

# Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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## March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 8:00 am, March 9th—Lenten Weekday;  
*(opt) St. Frances of Rome, Religious*  
Intention: Stanley Krutsick by David & Donna Kost

Tuesday 8:00 am, March 10th—Lenten Weekday  
Intention: Smith & Kerrigan Families by Maryann & Jonas Smith

Wednesday 8:00 am, March 11th—Lenten Weekday  
Intention: Judy by Celia Zukoski

Thursday 6:00 pm, March 12th—Lenten Weekday  
Intention: Priest Intention

Friday 8:00 am, March 13th—Lenten Weekday  
Intention: Ignatz & Agnes Lemonovich by daughter Vicky Karnish  
Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by Confessions until 7:00 pm

### 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 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 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.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:  
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak (800) 791-9209  
[victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org)

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:  
Sister Meg Cole (610) 332-0442 Ext. 2019  
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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](http://www.allentowndioocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

**Saturday 3:30 pm, March 14th Confessions**

**Saturday 4:00 pm, March 14th Vigil Mass**

Intention: Al Fritz by wife Fran

Lector: Gale Kufrovich

EM: Sheral Bamford, Nancy Brylewski, Jack Hurst

Altar Servers: Myles Manjone, Tria Manjone

**Sunday 8:30 am, March 15th, 3rd Sunday of Lent**

Intention: Mary Senglar by Family

Lector: Peg Schaediger

EM: Bernard Bruni, Felicia Bruni, Joe Dereskavich

Altar Servers: Tucker Bowman, William Stoyer

**Sunday 10:30 am, March 15th**

Intention: People of the Parish

Lector: Gloria Burda

EM: Mike Burda, Virginia Purcell, Kristen Williams

Altar Servers: Bree Dobeck, Lily Dudash

**Psalm Response:**

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Readings for Sunday Mass, March 15th:**

EX 17:3-7; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8; JN 4:5-42

**Sunday Collection:**

Regular: \$2,493~ Candles: \$189 ~ Parish Utilities: \$123

**Second Collections:**

March 7th & March 8th ~ Operation Rice Bowl

March 14th & March 15th ~ Operation Rice Bowl

**Extra Collection:** This weekend, March 7th & 8th, there will be an extra collection (Earthquake Relief). Please place in the **first** collection. Thank you.

**Mass Attendance:**

**(February 29th & March 1st):**

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 106  Sunday, 8:30 am - 117  Sunday, 10:30 am - 130

**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 Grigaloni, Peg Grigaloni, 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, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Sault, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Veronica Thorick-Coleman, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

**Bulletins for Children:** Available in the vestibule.

**Religious Education:**

Grades 1st through 4th ~ Sunday, March 8th @ 9:30 am in the hall

Grades 1st through 4th ~ Sunday, March 15th @ 9:30 am in the hall

Grades 5th through 7th ~ Sunday, March 15th @ 6:00 pm in the hall

**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.

**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.

**Lenten / Easter Mailing:** The mailing for parishioners is currently in the vestibule . Please take the time to pick them up. The mailing contains a letter from Father Tolentino as well as the Lent & Easter liturgical schedules. Thank you.

**Contribution Envelopes:** Any parishioner who still needs to pick up their contribution envelopes, or anyone wishing to begin receiving them, please contact or stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours, M-F, 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Children’s envelopes are also available.

**Earthquake Relief:** We are all aware of the plight of the residents of Puerto Rico after recently experiencing a serious earthquake followed by numerous aftershocks. This new round of destruction comes upon the heels of the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Maria that has still not been totally repaired and has only intensified the condition created by the hurricane. In response to this disaster, His Excellency, Bishop Schlert, has asked that each parish provide relief for Puerto Rico. This collection will be taken up this weekend, March 7th & 8th. Please make sure to mark your envelope “Earthquake Relief”. Thank you.

**Thank You!** Thank you to those who volunteered, donated and patronized our annual Fish & Crab Dinner last Friday. We ask for your patience as we are finalizing the numbers. The profit amount and 50/50 ticket winner will be published in next weeks bulletin.

**CCD/PREP Project:** The CCD/Prep children and families are a doing a Spring non-perishable food donation collection to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All donations go to our local food pantry located in Mahanoy City. Please consider leaving a can of soup or box of cereal. It is truly appreciated! There is a tote located on the landing of the vestibule for your convenience.

**Choir Practice:** Begins this Wednesday, March 11th @ 4:00 pm in the choir loft. All are welcome!

**Cub Scouts:** Wednesday, March 11th @ 6:30 pm in the hall.

**Adult Bible Study:** Thursday, March 12th @ 6:30 pm in the meeting room.

**Boy Scouts:** Thursday, March 12th @ 7:00 pm in the hall.

**Knight of Columbus:** The Mahanoy City Knights of Columbus will be selling Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) tickets the weekend of March 21st and 22nd in the vestibule. Prizes include a car, Honda scooters, cruises, cash and trips. Chances are \$1.00 each. Bring your address stickers and Good Luck!

**Children’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt (walking to age 12):** Held this year on Sunday, April 5th @ 12:00 noon. PLEASE sign up your child(ren) on the sheets currently in the vestibule, it is the only way we can guarantee enough prizes for the children. We also are in need of donations for prizes. No donation is too small. We would appreciate anything from bubbles to pre-made baskets. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please reach out to Krissy Wonsock.

## **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

### **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 obligation.

### **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."

**A Spiritual Lesson from Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.:** "God works miracles for those who love Him."

## **Intercessory Candles**

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

Special Intentions for Brian, Kristin, Paul ~ Love Mom  
For the Souls of Christine Fisher, Bill Seladones, &  
Bob Flavrilla by Sheral & Michael  
Special Intention for John & Rose Sochacki  
by Jeff & Regina Zoba