

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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March 15, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 8:00 am, March 16th—Lenten Weekday
Intention: Joseph Filip by Ilona Zubek

Tuesday 8:00 am, March 17th—Lenten Weekday;
(opt) St. Patrick, Bishop
Intention: Stanley Schodowski by Mary Ann Maynard

Wednesday 8:00 am, March 18th—Lenten Weekday;
(opt) St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Intention: Florence Tokosh by Anne & Bob Derlunas

Thursday 6:00 pm, March 19th— St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Intention: Elizabeth Dower by Steve McCarthy

Friday 8:00 am, March 20th—Lenten Weekday
Intention: John & Anna Demko by Duke & Joan Demko
Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm followed by Confessions until finished

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

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:
Sister Meg Cole (610) 332-0442 Ext. 2019
mcole@allentowndioocese.org

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 & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Saturday 3:30 pm, March 21st Confessions

Saturday 4:00 pm, March 21st Vigil Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Lector: Gloria Burda

EM: Nancy Brylewski, Mike Burda, Stephen Souchak

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert

Sunday 8:30 am, March 22nd, 4th Sunday of Lent

Intention: Felix DiCasimirro by Bernard & Felicia Bruni & Family

Lector: Anne Paisley

EM: Paul Babinsky, Joe Dereskavich, Roy Paisley

Altar Servers: Noah Hayes, Olivia Sebastian

Sunday 10:30 am, March 22nd

Intention: Patricia Maurer by The Children

Lector: Steve McCarthy

EM: Dave Evancho, Jim Kane, Tony Liscusky

Altar Servers: Bree Dobeck, Nicole Yost

Psalm Response:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Readings for Sunday Mass, March 22nd:

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41

Sunday Collection:

Regular: \$3,076 ~ Candles: \$118 ~ Parish Utilities: \$311

Second Collections:

March 14th & March 15th ~ Operation Rice Bowl

March 21st & March 22nd ~ Operation Rice Bowl

Contribution Envelope: This weekend, March 14th & 15th, there is an Easter Flower envelope. Please place in the **first** collection. Thank you.

Mass Attendance:

(March 7th & March 8th):

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 120 Sunday, 8:30 am -93 Sunday, 10:30 am - 112

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 Grigalonis, Peg Grigalonis, 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 Soult, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Veronica Thorick-Coleman, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Bulletins for Children: Available in the vestibule.

Religious Education:

All CCD /PREP classes are cancelled for this weekend and next weekend (March 15th & 22nd). Should additional cancellations be necessary, we will notify you as soon as possible.
Thank you.

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.

In Proactive Response to Virus, Pennsylvania Bishops Lift Obligation to Attend Mass: Effective immediately, and until further notice, Bishop Alfred Schlert, in union with the Bishops of Pennsylvania, has dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown from the obligation to attend Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses. Despite the suspension of the obligation to attend, Masses will remain open to the public for those who wish to attend. Please consult your local parish for Mass schedules. “The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time,” said Bishop Schlert. “Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic.”

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.

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.

CCD/PREP Project: The CCD/Prep children and families are 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 18th @ 4:00 pm in the choir loft. All are welcome!

Cub Scouts: Wednesday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm in the hall.

Adult Bible Study: Thursday, March 19th @ 6:30 pm in the meeting room. We will begin with the Book of Joshua.

Boy Scouts: Thursday, March 19th @ 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!

Lenten Retreat—“The Seven Last Words of Christ”: Saturday, March 22nd at the Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese, 1 East Garibaldi Avenue, Nesquehoning PA. Registration cost is \$10. We ask that everyone attending registers before the retreat. You can register by calling the St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley Rectory Office at (570) 645-2664 or by emailing lisassjpv@gmail.com.

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.

Piasanki Class...for Beginners: Classes will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at St. Casimir Church Hall, 229 North Jardin St., Shenandoah. Learn the basic technique of the “Old World” Art of egg decorating. Cost is \$25 which will reserve your spot for the session and provide all the supplies needed to create an egg in time for the upcoming Easter holiday. Please contact the parish office @ (570) 462-1968 to sign up.

Holy Family Senior Living: Is hosting an open house at Holy Family Manor (Bethlehem) 11:00 am until 3:00 pm March 20th (snow date March 27th). Tour the facility, meet the care team, enjoy light snacks, and share a story of what Holy Family means to you. Join us as we celebrate our new name, our new look, and our plans for the future! R.S.V.P. to cvoyer@hfmanor.org.

Palm Weaving & Folding Class: Saturday, March 28th from 10:00 am until Noon at St. Casimir Church Hall, 229 North Jardin St., Shenandoah. Learn this old technique of palm weaving and folding to create a cross, rose and small basket with palm. Make your holy palm into a beautiful work of art to treasure for years to come. To sign up and reserve your space, call the parish office @ (570) 462-1968. Cost is \$8.00 and money is needed before class starts.

Remembering Vocations in your Lenten Devotions: “Prayer itself, born in Catholics families, nurtured by programs of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments, is the first means by which we come to know the Lord’s will for our lives. To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God’s call. Programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God’s call” ~ Pope Benedict XVI

March 15—Third Sunday of Lent: “...do not tire of proclaiming to a world hungry for truth the living Christ, our sole salvation. He alone is our peace; he alone is that richness from which we can always receive strength and inner joy.” We pray for priests to lead our celebration.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

A Spiritual Lesson from Father Walter J. Cizek, 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
My Al, Dearly Loved & Missed ~ Love, Fran
Special Intentions by the Higgins Family
In Memory of Jean Sleva by Dorice Derr
In Loving Memory of Sarah
by Husband “Ski” Kanaski
Blessings for Charlotte Valorie by Donna Kamenas

Special Prayers for Kelly O. by Frank & Mary Ann
Special Prayers for my “Guardian Angel” Gloria
by Mary Ann
For the Souls of Mr. & Mrs. Agosti by Sheral & Michael
Prayers for Good Health
Good Health & God Bless my neighbors, friends & family
by M. Jones