

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Weekday and Weekend Masses have been suspended until further notice.
Father Tolentino will celebrate Private Mass for the daily intention of the parish.**

Monday March 23rd—Lenten Weekday;
(opt) St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Intention: Raymond & Emma Webb by Roy & Anne Paisley

Tuesday March 24th—Lenten Weekday
Intention: Bill Seladones by Wodbuo, Morris & Williams' Families

Wednesday March 25th—The Annunciation of the Lord
Intention: Kathryn Baddick by Daniel & Susan Baddick

Thursday March 26th—Lenten Weekday
Intention: Ellen Bross by Mary Peca & Family

Friday March 27th—Lenten Weekday
Intention: Kenneth Adam by Neverosky Family

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

Saturday March 28th Vigil

Intention: People of the Parish

Sunday March 29th, 5th Sunday of Lent

Intention: Priest Intention

Sunday March 29th

Intention: Mary Ann & John Flaherty by Family

Readings for Sunday Mass, March 22nd:

EZ 37:12-4; PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; ROM 8:8-11;

JN 11:1-45

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$1,237 ~ Candles: \$108
Operation Rice Bowl: \$106

Second Collections: March 21st & March 22nd
March 28th & March 29th
~ Operation Rice Bowl

Mass Attendance: (March 14th & March 15th):

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 57

Sunday, 8:30 am - 54 Sunday, 10:30 am - 49

Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, March 19, 2020

Dear parish family,

During this time of pandemic and social distancing, I would like to you know that I am praying for all of your families daily and am here for you. Many of us, our family and friends, our country, as well as, people around the world are experiencing anxiousness and suffering caused by the COVID-19. I am celebrating daily Mass privately for the intentions of our parish family and praying the Liturgy of the Hours and holy rosary daily for you too. If you or someone whom you know needs some support during this time of crisis, Especially the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, please contact me.



Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us.
Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.
Blessed St. Joseph her spouse pray for us.

May God bless you and keep you all,

Father Eric Tolentino

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 Sault, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

The following activities has been suspended until further notice.

Adult Bible Study, CCD/PREP Classes, Choir Practice, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts

Since there is no public Daily and Sunday Mass because of the COVID-19 pandemic, would you please kindly drop your envelopes in the bin at the rectory or send by mail. We are glad you stayed home to stay safe; however, we need your assistance to pay the bills of our parish.

Online-Giving: Our parish has been contemplating Online Giving for some time, unfortunately the current situation has prompted us to expedite this process. Online Giving is a convenient way to make financial contributions to our parish. We are expecting Online Giving to be available the week of March 23rd. If you would like to use Online Giving, please go to our church website and click on the link. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office hours Monday through Friday, 9:00am—12:00pm. Thank you.

Today, Bishop Schlert after consultation with public health officials announced that the Public Celebration of Mass has been suspended in all parishes, schools, and diocesan institutions, until further notice. As the Diocese enters this unprecedented time in the life of our nation and the Church, the following liturgical guidelines are provided:

