

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

All Masses and other Liturgies will be privately celebrated with live-streaming and recorded on our parish YouTube Channel. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YO_SqC1KeZsyFjO4vpw3Q

Mon. 4/13—Monday within the Octave of Easter
People of the Parish

Tues. 4/14—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
People of the Parish

**Wed. 4/15— Wednesday within the
Octave of Easter**
Peter Karnish by wife Vicki

**Thurs. 4/16—Thursday within the
Octave of Easter**
Kitty Weber by Mike & Peg Grigalonis

Fri. 4/17—Friday within the Octave of Easter
Robert Demko by Duke & Joan Demko

Sat. 4/18—April 19th Vigil
Thomas F. Demko by Demko Children

Sun. 4/19—Sunday of Divine Mercy
Daniel F. Guinan Sr. by Estate

Sun. 4/19
People of the Parish

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 Secretary for Youth Protection:
Pamela Russo (610) 871-5200 Ext. 2204
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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.

Readings for Sunday Mass, April 19th

ACTS 2: 42-47; PS 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

1 PT 1: 3-9; JN 20: 19-31

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,515 ~ Candles: \$51

Operation Rice Bowl: \$30

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 5, 2020

Dear parish family,

As we, the members of the Body of Christ the Church, celebrate Easter Sunday, I and the staff of the Church of St. Richard of Chichester, hope and pray that all of the families of our parish have a blessed and holy Easter! Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Be safe and be holy!

“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.”
(Lk 24:34; cf. Rev 1:6)

While speaking to one of our parishioners this past week by phone, I encouraged him to “Be safe and be holy!” he said that he was being safe, but that there is always room to grow in holiness. Amen to that! Growing in holiness by the grace of God is necessary for all of us as disciples of Christ and part of our vocation as Christians.

I am praying especially for you and your families as the Church begins the celebration of Easter during these difficult times. Please refer to our parish website (strichard.org) for the updated parish schedule for Mass, the Paschal Triduum, online-giving, weekly bulletins (also available in the church) and news. Our parish now has a YouTube channel; click on the YouTube Channel link on our parish website. While the celebration of public Masses is suspended, I plan to live-stream broadcast and record on our YouTube Channel: Sunday Masses, especially Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. Last March 26th, 2020, the Bishop regretfully informed us that the suspension of public Masses will continue to be in place for the entirety of the Paschal Triduum.

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, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

I understand that many of our parish families may be experiencing financial and economic difficulties during the pandemic. Thank you for continuing to share your treasure according to your ability to do so. Our parish now features “Online Giving” so that you can give your parish offering via internet from the comfort and safety of your home. Many thanks to those parishioners who have already dropped off their



offering envelopes or sent them by mail to the parish and/or contributing via the parish online giving link on our parish website (www.strichard.org).

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,

Rev. Father Eric Tolentino

PARISH NEWS and UPDATES:

No public Mass or Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

All Masses and other Liturgies will be privately celebrated with live-streaming and recorded on our parish YouTube Channel. Please refer to our parish website (strichard.org) for the YouTube Channel link.

The Church will continue to be open daily for your private prayer and reflection.

ALL activities have been suspended until further notice.

Confessions are by appointment only.

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.

Office Hours: In observance of Good Friday and Easter Monday, the office will be closed; however will reopen Tuesday, April 14th at 9:00 am. Have a blessed Easter!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:

PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper:

6:00 pm—Private Mass

7:30 pm—9:30 pm; Church open

Friday of the Passion of the Lord:

Privately celebrated

11:00 am—7:00 pm; Church closed

12:00 noon—Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm—The Passion

6:00 pm—Office of Readings (Tenebrae)

Holy Saturday:

9:00 am—Morning Prayer (Private)

9:30 am—Easter Basket Blessing (Live-streamed)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:

4:30 pm—7:30 pm; Church closed during Liturgy

6:00 pm—Private Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:

See Easter Vigil; Church open

From Paul Acampora

Dated: 2020-0328

"Dear Friends,

As we work together to end the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, parishes across the Diocese of Allentown remain a first choice for people in need. As you may already know, parish clergy and staff are responding to calls, coordinating resources, and supporting individuals and communities from home. Our priests continue to say Mass – many newly available online – on our behalf every day. Even without a public celebration of Mass or regular weekly collections to pay the bills, the life and mission of your parish continues."

