

# Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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## April 25, 2021 Fourth 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YO_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q)

**Mon. 4/26, No Mass**

**Tues. 4/27, No Mass**

**Wed. 4/28, 8:00am—Easter Weekday;**

*St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;*

*St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*

Daniel F. Guinan Sr. By Guinan Trust Estate

**Thurs. 4/29, 6:00pm—St. Catherine of Siena,  
Doctor of the Church**

Robert (Ben) Blue by Duke & Joan Demko

**Fri. 4/30, 8:00am—St. Pius V, Pope**

Living & deceased members of the Cumers, Brandewie, &

O'Brien Families by Mary Cumers

**Sat. 5/1**

**Confessions @ 3:30pm**

**Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm**

People of the Parish

**\*Sun. 5/2, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Mass @ 8:30am**

**(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)**

James Weber by Family

**Sun. 5/2**

**Mass @ 10:30am**

William & Fannie Neverosky by Neverosky Family

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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! A few weeks ago, 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.

During the Easter season 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 to 6:55 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 Season, Paschal celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. He is risen indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!

Yours in Christ,  
+Father Eric Tolentino

**Readings for Sunday Mass, May 2nd:**  
Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24;  
Jn 15:1-8

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
**The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$2,829 ~ Candles: \$166

**Second Collections:**  
5/2~Monthly Supplement; 5/9~Mother's Day; 5/13~Ascension;  
5/16~Parish Utilities; 5/23~Parish Utilities;  
5/30~Parish Utilities; 5/31~Memorial Day

### **Covid Guidelines: Modifications Effective May 1, 2021:**

**1. The faithful who attend Mass will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Children under the age of 2 and those with medical exceptions are not required to wear a face mask.**

**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 and exit using both ramp and front doors.**

**4. At the end of Mass, please exit the church using either the ramp door or the front doors.**

**5. The Distribution of Holy Communion is to return to the proper place in the liturgy. It is no longer permitted to distribute after Mass.**

**6. Holy Water:** All fonts and stoops remain empty.

**7. Votive Candles:** Parishioners may now light votive candles. Please hand sanitize before and after lighting the candles.

**8. Hymnals and Devotional Kiosks:** Hymnals may be restored to the Church. Devotional materials and other pamphlets may be restored to their former locations.

**9. Weekday Mass attendees may enter the church using the ramp door only, 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**

**10. Sunday 8:30 AM Mass will continue to be live-streamed for those unable to attend Mass.**

### **Religious Education:**

CCD/Prep remaining classes. Masks must be worn.

Grades 1 through 4

Sunday, April 25th @ 9:30 am in the hall

Grades 5 through 7

Sunday, April 25th @ 6:00 pm in the hall

Grades 1 through 4

Sunday, May 2nd, 9:30 am in the hall

Grades 5 through 7

Sunday, May 2nd @ 6:00 pm in the hall—Last Class

Grades 1 through 4

Sunday, May 16th, 9:30 am in the hall—Last Class

### **Upcoming Sacramental Schedule:**

#### **1st Holy Communion**

Saturday, May 1st & Saturday, May 8th @ 10:00 am

#### **1st Penance**

Thursday, May 6th @ 7:00 pm

**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.

### **BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL**

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.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@mariancatholics.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholics.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 Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

## Intercessory Candles

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

In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran

Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Special Intention for good test results and health

**All People That on Earth Do Dwell      853**

1. All people that on earth do swell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; Come w before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; With out our aide he did us make.  
We are his folk, he does us feed, And for for his sheep he does us take.

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore You      614**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of Love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,  
O-p'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

2. All your works with joy surround you, Earth and heav'n  
and reflect your rays, Stars and angels sing around you,  
Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountains,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Sound their praise eternally!