



Church of Saint Richard

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February 24, 2019 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Fri. Devotions: 8am Mass, Adoration All Day, Benediction & Sacred Heart Novena 4:00pm

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC – Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator - Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT - Phone: 610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Saint Richard's Welcomes All!!

Daily Mass

Tuesday, 26 February (6:00 pm) ~ Weekday

Intention: Judy Zukoski by Celia Zukoski

Wednesday, 27 February (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: Betty Ann Pavelko by Ed & Juanita Kubert

Thursday, 28 February (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: Steve Kachmar by Sharon & Josh Kachmar

Friday, 1 March (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: For all deceased diocesan priests

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass ~ Benediction at 3:00 pm

Saturday - March 2nd - 3:30 pm - Confessions

Saturday - March 2nd - 4:00 pm - Vigil of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Tommy Peca by Peca Family

Lector: Tim Demko

Eucharistic Minister: Sheral Bamford

Altar Servers: Jacob Mummey, Isidora Neifert

Sunday - March 3rd - 8:30 am - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Cathey Schimpf by Cathy & Frank

Lector: Bruce Rang

Eucharistic Minister: Felicia Bruni

Altar Servers: Lillian Stoyer, Will Stoyer

Sunday - March 3rd - 10:30 am - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: For the living and deceased parishioners

Lector: Steve McCarthy

Eucharistic Minister: Virginia Purcell

Altar Servers: Cole Macieunas, Nicole Yost

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Loving Memory of the Zoba Family

St. Joseph: In Memory of Sylvester Ligenza by Pilla Family

Sunday Collection:

Regular: \$2,351 — Candles: \$158 — Black/Indian Home Missions: \$451

Second Collections: February 23rd and February 24th ~ Parish Utilities
March 2nd and March 3rd ~ Monthly Supplement & Easter Flowers

Mass Attendance: (February 16th & February 17th)

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 120 Sunday, 8:30 am - 119 Sunday, 10:30 am - 99

Religious Education:

- Grades 1st through 4th ~ February 24th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
- Grades 1st through 4th ~ March 3rd @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
- Grades 5th through 8th ~ March 3rd @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall

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

Healing Our Church: Please prayerfully consider participating to voice your ideas and opinions as well as grow closer to Our Lord. Session begins Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. (Sign up sheet in the vestibule).

The topics will be divided for each week of the Lenten Season.

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| 1st Week ~ Facing the Truth | 4th Week ~ Why Do I Remain Catholic? |
| 2nd Week ~ Healing Our Wounds | 5th Week ~ We Believe |
| 3rd Week ~ Rebuilding Our Church | 6th Week ~ A Way Forward |

These Prayer Groups will be conducted in the style of Renew 2000. There is a leader and facilitator, participants and ample time for each to share their thoughts. There will also be a time for light food and drink at each week meeting.

Prospective Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation: Being asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is an honor and a privilege, not a right. The Church requires that sponsors must be themselves baptized and confirmed Catholics who regularly practice their faith by attending the Lord's Day Masses and being good examples of what it means to be Catholic. It's not enough that the sponsor is a good friend or member of the family—they must also be a serious and committed disciple of Christ who can encourage and accompany the child to be sponsored in their journey of faith. Please be aware of your responsibilities and these requirements before you agree to be a sponsor.

Bulletins for Children: Available and can be picked up in the vestibule.

Pick Up Your Mail: As you know, postage is expensive these days. You can help our parish cut expenses by picking up the envelopes in the vestibule of the church. Before or after Mass take time to go through the “mail” that has been alphabetically arranged to help you find your envelope. If you don’t find your name please call the church office (occasionally we miss someone on the parish list). Beginning this weekend you’ll find a manila envelope which contains our Lent/Easter information. Again, picking this mail up from church for yourself (or a friend or neighbor who isn’t able to get to church often) will go a long way in saving us the extra postage that would be required to send them out. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to save funds that can be better used elsewhere. Please note that our Basket Raffle letter will be available in the church vestibule next weekend. We hope that everyone will make the effort to support this project by using the suggestions found in the letter. Thanks to all who do their part to provide for the financial welfare of our parish.

