

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

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_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q

Mon. 4/19, 8:00am—Easter Weekday
Margaret Haehnlen by Guinan Estate

Tues. 4/20, 8:00am—Easter Weekday
John Goshiney by Duke & Joan Demko

Wed. 4/21, 8:00am—Easter Weekday;
St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Helen Decindio by Jack & Diane Praskac

Thurs. 4/22, 6:00pm—Easter Weekday
Sophia M. Lazur by Richard F. Lazur

Fri. 4/23, 8:00am—Easter Weekday;
St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
Helen Wolfgang by friend Pat Tracy

Sat. 4/24
Confessions @ 3:30pm
Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm
People of the Parish

***Sun. 4/25, Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Mass @ 8:30am
(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)
Kenneth Karlavage by Bruce & Louise Rang

Sun. 4/25
Mass @ 10:30am
Gladys Syzdek by Angie & Joe Babatsky

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

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, and if married, in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

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
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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.



Dear Parish Family,

The Lord is risen! Alleluia, alleluia! Last week, the Church celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of the Octave of Easter. Lent often seems to last so long, especially when we are fasting and abstaining, as well as, growing in our practice of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. I am so thankful for the Church's celebration of Easter - the Resurrection of the Lord who is our joy, our hope. At last we are celebrating the Easter, the Paschal Mystery of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Please welcome and continue to pray for Jordan Nowacki who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter vigil Mass. As a new Catholic she is a new member of our parish family and also a member of the Communion of Saints.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Bishop Schlert sent a pastoral letter which announced the beginning "the Year of the Real Presence, a Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Allentown, celebrating the 60th Anniversary of our founding in 1961 by Pope Saint John XXIII. On this date of that year, Most Reverend Joseph Mark McShea, First Bishop of Allentown, took possession of the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, and our diocesan life began."

Our bishop's letter encourages us in our Catholic to faith in that Jesus Christ is truly and really present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, "In this Jubilee Year for our Diocese, we also will work to invite our parishioners to come back to Mass, to be really present

before the Real Presence. As pandemic restrictions ease and a more routine life returns, so too will parish life need to recommence, beginning with the heart of parish life and the foundation of our Faith: worship of the Holy Eucharist at Sunday Mass... Since we cannot separate the Holy Eucharist from its worthy reception, the Sacrament of Penance, which prepares our souls to receive the Lord, must also be an emphasis in this Jubilee Year dedicated to Christ's Real Presence... There can be no Holy Eucharist without the Priesthood. Therefore, this Year of the Real Presence will be a privileged time.

For the "Year of the Real Presence" our parish will have:

1. Exposition of the Eucharist for Eucharistic Adoration about 30 minutes before each scheduled weekday Mass.
2. Additional confession times after the scheduled Thursday evening Mass from 6:30 PM, first Fridays 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM, in addition to the regular confessions on Saturdays at 3:30 PM and by appointment.
3. Personal adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is available whenever the church is scheduled to be open to the public.

May you and your family have a blessed Easter, Paschal celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. He is risen indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!

Yours in Christ,
+Father Eric Tolentino

Readings for Sunday Mass, April 25th:

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,693 ~ Candles: \$28

Second Collections:

4/2~Holy Land Shrines/Good Friday; 4/3~Feast of St. Richard;
4/4~Easter, Monthly Supplement; 4/11~Parish Utilities;
4/18~Parish Utilities; 4/25~Parish Utilities

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) and 30 people in the lower church hall for the overflow Mass.
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.

Religious Education:

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

- Grades 1 through 4
Sunday, April 18th, 9:30 am in the hall
- Grades 5 through 7
Sunday, April 25th @ 6:00 pm in the hall

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we kickoff the **2021 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal (BWAC)**. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BWAC and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at ww.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443. With gratitude, Rev. Eric Tolentino

Lottery Calendars: We are doing a lottery calendar for the month of May. Two calendars were sent out in the mail. We kindly ask if you would participate in taking your two lottery calendars. The cost is \$5.00 for each calendar.

****If you cannot participate in this fundraiser, please either mail them back to the church, place them in the weekend collection basket or put them in the fundraising box on the rectory porch.****

It is important that the unsold calendars be returned as soon as possible so they may be recirculated for sale.

We are also looking for sellers. For every 5 calendars sold, you will receive 1 free. If you have any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034 and leave a message. Thank you.

The Celebration of a Living Legend: Friday, April 30, 2021, Marian High School will be celebrating the life and impact of Jack Malarkey. There will be a fundraising campaign focused on the gymnasium that will be named after him. For more information, please visit their website at ww.mariancatholic.org.

Marian High School Open House:

Sunday, May 2nd, 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Meet our administration, faculty, staff, and some of our students! Learn about financial assistance, transportation, and academics.

To register for this event, please call Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 Ext. 116 or mmilosh@mariancatholic.org

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, Edward Surfied, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Intercessory Candles

Sanctuary Lamp: In Honor of Marge Kufrovich's 99th Birthday by Family
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
Healing & Strength for Jim & Beth Bialek
by Stanley & Joann Dombrowski
Happy Birthday Mom, Love Mark & Gale
Prayers fro my sister Sandy, Love Gale
Healing for Michelle's Mom by Gale & Mark

For good test results by Sharon
Special Intention by Sue & Jay
Special Intention for good test results and health
Happy Birthday Mom ~ Love Sharon, Mick & Josh
Guidance for Brett by Grannie
Happy Birthday Nan, Love your Grandchildren &
Great-Grandchildren

Christ the Lord is Risen Today 523

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
All on earth with angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'ns; and, earth, reply, Alleluia!

2. Lives again our glorious king, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing 536

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious
King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his
pierced side. Praise we him, who love divine Gives his
sacred Blood for wine, Gives his Body for the feast:
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, Death's dark angel
sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through
the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; With
sincerity and love Eat we mana from above.