ext. 116 or email at mmilosh@mariancatholicchs.org.

Natural Family Planning Event: The Office of Adult Catechesis & Evangelization (ACE) will offer a presentation by Fr. Daniel McCaffrey of Natural Family Planning Outreach. The presentation is open to the public and will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, **Feb. 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM.**

This presentation comes in response to requests from the lay faithful to provide more content, training, and resources on the topic of Natural Family Planning. The goal of offering this presentation is to increase openness to Natural Family Planning among married couples in the Diocese of Allentown, to educate couples properly on the effectiveness of NFP as well as the theological reasons for choosing it, and to provide adequate resources for couples interested in learning more. Fr. McCaffrey's bio, as well as information on Natural Family Planning Outreach, can be found at this link:
<https://www.nfpoutreach.org/3>.

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

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 479

1. Lord, who throughout these forth days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us to overcome our sins,
And close by you to stay.

2. As you with Satan did contend
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

Forty Days and Forty Nights 483

1. Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?

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

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat

Special Intention by Sue & Jay
Special Intention for good treatment results & health