Scout Sunday: Troop 725 will participate this weekend at the 10:30 am Mass. The scouts invite you to join them in the hall immediately following Mass for coffee and snacks. You can also see the cub scouts as they display their derby cars. Come and meet some great kids doing some amazing things! Scouts past and present are encouraged to join in the fun!

Adult Bible Study: Thursday, February 28th @ 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room. The topic will continue with Moses in The Book of Exodus. As always, new members are welcome.

Boy Scouts Meeting: Thursday, February 28th, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Sweet Grace Infant Support Group: This organization offers support for any parent who has experienced the loss of their child through ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death. Please join us as we begin our journey to healing and shared community. The group will meet in St. Richard’s Hall on Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:00 pm. For any questions, please call Krystal Finneran at (570) 778-8498.

Choir Practice: Wednesday, March 6th @ 5:30 pm in the church. All are welcome.

Fish/Crab Cake Dinner: This year’s dinner will be held Friday, March 8th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances either in a Mass collection or bring them to the rectory; whichever is convenient for you. Also, there are sign up sheets for donations of baked goods, beverages and workers the day of the dinner. Please lend a helping hand wherever you can-it is always appreciated!

Spring Bazaar: Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm @ St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, 1115 Walnut St, Ashland. The event will include a bake sale, home-made soups, pigeons, halushki, BBQ, door prizes and more!

Mission March: Presented by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from New York City. Held March 11-13th at 7:00 pm from St. Partick’s Parish in Pottsville. They are offering “a clear message of healing and hope in difficult days”. One of the attending Brothers is Br. Kolbe Immaculata-originally from Barnesville.

The Bereavement Ministry: Please join us for a presentation “Grief, Bereavement and Moving On” by Lisa Taylor, Clinical Supervisor/Counseling Department for the Diocese of Allentown. The event will be held Monday, March 11th, 6:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, 9 South Broad Mountain Ave, Frackville. It is free and open to the public with an opportunity for discussion and questions to follow.

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 now through Friday, March 29th. 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.

Contribution Statements: Anyone wishing to receive a copy of their 2018 Contribution Statement for tax preparation, please call during office hours (Monday-Friday; 9am-1pm) to request one.

Children’s Envelopes in the Vestibule: If your child will be using an envelope, please have them write their full family name on the first few, so we can cross reference their name with the envelope number.

Family Envelopes: If you haven’t picked up your contribution envelope pack, please call the church office. Remember that your record of Mass attendance is an important factor in obtaining a certificate of sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation. Regular use of contribution envelopes not only supports your parish financially, but also serves as a record of attendance. Please pass the information on to those who have been absent from Mass.

Upcoming Sacramental Schedule: Confirmation (8th grade), Wednesday, March 27th @ St. John XXIII , Tamaqua at 4:30 pm Mass; Holy Communion (3rd graders), Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am Mass; 1st Penance (2nd graders), Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30 pm (Prayer Service and Penance)

Upcoming Basket Raffle: This year we are hosting our basket raffle on Saturday, April 13th for browsing from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; with the actual raffle being held Sunday, April 14th. The doors will open at 11:30 am and drawing will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be available for purchase on Sunday only. Look for more information to come shortly!

Intercessory Candles

In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman
Happy Birthday in Heaven Dad, Love Linda
Good Health & God’s Blessings upon neighbors,
friends & family by M. Jones
In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad Lemonovich
by daughters Vicky & Stella
Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Rest in God’s Peace Jer by Wife Pat
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran
Special Intention for good test results
Special Intentions by Higgins Family
Lord’s Blessing for good health and happiness to
Michele Jones & family & Uncle Jim by Sally & Bill
Lord’s Blessings to our living & deceased family,
relatives, friends & neighbors by Sally & Bill