- (1) Celebration of Public Mass - Both daily and Sunday Masses in public are not permitted. Priests will celebrate Mass privately for the intention of the health and well-being of the flock entrusted to their care. Also, in an effort to fulfill the Mass Intention of the day, the Priest is encouraged to celebrate the Private Mass for the daily intention of his parish.
- (2) Open Church - While the public celebration of Mass is not permitted at this time, the Bishop asks Pastors to have their Church open for extended hours of private prayer so that the faithful can make visits. Adoration is encouraged during this time, with simple reposition.
- (3) Confessions - All Penance Services or communal gatherings for the Sacrament of Penance are cancelled. Individual Confessions should be heard, but must take place in the church, not in any rectory office.
- (4) Communion Calls - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are not permitted to bring Communion to the sick during this temporary suspension. A priest may bring Holy Communion to the homebound, if the priest enjoys good health and the homebound person is comfortable with the visit.
- (5) Hospital Visits - All major hospital networks in our region are only permitting clergy visits to patients in danger of death.
- (6) Stations of the Cross — The public recitation of the Stations of the Cross is not permitted during this time of suspension. The faithful are encouraged to pray the Stations of the Cross individually.
- (7) Weddings - Weddings scheduled during this period of suspension are permitted to take place. However, Pastors are granted permission to celebrate all Weddings using the "Order for Celebrating Matrimony without Mass." In addition, only family members are permitted to attend the Wedding (CDC guidance—no more than 10 people).
- (8) Funerals— Funerals are permitted during this period of temporary suspension. Only family members are permitted to attend (CDC guidance - no more than 10 people). Pastors may also encourage the family to wait until the threat of the virus has passed for a Memorial Mass.
- (9) Baptisms - The Sacrament of Baptism is permitted only for one child at a time. Parents, godparents, and immediate family only are permitted to attend (CDC guidance - no more than 10 people). Water for the celebration of the Sacrament should be refreshed for each baptism.
- (10) Sacrament of Confirmation - All Spring Confirmations are cancelled while this temporary suspension is in place. A plan is being created for confirmandi to have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament from the Bishop once the concern has subsided.

A plan for the celebration of Holy Week is currently under study. Additional information on this matter will be available in the near future.

15 March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past few days, our Diocese has responded quickly and proactively to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As I listen to the concerns of the faithful, I want to assure you that I have great concern for each of you.

As we take these measures, please be assured of my closeness in prayer. We are in a period of uncertainty and rapid change. This can be unsettling. Many are experiencing feelings of worry, panic, fear, and doubt. Please join me in taking a moment to be still and remember Jesus' promise that He will be with us always. Let us approach the Heart of Christ and, like Saint John the Beloved, rest there for a moment. Let us surrender our fears and our worries as we pray: *Jesus, we trust in You. Jesus, we hope in You. Jesus, we love You.*

First and foremost, I want each of us to respond to this pandemic with prayer. Let us speak to God who longs to hear our voices! We ask God to heal those who are sick, to comfort those who are anxious, and to bless all those who provide care to the infirmed. We ask God to protect our Nation and to stop the rapid spread of the disease. Our response is first a response with prayer. *Jesus, you are the Divine Physician. You are with us. We ask for healing and deliverance.*

While there is currently no obligation to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, our devoted priests will continue to offer Mass. The Holy Eucharist is our Source, our Strength and our Hope! As we recall the truth that Christ's Presence provides for us a safe resting place, a place of comfort and stillness, a place of rest and healing, let us pray: *Jesus, thank you for your Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. We draw near to You and unite our hearts with your Sacred and Eucharistic Heart. We turn to you for comfort and healing. Be with us now Lord in our time of need.*

Just as Saint Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to Saint Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic. We turn to Saint Joseph and entrust ourselves, our families, and our Diocese to his care and intercession. *Saint Joseph, we entrust to you all people in the Diocese of Allentown. We seek your intercession and protection. Saint Joseph, pray for us!*

We can also use this time as an enhanced aspect of Lenten penance. With arms open and a loving gaze, He calls us to repentance. We can take comfort that He looks on us with nothing but Love. *Jesus, we come to you and repent of our sins.*

During this time when the obligation to attend Mass is lifted, if you are not attending Mass, I encourage you to pray the Rosary and read the Sunday Scripture.

Holy Mary we, your children, turn our eyes to you and trust in your maternal care and protection. Please watch over the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown and lead us closer to Your Son. Protect us from evil and come speedily to our aid. Please bring healing and comfort to those who are suffering. We seek your protection, O holy Mother of God; Graciously hear our petitions and protect us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Amen. Mary, our Mother and our Confidence, pray for us.

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 Intention for my Spouse by SH
Good Health for Ida by friend Pat

Rest in Peace Alvin Fritz ~ Love Louise & Bruce
Prayers & Healing for the world by Someone who cares
Peace & Good Health in the whole world
by Sheral & Michael