

# Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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## March 7, 2021 Third 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YO_SqC1KeZsyFjO4vpw3Q)

### Mon. 3/8, 8:00am—Lenten Weekday;

*St. John of God, Religious*

Living & deceased members of the Cumers, Brandewie, & O'Brien families by Mary Cumers

### Tues. 3/9, 8:00am—Lenten Weekday;

*St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

Mary Ellen Marchalonis by Duke & Joan Demko

### Wed. 3/10, 8:00am—Lenten Weekday

Leo Drosdak by Robert M. Kistler Family

### Thurs. 3/11, 6:00pm—Lenten Weekday

Gladys Syzdek by Jack Keiser

### Fri. 3/12

#### 8:00am, Lenten Weekday

Marie Greene by Kamenas Family

#### 6:00 pm, Stations of the Cross & Benediction

### 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 Reconciliation:

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

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ~ 9:00am—12:00noon

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:  
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak (800) 791-9209  
[victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

### Sat. 3/13

#### Confessions @ 3:30pm

#### Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm

Alvin Fritz by Wife & Children

### \*Sun. 3/14, 4th Sunday of Lent

#### Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

Mary Senglar by Family

### Sun. 3/14

#### Mass @ 10:30am

People of the 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.

### 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.

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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.



Dear Parish Family,

How quickly time has past. It seems that not too long ago we began celebrating the season of Ordinary Time after the end of Christmas Season. Now Lent recently has begun and this Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent.

As the Church celebrates the liturgical seasons, “Holy Mother Church believes that she should celebrate the saving work of her divine Spouse in a sacred commemoration on certain days throughout the course of the year...In the course of the year moreover, she unfolds the whole mystery of Christ... Thus recalling the mysteries of the redemption, she opens up to the faithful the riches of her Lord’s powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present at every age; the faithful lay hold of them and are filled with saving grace.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1163; *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 102)

Lent is a liturgical season for us, as Christians, to seek Christ’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray, fast and give alms, the latter of which includes continued growth in our practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy and Spiritual Works of Mercy (see list below to share with your family).

By the grace of God may all of our parish family have a blessed and fruitful Lent as we prepare, as members of the Body of Christ, to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Lord at the Paschal *Triduum* and by the grace of God be renewed as faithful holy disciples of Christ.

May God bless you and keep you,  
+ Rev. Eric Tolentino

#### The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

#### The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive Offenses.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

## Readings for Sunday Mass, March 14th:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21

## Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$2,950 ~ Candles: \$76

## Second Collections:

3/7, 3/14, 3/21, and 3/28 ~ Operation Rice Bowl

**2020 Contribution Statements:** Anyone wanting to receive a copy of their 2020 Contribution Statement for tax preparation can call the office during business hours.

**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 [stritchard@frontiernet.net](mailto:stritchard@frontiernet.net) (please include Mass Requests in the subject line).

## Religious Education:

CCD/Prep classes have resumed with in-person instruction. Masks must be worn.

- Grades 1 through 4  
Sunday, March 7th @ 9:30 am in the hall
- Grades 5 through 7  
Sunday, March 14th @ 6:00 pm in the hall
- Grades 1 through 4  
Sunday, March 21st @ 9:30 am in the hall
- Grades 5 through 7  
Sunday, March 28th @ 6:00 pm in the hall

**Fish/Crab Cake Dinner:** 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. If you have any questions, please contact Joann @ (570) 640-1034. Thank you.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday March 28th, starting at 12pm. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is imperative to sign up as your family will be given a time slot. There will be 3 separate hunt sections and families will hunt in a section. Every family/group will be separated from each other. Prizes and a visit (socially distanced accordingly) from our special guest will be Outside. Prizes and donations for the egg hunt would be greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to donate, to sign up or have any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at (732)687-0433 or via Facebook messenger. Masks must be worn.

## Conversation & Community: (Young Adult Listening Sessions)

Let's get together for an informal conversation about young adult life in the Church. Saturday, March 20th, 5:45pm (following the 5pm Mass) at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville. There is no need to RSVP, but would be helpful for planning the refreshments. Please call (570) 622-5470 or email [stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net).

**Soup Kitchen Cooks/Servers Needed:** Provide a welcoming, respectful environment for the homeless and those in need. Both individuals and parish groups of 6-8 volunteers are needed to serve a meal at the Pottsville Area Kitchen once a month. Meals are served Monday through Thursdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm and Sundays at 12:00. Currently, we are providing grab and go meals and follow CDC guidelines. All volunteers must complete background checks, training and forms. For more information, please contact Terry Alexander @ (570) 617-2957 or Bob Olney @ (610) 435-3541 ext. 327.

**Marian High School Enrollment:** An exception education rooted in faith, family, and tradition. Currently enrolling for the 2021-2022 year. Financial aid and transfer grants available. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Mary Milosh @ (570) 467-3335 ext. 116 or email at [mmilosh@mariancatholicchs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholicchs.org).

**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.

**Commission for Men Monthly Rosary:** The Commission for Men will be hosting a monthly rosary for men and their families every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. Join us to pray for peace in our nation and in our world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, and for an increase in vocations to religious life and priesthood – in our Diocese and throughout the Church. For more information and to pray the next rosary check out the website:

<https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary/> .

*Men and their families are welcome!*

### 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

### 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 Prayers for "Duke" by Frank & MaryAnn

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

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! 567**

**Lift High the Cross 881**

1. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God everlasting through eternity.

**Refrain:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.