

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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March 21, 2021 Fifth 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

Mon. 3/22, 8:00am—Lenten Weekday
Ken Karlavage by Michele Karlavage

Tues. 3/23, 8:00am—Lenten Weekday;
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Joseph J. Lazur by Richard F. Lazur

Wed. 3/24, 8:00am—Lenten Weekday
Helen Krutsick by Lori & Lance Zimmerman

Thurs. 3/25, 6:00pm—The Annunciation of the Lord
Leo Drosdak by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Drosdak
6:30pm, Confessions

Fri. 3/26, 8:00am-Lenten Weekday
Living & deceased members of the Cumers, Brandewie,
and O'Brien Families by Mary Cumers
6:00pm, Stations of the Cross & Benediction
6:30pm, Confessions

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

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
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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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

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

Sat. 3/27
Confessions @ 3:30pm
Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm
People of the Parish

***Sun. 3/28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
Mass @ 8:30am
(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)
Eileen Karlavage by Stanley & Joann Dombrowski

Sun. 3/28
Mass @ 10:30am
Patricia Maurer by The Children

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.

Dear Parish Family,

On Friday last, March 19th, 2021, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. (Vatican News). Please see the Novena Prayer to St. Joseph below for you and your family to pray. I hope and pray that our parish family has a blessed year of St. Joseph.



As we continue to celebrate these last weeks of Lent, let us 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. 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

Novena Prayer to Saint Joseph:

Ever blessed and glorious Joseph, kind and loving father, and helpful friend of all in sorrow! You are the good father and protector of orphans, the defender of the defenseless, the patron of those in need and sorrow. Look kindly on my request. My sins have drawn down on me the just displeasure of my God, and so I am surrounded with unhappiness. To you, loving guardian of the Family of Nazareth, do I go for help and protection.

Listen, then, I beg you, with fatherly concern, to my earnest prayers, and obtain for me the favor I ask.

I ask it by the infinite mercy of the eternal Son of God, which moved Him to take our nature and to be born into this world of sorrow.

I ask it by the weariness and suffering you endured when you found no shelter at the inn of Bethlehem for the holy Virgin, nor a house where the Son of God could be born. Then, being everywhere refused, you had to allow the Queen of Heaven to give birth to the world's Redeemer in a cave.

I ask it by the loveliness and power of that sacred Name, Jesus, which you conferred on the adorable infant.

I ask it by that painful torture you felt at the prophecy of holy Simeon, which declared the Child Jesus and His holy Mother future victims of our sins and of their great love for us.

I ask it by your sorrow and pain of soul when the angel declared to you that the life of the Child Jesus was sought by His enemies. From their evil plan you had to flee with Him and His Blessed Mother to Egypt. I ask it by all the suffering, weariness, and labors of that long and dangerous journey.

I ask it by all your care to protect the Sacred Child and His Immaculate Mother during your second journey, when you were ordered to return to your own country. I ask it by your peaceful life in Nazareth where you met with so many joys and sorrows.

I ask it by your great distress when the adorable Child was lost to you and His Mother for three days. I ask it by your joy at finding Him in the Temple, and by the comfort you found at Nazareth, while living in the company of the Child Jesus. I ask it by the wonderful submission He showed in His obedience to you.

I ask it by the perfect love and conformity you showed in accepting the Divine order to depart from this life, and from the company of Jesus and Mary. I ask it by the joy which filled your soul, when the Redeemer of the world, triumphant over death and hell, entered into the possession of His kingdom and led you into it with special honors.

I ask it by Mary's glorious Assumption, and by that endless happiness you have with her in the presence of God.

O good father! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows, and joys, to hear me and obtain for me what I ask.

I ask for Here mention your request.

Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Finally, my dear patron and father, be with me and all who are dear to me in our last moments, that we may with you eternally sing the praises of Jesus and Mary.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday Mass, March 28th:
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1-15:47

Responsorial Psalm:
Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,789 ~ Candles: \$87

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.

Guideline Reminders:

- 1. The faithful who attend Mass will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.**
Family groups may be seated together.
- 2. Sunday Mass attendance will be limited to 80 people in the church proper (50% of the church seating capacity).**
- 3. Sunday Mass attendees may enter the church using the ramp door only, 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**
- 4. Holy Communion for people attending Mass will be distributed immediately at the end of Mass in the Church only. After the people, who attended Mass, receive communion in the church, please exit using the ramp door of the church.**

Extended Confession Times: Confession times during the Lenten season have been extended for your convenience. Please take this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thursday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 25th @ 6:30 pm
Friday, March 26th @ 6:30 pm

Religious Education:

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

- 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
- Grades 1 through 7
Sunday, April 4th, Easter Sunday ~ No Classes

Many Thanks: Thank you to all our parishioners and our community who helped make our annual fish/crab dinner a success! Please check back for our profit and 50/50 chance winner! May God continue to bless all of 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 Wonscock 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 stjparish@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@mariancatholic.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.

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, Joe Bones, Bob Bonner, 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 Soutl, Dominic Streisel,

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 Intention for Courtney Mehalko by Sue & Jay Deesing
Special Intention for good treatment results & health

Lift High the Cross 881

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.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past 688

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.