



# Church of Saint Richard

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## **March 24, 2019 - Third 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, 26 March (6:00 pm) ~ Lenten Weekday

Intention: In Memory of Mother Maryann & Brother John Flaherty

by Flaherty, Sleva & Williams families

(6:30 pm) ~ Healing Our Church: Why Do I Remain Catholic? (church "cry room")

Wednesday, 27 March (8:00 am) ~ Lenten Weekday

Intention: Donna Shaner by Mary Cumers

Thursday, 28 March (8:00 am) ~ Lenten Weekday

Intention: James Weber by Weber Family

Friday, 29 March (8:00 am) ~ Lenten Weekday

Intention: Jerome Tracy by Pat Tracy

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

Confessions follow until 7:00 pm

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

### **Saturday - March 30th - 4:00 pm - Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Intention: Barbara Byrne & Robert Zavorski by Bob & Anne Derlunas

Lector: Beth Bialek

Eucharistic Minister: Sheral Bamford

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert

### **Sunday - March 31st - 8:30 am - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Intention: Elsie Tolan by Husband James

Lector: Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Babinsky

Altar Servers: Allyson Babinsky, John Babinsky

## **Sunday - March 31st - 10:30 am - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Intention: For the living and deceased parishioners

Lector: Steve McCarthy

Eucharistic Minister: Terry Purcell

Altar Servers: Bree Dobeck, Carly Hasara

## **Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### **Sunday Collection:**

Regular: \$2,865 ~ Candles: \$206 ~ Operation Rice Bowl: \$171

**Second Collections:** March 23rd and March 24th ~ Operation Rice Bowl

March 30th and March 31st ~ Operation Rice Bowl

### **Mass Attendance:**

**(March 16th & March 17th):**

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 141    Sunday, 8:30 am - 120    Sunday, 10:30 am - 110

### **Religious Education:**

Grades 1st through 4th ~ March 24th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Grades 1st through 4th ~ March 31st @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Grades 5th through 8th ~ March 31st @ 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 Geissinger, 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.

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**Protecting God's Children Workshop:** Wednesday, March 27th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Nativity B.V.M. High School (Pottsville). To register please call (570) 622-8110.

**Mandated Reporter Training:** Tuesday, April 9th starting at 5:30 pm. at St. Jerome School (Tamaqua). To register please call (610) 332-0442, ext. 2016.

If you perform any ministry or volunteer here at St. Richard's and haven't completed these programs yet, please take advantage now especially since this training is available in our area.

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**Healing Our Church:** Please prayerfully consider participating to voice your ideas and opinions as well as grow closer to Our Lord. Tuesday, March 26th @ 6:30 pm in the church (cry room). (Sign up sheet in the vestibule).

This Week ~ Why Do I Remain Catholic?

5th Week ~ We Believe

6th Week ~ A Way Forward

**With Gratitude:** A note of thanks to Bernard Bruni who has over the years loaned St. Richard's Parish his steam tables for our social hall kitchen. They're very useful for the dinners we have served for our fundraising. Since Bernard has reclaimed his tables this past week, another benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has stepped forward to purchase new kitchen equipment for St. Richards. On behalf of our parish I want to express my gratitude for this generous and practical gift which facilitates our dinner fundraising. Let me take this opportunity to thank all who have generously responded to our requests for items needed for our church as well. Your thoughtfulness is inspiring.

**Lottery Sweepstakes:** Starting next weekend, we will be selling lottery tickets in the vestibule to benefit St. Richard's. The lottery is based on PA Big 4 - 7:00 pm drawings Monday through Saturday. The drawings will start May 1st and run through the entire month. Exact number wins: Monday-Thursday \$1,000; Friday \$1,500; Saturday \$1,200. Plus prizes every Monday through Saturday for any combination of the 4 digits: \$300 for 4-way combo; \$200 for 6-way combo; \$100 for 12-way combo; \$50 for 24-way combo. All this for a \$20 donation (less than \$1 a day).

**Choir Practice:** Wednesday, March 27th @ 5:00 pm in the church. All are welcome.

**Adult Bible Study:** Thursday, March 28th @ 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room. The topic will continue in the Book of Exodus. All are welcome.

**Boy Scouts Meeting:** Thursday, March 28th 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

**Confirmation:** Our young people will complete this sacrament of initiation on Wednesday, March 27th @ 4:30 pm at St. John XXIII in Tamaqua. The Bishop will confirm confirmation on our young people together with those of All Saints of McAdoo and St John XXIII of Tamaqua. We have been asked to provide refreshments for the reception with Bishop Schlert. If you would like to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock @ (732) 687-0433.

**Lenten Retreat:** Saturday, March 30th @ The Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese (Nesquehoning). "Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ-What does it look like to really follow Jesus? Schedule for the day: 7:30 am Registration in the vestibule; 8:00 am Adoration & Stations of the Cross; 9:00 am Mass; 9:30 am Breakfast; 10:00 am Keynote Reflection by Sr. Rose Bernadette Milligan, IHM; 11:00 am Reflection by Fr. Allen Hoffa; 12:00 noon Retreat dismissal. Cost is \$15 and includes breakfast and retreat materials and gifts. They ask that everyone attending pre-register by calling St. Joseph Panther Valley @ (570) 645-2664 or email lisassjpv@gmail.com.

**A.C.T.I.O.N. Youth Group:** Sponsoring a lunch with the Easter bunny on Saturday, March 30th from 11:30 am 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.

**Dangers of new Age Practices:** Have you ever been asked or wondered..What is dangerous about tarot cards, Ouija boards, & other New Age or occult practices? Is there danger in watching TV shows or movies that involve mediums? Join us as Monsignor John Esseff discusses how a Catholic should respond to these questions and more about the dangers of New Age practices. This free event will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. John XXIII (Tamaqua). There is no charge for attending “Truth: What the Catholic Church Really Teaches”. For questions, contact the Office of Adult Formation @ (610) 289-8900 x2021 or email at [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org).

**Lenten Mission Night:** presented by David Kauffman on Thursday April 4th at 7:00 pm at All Saints Church in McAdoo. Please join us for a special night of song and story with reflections for the Lenten Season. Participants will also join the choir for a few songs. All are welcome! A love offering will be accepted to support the David Kauffman Ministry. For more information, please contact Ron Byer @ (570) 929-1073.

**Annual Children’s** (walking to age 12) **Easter Egg Hunt:** Held Sunday, April 7th at 12:00 noon. We will meet in the church hall. Please sign up your child(ren) on the sheet located in the vestibule. Also, we are looking for donations of childrens’ prizes (no prize donation is too big or too small). All donations can dropped off the in the vestibule or contact Krissy Wonsock @ (732) 687-0433. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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 are currently being sold after each Mass in the vestibule. Ticket prices are as follows: Pre-Sale: \$5 per sheet or 5 sheets for \$20. Day of Event: \$6 per sheet or 5 sheets for \$25.

## **Intercessory Candles**

**Sanctuary Lamp: John & Rose Sochacki by Jeff & Regina Zoba**

**Sacred Heart: Happy Birthday in Heaven Mom & Dad, Joseph & Catherine Early  
~ Love Marilyn**

**Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan**

In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek  
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
R.I.P. John Hearity by The Zoba’s  
Blessed with good test results ~ Thank you God

In Loving Memory of my Al ~ Love Fran  
Special Intentions by Higgins Family  
Special Intention for Patricia Mourer  
by Lorraine Drosdak