

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

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_SqC1KeZvFjO4vpw3Q

Mon. 4/27—Easter Weekday

Priest Intention

Tues. 4/28—Easter Weekday;

opt. St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Priest Intention

Wed. 4/29 — St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Jer Tracy by wife Pat

Thurs. 4/30—Easter Weekday;

opt. St. Pius V, Pope

Jerome Tracy by Pat Tracy

Fri. 5/01—Easter Weekday;

opt. St. Joseph the Worker

Deceased diocesan priests

Sat. 5/02—May 3rd Vigil

Martin Kovich Jr. by Leo & Lorraine Drosdak

*Sun. 5/03—4th Sunday of Easter

William & Fanny Neverosky by Neverosky Family

Sun. 5/03

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, May 3rd:
ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; 23:1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6
1 PT 2:20B-25; JN 10:1-10

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$1,431 ~ Candles: \$64

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Dear parish family,

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia, alleluia! May all of you and your families have a blessed and Holy Easter Season. We are blessed this Easter Season to have the opportunity to receive and to cooperate more with God's grace as through our Lord's divine mercy.

“Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.”
(Ps 66:1-2)

This past week, I had a conversation with a local businessman. He noted that these are quite strange times. We spoke about losing track of time and which day of the week it was because of the disruption in our daily routines due to the pandemic precautions. In many ways we are like the two disciples of Jesus who were on the road to Emmaus when they encountered Jesus after his resurrection from the dead (Lk 24:13-35). Before recognizing the resurrected Jesus, these disciples told this apparent stranger about who they hoped Jesus to be, the wonderful works he had done, how he was crucified and died, and the mystery of the empty tomb of Jesus. We are celebrating that same paschal mystery. Jesus Christ is revealing to us those same mysteries about his passion, death and resurrection to us now who may have difficulty recognizing Him during these difficult times.

I am praying especially for you and your families as the Church celebrates the Easter season. Please refer to our parish website (strichard.org) for the updated parish schedule for live-streaming and recording of Sunday Masses and Holy Day Masses, online-giving, weekly bulletins (also available in the church) and parish news. Our parish 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 parish YouTube Channel: Sunday Masses and Holy Day Masses. As of April 10, 2020 the Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown is continuing the suspension of Masses with the presence of the faithful until further notice.



Thank you so much for continuing to share your treasure according to your ability to do so, during this difficult economic and financial time caused by the pandemic. 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 Soult, Dominic Streisel, 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.

Confessions are by appointment only in the church.

ALL activities have been suspended until further notice.

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.

The Church of St. Richard of Chichester will be CLOSED during the times below to privately celebrate:

* Sunday Masses
(*watch on Parish YouTube channel)

Sundays 8:00 AM to 9:50 AM

Weekday Masses

MON.-FRI. 8:00 AM to 8:50 AM

Masses for * Holy Days and Other Liturgies as noted in Bulletin & on the Parish Website



Most Merciful and Triune God,

We come to You in our weakness. We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust. For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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Amen



**PRAYER TO COMBAT
THE CORONA PANDEMIC**

“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"

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

For all souls in purgatory on this Divine Mercy
Sunday by a parishioner
Strength for all parishioners during this time
Strength & Good Health for Carol & Bob Blue
World Peace & Healing by Sheral
Special Intention by Sue & Jay

For God’s continued mercy for a speedy re-opening of all
churches by a parishioner
Healing for Jill’s mom by Sue
Healing for Jack by Sue
Soul of Ann Garrity Winkler by Sheral