"With the suspension of public Masses, it is critically important that we continue to provide parishes with our regular offertory gifts. In fact, I encourage you to consider increasing your support. Now more than ever, our parish communities are playing a vital role in our personal, family, and community-wide well-being. Across the Diocese of Allentown, people rely on our Catholic family of faith."

"I look forward to joining you at a public Mass celebration (and it will be a celebration!) as soon as possible."

Yours in Christ,

Paul Acampora

Secretary for Stewardship & Development"

Blessing of Easter Baskets: Many of the faithful have strong ethnic ties and devotion to the Blessing of Easter Baskets. The Office for Divine Worship has prepared the Order for the Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter for the laity (the Rite and Prayers can be carried out by a lay person). The Rite has been adapted to this for any of the faithful who desire to do this as a family in the safety of their own homes.

Order of Blessing

The leader says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All make the Sign of the Cross and say: **Amen.**

The leader says:

For our sake Christ became obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him the name above all other names. Blessed be God forever.

And all reply: Blessed be God forever.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

One of those present, or the leader, then reads a text of Sacred Scripture.

16:1-8 *The Passover of the Lord.*

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the book of Deuteronomy:

Observe the month of Abib by keeping the Passover of the LORD, your God, since it was in the month of Abib that he brought you by night out of Egypt. You shall offer the Passover sacrifice from your flock or your herd to the LORD, your God, in the place which he chooses as the dwelling place of his name. You shall not eat leavened bread with it. For seven days you shall eat with it only unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, that you may remember as long as you live the day of your departure from the land of Egypt; for in frightened haste you left the land of Egypt. Nothing leavened may be found in all your territory for seven days, and none of the meat which you sacrificed on the evening of the first day shall be kept overnight for the next day. *You may not sacrifice the Passover in any of the communities which the LORD, your God, gives you; only at the place which he chooses as the dwelling place of his name, and in the evening at sunset, on the anniversary of your departure from Egypt, shall you sacrifice the Passover. You shall cook and eat it at the place the LORD, your God, chooses; then in the morning you may return to your tents. For six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh there shall be a solemn meeting in honor of the LORD, your God; on that day you shall not do any sort of work. The Word of the Lord. **R.** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God?

R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Those times I recall, now that I pour out my soul within me, when I went with the throng and led them in procession to the

house of God, amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving, with the multitude keeping festival.

R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on and bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place.

R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy; then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God!

R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

INTERCESSIONS

The leader says:

The Son of God who invites us to the Paschal feast stands ready to help. Let us call upon him in our need.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

Assisting minister: That Easter may find us cleansed of sin and ready to live anew our Christian faith, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

Assisting minister: That the bread we share may be a reminder of the bread of life we share in the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

Assisting minister: That we may be ready to give from our table to those who hunger and thirst, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

Assisting minister: That we may one day enjoy the banquet of the Lord in the heavenly kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The leader says:

Christ taught us to pray for our daily bread and so we dare to say: **All:** Our Father...

PRAYER OF BLESSING

The leader says the prayer with hands joined.

Leader:

God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate

Christ's victory over sin and death.

Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table continue to celebrate the joy of his Resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

The leader concludes the Rite by signing himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross and saying:

May Christ nourish us and strengthen us in faith and love, now and forever. **R.** Amen.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

God's mercy for a speedy end to Covid 19
by a parishioner
Strength for all Catholics & Catholic parishes during
these trying times by a parishioner

In Loving Memory of Daniel Sleva Jr., John Flaherty, &
Mary Ann Flaherty by Williams Family
Prayers needed for Jeff Weaver & Lori White