



# Church of Saint Richard

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## March 3, 2019 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Devotions: 8am Mass, Adoration All Day, Benediction & Sacred Heart Novena 3:00pm**

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

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## *Saint Richard's Welcomes All!!*

### Daily Mass

Tuesday, 5 March (6:00 pm) ~ Weekday

Intention: Judy Zukoski by Celia Zukoski

(6:30 pm) ~ Healing Our Church: Facing the Truth (church “cry room”)

### Ash Wednesday, 6 March ~ Lent Begins

(8:00 am) ~ Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Intention: Betty Ann Pavelko by Ed & Juanita Kubert

Lector: Bruce Rang

Eucharistic Minister: Felicia Bruni

Altar Servers: Taylor Walsh

(12:00 pm) ~ Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

Lector: Donna Yacilla

(4:00 pm) ~ Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Intention: Jean Andrusyshyn by Jeff & Marian Walker

Lector: Beth Bialek

Eucharistic Minister: Terry Purcell

Altar Servers: Bree Dobeck, Carly Hasara

Thursday, 7 March (8:00 am) ~ Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Intention: In Memory of Sharon Steeves & Special Intention for Eddy Freer by Family

Friday, 8 March (8:00 am) ~ Friday after Ash Wednesday

Intention: Robert Demko by Duke & Joan Demko

(6:00 pm) ~ Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Confessions follow until 7:00 pm

**Saturday - March 9th - 3:30 pm - Confessions**

**Saturday - March 9th - 4:00 pm - Vigil of First Sunday of Lent**

Intention: William C. Yacilla by Marianne Ponting & John Lynch

Lector: Tim Demko

Eucharistic Minister: Donna Yacilla

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert

**Sunday - March 10th - 8:30 am - First Sunday of Lent**

Intention: Clara McKinley by Stan & Joann Dombrowski

Lector: Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Babinsky

Altar Servers: Allyson Babinsky, John Baninsky

**Sunday - March 10th - 10:30 am - First Sunday of Lent**

Intention: For the living and deceased parishioners

Lector: Gloria Burda

Eucharistic Minister: Mike Burda

Altar Servers: Cole Macieunas, Nicole Yost

**Psalm Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

**Sanctuary Lamp:** In Loving Memory of the Zoba & Curran Families

**St. Joseph:** In Loving Memory of Bob Rehatchek by Wife Mary Helen

**Sunday Collection:**

Regular: \$2,563 — Candles: \$219 — Parish Utilities: \$181

**Second Collections:** March 2nd and March 3rd ~ Monthly Supplement & Easter Flowers  
March 9th and March 10th ~ Parish Utilities

**Mass Attendance: (February 23rd & February 24th)**

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 114    Sunday, 8:30 am - 117    Sunday, 10:30 am - 133

**Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encouragement:** Ann Balas, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Paul Curley, Nina Day, Eddy Freer, 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.

**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). This weekend you’ll find a manila envelope which contains our Lent/Easter information. Please note that our Basket Raffle letter will be available in the church vestibule this 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.

## **Religious Education:**

- Grades 1st through 4th ~ March 3rd @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
- Grades 5th through 8th ~ March 3rd @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall
- Grades 1st through 4th ~ March 10th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

**Ember Days:** As the Season of Lent approaches, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert asks the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season as a sign of reparation and healing for the Church. Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are twelve Ember Days in all. The Lenten Ember Days blend with the season of Lent, providing reminders to continue and persevere in the spirit of conversion and penance. The fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day. The Lenten Ember Days for 2019 are as follows: Wednesday, March 13th; Friday, March 15; and Saturday, March 16th.

**Our Lenten Obligation:** Church laws 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.

**Who must fast?** All Catholics who are between the ages of 19 & 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

**Who must abstain?** All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

**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.

**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.

**Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast &/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 obligation.

**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 church (cry room). (Sign up sheet in the vestibule).

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

1st Week ~ Facing the Truth

2nd Week ~ Healing Our Wounds

3rd Week ~ Rebuilding Our Church

4th Week ~ Why Do I Remain Catholic?

5th Week ~ We Believe

6th Week ~ A Way Forward

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

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

**Adult Bible Study:** Thursday, March 7th @ 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room. The topic will continue with Moses and the Ten Commandments. New members are always welcome.

**Boy Scouts Meeting:** Thursday, March 7th 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

**Fish/Crab Cake Dinner:** Held this Friday, March 8th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances to the rectory. Also, there are sign up sheets for donations of baked goods, beverages and workers the day of the dinner. Please lend a helping hand -it is always appreciated!

**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.

**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  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
Prayers for a safe trip & successful operation for  
Kelly O ~ Love, Louise & Bruce  
God's Blessings on your 50th Wedding  
Anniversary Bob & Dee Harvan by  
Margie Kufrovich  
Prayers for safe traveling by John & Barbara  
Good Health for all family members  
by John & Barbara  
Birthday Prayers for Fr. Whalen & my husband  
by Barbara  
In Loving Memory of Sharon Steeves

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  
Special Intention by Antonette  
Special Intention for George & Luanne  
In Memory of Francis Goncalves by Pat & Al  
Prayers for those on our parish healing list  
by John & Barbara  
Strength for our President & his cabinet  
by John & Barbara  
Prayers for all deceased family & friends  
by John & Barbara  
Special Intention for Eddy Freer