

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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May 16, 2021 Seventh 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. 5/17, 8:00am—Easter Weekday

Ron Mihalko by Dave & Donna Kost

Tues. 5/18, 8:00am—Easter Weekday;

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

Geraldine Mockinick by Joe & Theresa Klatka

Wed. 5/19, 8:00am—Easter Weekday

Lillian Lazur Sobczynski by Richard F. Lazur

Thurs. 5/20, 6:00pm—Easter Weekday;

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Charles P. Naradko by McCarthy Family

Fri. 5/21, 8:00am—Easter Weekday;

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

Jer Tracy by wife Pat

Sat. 5/22

Confessions @ 3:30pm

Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm

People of the Parish

*Sun. 5/23, Pentecost Sunday

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

Damian Peca by Peca Family

Sun. 5/23

Mass @ 10:30am

Frank & Gladys Syzdek by daughter Sandy

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,

Last Sunday, May 9th, 2021, I announced that I received a new assignment from our Bishop. As you may know, our diocese has fewer priests to serve the people in the parishes of our diocese. This year nine priests are retiring and only one priest will be ordained in June. In some cases one priest is being assigned as pastor at two parishes, as is the case for six parishes in our diocese already, and this year, because of the declining number of priests, it became necessary to do so in six additional parishes.

I am being moved to Annunciation B.V.M. Parish in Catsauqua. Father Frink of St. John XXIII Parish in Tamaqua is also being moved. Father Robert Finlan is being assigned as Pastor of both St. Richard of Chichester and St. John XXIII. Both parishes will remain as independent parishes and both churches will remain open.

However since there will only be one priest as pastor of both parishes, there could be some changes. There may be some consolidation in programs and services to better serve both parish organizations. Father Finlan may need to make changes in the daily and weekend Mass schedules so that he will be able to celebrate Masses in both parishes without requiring the assistance of another priest, which may mean fewer Masses than there are now. In the coming weeks

Father Finlan will work out the new Mass schedule which will take effect on the weekend of June 19-20, 2021.

I know that you will welcome Father Finlan and make him feel at home. Although change is not easy, sometimes change is necessary. You will be able to attend Mass at either parish. You can put your collection envelopes in the basket at either parish and be assured that your contributions will be directed toward St. Richard Parish.

This year for the first time in the 60-year history of the Diocese of Allentown, there will be fewer than 100 active diocesan priests. In a special way, during this Year of the Real Presence, it is our responsibility as the faithful of the Diocese to spend time in prayer in front of the Eucharistic Lord in Adoration, praying for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, especially within our Diocese.

Thank you so much for welcoming me here for the past two years. You will always be in prayers and I ask that you pray for our Bishop, me and the other priests of our diocese as well.

May God bless and keep you.

Yours in Christ,
+Father Eric Tolentino

Readings for Sunday Mass, May 23rd:
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$3,681 ~ Candles: \$76

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

Updated Covid Guidelines:
Modifications Effective Pentecost Sunday
May 22, 2021:

1. **The faithful who attend Mass will be required to wear Masks. Children under the age of 2 and those with medical exceptions are not required to wear a face mask.**
2. **NO CAPACITY LIMITATIONS will be required in parishes and institutions within the geographical territory of the Diocese of Allentown.**
3. **Sunday Mass attendees may enter and exit the church using both the ramp and front doors 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**
4. **The Distribution of Holy Communion is to return to the proper place in the liturgy in the Church only. It is no longer permitted to distribute after Mass.**
5. **Holy Water: All fonts and stoops remain empty.**
6. **Votive Candles: Parishioners may now light votive candles. Please hand sanitize before and after lighting the candles.**
7. **Altar servers are permitted.**
8. **The Exchange of the Sign of Peace is not permitted.**
9. **Weekday Mass attendees may enter and exit the church using both the ramp and front doors 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**

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

Guidelines for Outdoor Gatherings:

1. **No capacity restrictions.**
2. **Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks.**
3. **Those who are not full vaccinated must wear masks when present at outdoor venues.**

As you plan events, it would be appropriate to have signage reaffirming these requirements and requiring compliance.

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.

Krispy Kreme fundraiser to benefit the Cub Scouts Pack #725 of the Church of St. Richard:

Please consider helping the Cub Scouts!! Envelopes are located in the vestibule. Each dozen of glazed are \$8. If paying by check please make it payable to: "Cub Scout #725". All orders are due by Friday May 22nd, pick up is Wednesday May 26th in the evening. Any questions, please reach out to Amy Hoherchak or Krissy Wonsock.

Lottery Calendars Winners: (May 2021)

5/7 Cynthia Burda, #816
5/8 No Winner
5/9 Conor Walcsavage, #965
5/10 Laura Sweeney, #965
5/11 Stanley Dombrowski, #191
5/12 Helene Richmond, #479
5/13 Kenneth Boyle, #620

Pentecost Ember Days:

As we celebrate the Year of the Real Presence in the Diocese of Allentown, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, invites you to join him in marking the Pentecost Ember Days.

In this Jubilee Year, Bishop Schlert is inviting clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to make visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, to recite the Rosary, to fast from any earthly attachment that separates us from Christ, to pray daily the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, to receive the Sacrament of Penance, and for the clergy to make a daily, personal Holy Hour.

As we emerge from a year of isolation and sickness, prayers, fasting, and penance are powerful spiritual weapons against the evil, injustice, and pestilence of our times.

The Pentecost Ember Days are:

Wednesday May 26, Friday May 28, & Saturday May 29.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL: COMMITMENT SUNDAY

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

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 Sault, Dominic Streisel, Edward Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Special Intention by the Higgins Family

Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat

Healing, health, & answers for Carol Blue

by Donna & Paul Peca

Special Prayers for "Duke" by Frank & MaryAnn

Special Intention for our friends by Roy & Ann

In Memory of our deceased Mother

Special Intention for successful therapy

Special Intention for my kids & grandkids by Mom

Health & healing for Ella by Donna & Paul Peca

In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran