



# Church of Saint Richard

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## **March 10, 2019 - First Sunday of Lent**

**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

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, 12 March (6:00 pm) ~ Lenten Weekday

Intention: Judy Zukoski by Celia Zukoski

(6:30 pm) ~ Healing Our Church: Healing Our Wounds (church “cry room”)

Wednesday, 13 March (8:00 am) ~ Lenten Weekday

Intention: Jean Andrusyshyn by Jeff & Marian Walker

Thursday, 14 March ~ No Mass

Friday, 15 March (8:00 am) ~ Lenten Weekday

Intention: Anna Demko by Gerry Kandrot

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

Confessions follow until 7:00 pm

### **Saturday - March 16th - 3:30 pm - Confessions**

### **Saturday - March 16th - 4:00 pm - Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent**

Intention: Al Fritz by Wife & Children

Lector: Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Brylewski

Altar Servers: Jacob Mummey, Ignatius Neifert

### **Sunday - March 17th - 8:30 am - Second Sunday of Lent**

Intention: Felix DiCasimirro by Bernard & Felicia Bruni & Family

Lector: Bruce Rang

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Kane

Altar Servers: Noah Hayes, Kenna Wonsock

## **Sunday - March 17th - 10:30 am - Second Sunday of Lent**

Intention: For the living and deceased parishioners

Lector: Steve McCarthy

Eucharistic Minister: Dan Sleva

Altar Servers: Bree Dobeck, Carly Hasara

## **Psalm Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

### **Sunday Collection:**

Regular: \$3,967 ~ Candles: \$119 ~ Monthly Supplement: \$1,346 ~ Easter Flowers: \$609

**Second Collections:** March 9th and March 10th ~ Parish Utilities  
March 16th and March 17th ~ Parish Utilities

### **Mass Attendance: (March 2nd & March 3rd):**

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 119    Sunday, 8:30 am - 132    Sunday, 10:30 am - 121

### **Religious Education:**

Grades 1st through 4th ~ March 10th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Grades 1st through 4th ~ March 17th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Grades 5th through 8th ~ March 17th @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall

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

**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 Geissing, 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.

## **A PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS**

**Grant me, O Lord,**

**good digestion, and also something to digest.**

**Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.**

**Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.**

**Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, signs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I".**

**Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.**

**Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.**

**Amen.**

**Missalettes for Holy Week:** We have ordered more “St. Joseph Missals” which contain the order of service and scripture for Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum as well as the Sunday Scriptures for the entire year. These missals are especially helpful in following the Holy Week services which use a different format than the usual celebration of Mass. We expect shipment in the next week and will place them on the table in the church vestibule once they are delivered. Cost for each is \$5 which can be placed in the envelope provided and dropped in the collection. For those who prefer the larger print in “Today’s Missal” which contain ONLY the readings from Palm Sunday to Pentecost, they are available by calling the publisher OCP (Oregon Catholic Press) @ (503) 281-1191 for \$5.81 plus shipping and handling.

**Worship in Spirit and in Truth:** Many people are uncomfortable with silence. We feel that each moment needs to be accompanied by talking or some distracting noise. During Lent we are called to silent self-examination and prayer which creates space for the presence of the Lord in our hearts. Mass itself, especially during Lent, is a balance of both vocal and silent prayer. These Lenten Liturgies conclude with a special blessing over the congregation (the presider or deacon says “Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing”). The presider and servers then depart in silence. Out of respect for Christ who is the Divine Host of the Holy Banquet we have just celebrated, everyone should remain silently in their pews until the presider has reached the doors of the church. It goes without saying that leaving church immediately after communion just to get out of the parking lot before anyone else is a proclamation that receiving Holy Communion is no more important than a trip to McDonald’s for “fast food.” Is it really too much that the Lord asks us as Catholics to spend one hour of reverent prayer with our faith community each week? Following the prayerful silence at the conclusion of Mass, is it too much to ask that we greet and acknowledge our fellow parishioners before we head home? Holy Mass is so much more than occupying a pew, and Lent is an opportunity to examine just what kind of guests we are at Mass — are we just looking for “fast food” or are we here to savor the Lord’s Holy Banquet of Word and Sacrament?

**Healing Our Church:** Please prayerfully consider participating to voice your ideas and opinions as well as grow closer to Our Lord. Tuesday, March 12th @ 6:30 pm in the church (cry room). (Sign up sheet in the vestibule).

This 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

**Fundraising Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12th @ 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

**Choir Practice:** Wednesday, March 13th @ 5:00 pm in the church. All are welcome.

**Adult Bible Study:** Thursday, March 14th @ 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 14th 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

**St. Jerome Regional School:** Great things happening at our regional Catholic elementary school! Check out their website @ [www.sjrschool.com](http://www.sjrschool.com).

**Are You Looking to do a Corporal Work of Mercy?** One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to visit the imprisoned. Help is needed at the Frackville State Correctional Institute on Thursday afternoons leading the inmates in the praying of the rosary and the chaplet of Divine Mercy. One would have a staff member escort who will remain with you the entire time. For more information, contact Gloria Upanavage @ (570) 386-2724. One may accompany Gloria to observe her performing this ministry.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion on March 22-24th. 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 the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information, contact Sr. Meg Cole @ (610) 332-0442 Ext. 2019; projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org.

**Daniel G. Sleva Jr. Memorial Foundation presents "Dreams of Freedom":** an Irish ballad band direct from Ireland! Held March 22nd at the Delano Fire Hall (Delano), doors open at 7:00 pm, band starts at 8:00 pm. This is a BYOB event, but light refreshments will be available for purchase. Cost in advance is \$20; at the door is \$25. For tickets or any questions, call Patty @ (570) 573-3987 or visit the website @ www.dgsjmf.org.

**A.C.T.I.O.N. Youth Group:** Sponsoring a lunch with the Easter bunny on Saturday, March 30th from 11:30am to 1:00 pm here at St. Richard's hall. The proceeds will benefit the Missions in Africa. All are to invited. The cost of a ticket is \$5 and all children will receive a gift from the Easter bunny. For more information, call Debbie @ (570) 773-0813.

**Divine Mercy Event:** "God's Remedy for Our Sins" A Lenten Reflection by Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM from the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Join us Thursday, April 11th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield. Sr. Gaudian will give a moving presentation about God's infinite mercy during an evening centered in prayerful Adoration of Our Lord. Any questions, please contact cle@allentowndiocese.org or call (610) 289-8900 Ext. 2021.

**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. Tickets will be sold starting this weekend after each Mass in the vestibule. Ticket prices are as follows: Pre-Sale: \$5 per sheet or 5

## **Intercessory Candles**

**Sacred Heart:** In Memory of Marge & Joe Pandos by Carol & Ben Blue

In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek  
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
Special Intention for Beth Ann by Mom & Pap  
Good Health & God's Blessings upon my

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