

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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April 19, 2020 Sunday of Divine Mercy

While the public celebration of Sunday and weekday Masses is suspended during the pandemic, the Sunday and Weekday Masses will be celebrated privately. The parish plans to live-stream and record Sunday, Holy Day, and other 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. 4/20—Easter Weekday

Darlene Kankowski by Frank & Maryann

Tues. 4/21—Easter Weekday;

opt. St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Arthur Kufrovich by Morris Family

Wed. 4/22—Easter Weekday

Priest Intention

Thurs. 4/23—Easter Weekday;

opt. St. George, Martyr; and St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

Fri. 4/24—Easter Weekday;

opt. St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
Priest Intention

Sat. 4/25—April 26th Vigil

Jim O'Grodnick by Pam & Eddie Chizawske

*Sun. 4/26—3rd Sunday of Easter

James Weber by Weber Family

Sun. 4/26

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 26th:

ACTS 2:14, 22-23; PS 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
1 PT 1:17-21; LK 24: 13-35

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,354 ~ Candles: \$35

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

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

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

PARISH NEWS and UPDATES:

No public Mass or Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

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 in the church.

Since there is no public Daily and Sunday Mass because of the COVID-19 pandemic, would you please kindly drop your offering 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.

“Bishop Schlert’s Easter Message
Apr 11, 2020 | Bishop Schlert, News

They found the stone rolled back from the tomb — Luke 24:2

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With these words, the first hint of an extraordinary event unfolded that would forever change the world. The women who went dutifully to anoint Jesus’ body with spices became the first heralds of a way of life that would never be the same.

In these anxious days of pandemic, we may feel entombed in our homes, fearful that life will never be the same. My Easter message to you is one of hope! We hope for the days when the stones of our house-tombs will be rolled open. We long for better times, that the human interactions of life which we have taken for granted will return. We long to return to work and school and the security that normalcy brings. We live in trepidation of an invisible sickness that strikes quickly and without discrimination of age, social standing, or net worth. We seem to live in a physical tomb of social distancing and a psychological tomb of fear and complete uncertainty.

In the midst of such malaise, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection dawns just the same with all its hope, and with promise of Eternal Life. We will need to work harder this year to experience this joy, since we cannot come together as a Family of Faith to celebrate. Nonetheless, we can rejoice that the spiritual tomb of sin and death is truly rolled back, never to be closed on us again! Jesus has power over death, sin, pandemic, illness, fear, and uncertainty.

The pious women, who were also frightened by unexplainable events, call us to run with them, to grow in confidence and hope, just as they began to believe the mystery of the stone rolled away. The Resurrection stands between us and despair. Jesus stands between us and death.

As we continue with the rigors and sacrifices that these days demand of us, I invite you to stay focused on the rolled-back stone, on the empty tomb. For in these images rest our hope in these days. Jesus is risen; He is truly risen! We are the grateful recipients and heralds of such an overwhelmingly hopeful message in a world that desperately needs it.

Asking Our Risen Savior to bless you and your families, especially those who are ill and their caregivers, with good health and renewed spirit, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown"

Dear Friends,

“In just five days, over 300 parishioners used the site to donate for their parishes. Another 200+ contributed an additional through new local parish online giving pages as well. Our goal is to help you increase these numbers during the coming weeks.”

Thank you,
Paul Acampora
Secretary for Stewardship & Development

Umbert the Unborn



Intercessory Candles

World Peace & Healing by Sheral
In Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings and the
opportunity to watch services online
by A parishioner

God heal the world by Sue & Jay
As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, may God's mercy
Grant us an end to Covid 19 by a parishioner