

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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February 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 8:00 am, February 24th — Weekday
Intention: Donna J. Yacilla by Cathy & Frank Riotto

Tuesday 8:00 am, February 25th — Weekday
Intention: Peter Karnish by Vicky Karnish & Stella

Wednesday February 26th — Ash Wednesday
8:00 am, Intention: Priest Intention
6:00 pm, Intention: Priest Intention

Thursday, February 27th — No Mass

Friday, February 28th—No Mass
8:00 am, Communion Service and Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross and Benediction

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 29th Confessions

Saturday 4:00 pm, February 29th Vigil Mass

Intention: Deceased Members of the Muttro Family

Lector: Gale Kufrovich

EM: Sheral Bamford, Nancy Brylewski

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert

Sunday 8:30 am, March 1st, 1st Sunday of Lent

Intention: Deceased Members of the Weber & Kowalick Families by the Weber Family

Lector: Anne Paisley

EM: Jack Hurst, Roy Paisley

Altar Servers: Noah Hayes, Kenna Wonsock

Sunday 10:30 am, March 1st

Intention: People of the Parish

Lector: Gloria Burda

EM: Mike Burda, Tony Liscusky

Altar Servers: Olivia Sebastian, William Stoyer

Psalm Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Readings for Sunday Mass, March 1st:

GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7; PS 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; ROM 5:12-19 or 17-19; MT 4:1-11

Sunday Collection:

Regular: \$2,779 ~ Candles: \$157 ~ Parish Utilities: \$133

Second Collections:

February 22nd & February 23rd ~ Parish Utilities

March 1st & March 2nd ~ Black / Indian Home Missions

Monthly Supplement

Mass Attendance:

(February 15th & February 16th):

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 114 Sunday, 8:30 am - 91 Sunday, 10:30 am - 127

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, Bobby Moucheron, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Sault, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Bulletins for Children: Available in the vestibule.

Religious Education:

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

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Grades 5th through 7th ~ Sunday, March 1st @ 6:00 pm in the hall

Schedules: Lector, Eucharistic Minister & Altar Server schedules are available in the sacristy.

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

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

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. The suspension will be in effect until further notice is given when the incidence of influenza subsides in our region.

With Gratitude: Deacon John would like to extend his heartfelt thank you to all who joined him this past Sunday for his retirement luncheon. He is truly grateful to everyone for their cards, gifts, prayers and words of encouragement. Thank you all and God Bless!

Operation Rice Bowl: Millions of Catholics join together through Operation Rice Bowl and reach out in solidarity with those who suffer from hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting, learning and giving during the Lenten season. Your prayers, sacrifices, and generous donations support Catholic Relief Services’ food security projects overseas as well as local hunger and poverty efforts in our diocese. Operation Rice Bowl provides a tangible opportunity to put our faith into action and help people around the world and here in the United States. Each Sunday during Lent, the second collection will ONLY be for Operation Rice Bowl.

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.

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

Cub Scouts: Wednesday, February 26th @ 6:30 pm in the hall.

Adult Bible Study: Thursday, February 27th @ 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Boy Scouts: Thursday, February 27th @ 7:00 pm in the hall.

Fish/Crab Cake Dinner: This 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.

Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting. The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (1 March until 7 June 2020). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Rice Bowl."

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

St. Richard: Special Intention for Bobby Moucheron by friend "Bucky"

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 Charlotte M. Bowman
Happy Birthday in Heaven Dad ~ Love Linda
Feel Better Marge (Nan) Kufrovich by Great-grandchildren Jordan, Kaelyn, & families
Prayers for Lori White
Prayers for good test results
Good Health & God's Blessings up "Nanny"
Love you

Prayers for Good Health
Prayers for the Weber Family
Love, Michele, & Don Jones
Special Intention for Stanley Schodowski
by the Schodowski Family
I like to Thank the parishioners for their prayers
God Bless, Louise
Safe Delivery & healthy baby for Emily
by Donna Kamenus
Good Health for Danielle by Gram Bam
For the continued recovery of Mary Helen Rehatchek
by M&S