

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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May 2, 2021 Fifth 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. 5/3, 8:00am—Saints Philip & James, Apostles
Shirley Koval Gaudio by Larry & Lorraine Palko

Tues. 5/4, 8:00am—Easter Weekday
Helen Decindio by Jack & Diane Praskac

Wed. 5/5, 8:00am—Easter Weekday
In Loving Memory of Jack & Mary Frances Dunleavy
By The Family

Thurs. 5/6, 6:00pm—Easter Weekday
Living & deceased members of the Cumers, Brandewie,
& O'Brien families by Mary Cumers

Fri. 5/7, 8:00am—Easter Weekday
Purgatorial Society

Sat. 5/8
Confessions @ 3:30pm
Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm
Mary Sniscek by daughter Mary Helen

***Sun. 5/9, Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Mass @ 8:30am
(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)
For all Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sun. 5/9
Mass @ 10:30am
For all Mothers, Living & Deceased

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,

At the beginning of May, it is time for the children of our parish to receive First Holy Communion and First Penance. Our parish is praying for the twelve children receiving First Holy Communion and five making their First Penance. By the grace of God, these children will join our parish family in receiving the Eucharist at Mass - our Lord's real presence, body, blood, soul and divinity - and seeking our Lord's mercy which endures forever in confession.

It is fitting that our parish's First Communicants receive Holy Communion during "the Year of the Real Presence, a Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Allentown, which our Bishop Schlert announced as part of the diocese's celebration of the 60th Anniversary of our diocese's founding in 1961 by Pope Saint John XXIII. On that year, Most Reverend Joseph Mark McShea, First Bishop of Allentown, took possession of the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, and our diocese began.

Our bishop encourages us in regards to Jesus Christ being 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 of praying for vocations to the Priesthood before our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration."

May you and your family have a blessed Easter, Paschal celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
+Father Eric Tolentino

Readings for Sunday Mass, May 9th:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,357 ~ Candles: \$13

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 immediately using the ramp door or the front doors.

5. All formal and informal gatherings are not permitted at this time.

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

7. Holy Water: All fonts and stoups remain empty.

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

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

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

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, 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

Reminders: 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.

Lottery Calendars: Our lottery calendars start this Saturday, May 1st and run for the entire month of May. Thank you to all who supported our parish fundraiser by purchasing and/or selling the calendars. Thank you again and good luck!

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend we ask you to visit the Because We Are Catholic website BecauseWeAreCatholic.org to hear from supporters of the appeal why contributing to the Appeal is important to stewardship and their walk with Christ. You will also learn from the ministries the Appeal supports and how your contributions assist those ministries.

St. Jerome's Regional School: St. Jerome's May calendar is now posted on their website. For a list of the month's events, their newsletter and school information, please visit www.sjrschool.com.

Marian High School Open House:

This 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@mariancatholicchs.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.

V: 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: In Loving Memory of Mary Snisceck by daughter Mary Helen

In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran
In Loving Memory of Sgt. Robert Flaherty by Family
Healing & Health for Bob Bonner by friend Pat Tracy
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
Special Intention by The Mansells

Special Intention by Sue & Jay
Special Intention for good test results and health
Congratulations to our First Holy Communion class. May God watch over you as you receive your First Holy Communion
by Stan & Joann Dombrowski

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 613

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the ever lasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor To his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! 949

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: I am with you evermore?