

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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May 17, 2020 Sixth 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_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q

Mon. 5/18—Easter Weekday;

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

Happy 91st Birthday to Stella Pokorny by sister Vicky Karnish

Fri. 5/22—Easter Weekday;

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Craig Petzold by Jack Cusatis

Tues. 5/19—Easter Weekday

Eugene Tokash by Anne & Bob Derlunas

Sat. 5/23—May 24th Vigil

(included with Sunday Live-Stream Mass)

Thomas Long by Tom & Cindy Long

Wed. 5/20 — Easter Weekday;

St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Evelyn Yost by Helen Dunsavage

*Sun. 5/24—7th Sunday of Easter

Live-Stream Mass @ 8:30 am

Dominic Sposito by Bernard & Felicia Bruni & family

*Thurs. 5/21—Holy Day of Obligation

The Ascension of the Lord

Priest Intention

* Live-Stream Mass @ 6:00 pm

Sun. 5/24

(included with Sunday Live-Stream Mass)

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 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays @ 3:30pm or call the Rectory to schedule an appointment.

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@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection:

Pamela Russo (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.

Readings for Sunday Mass, May 24th:
ACTS 1:12-14; PS 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 PT 4:13-16;
JN 17:1-11A

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,356 ~ Candles: \$47

5th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

Dear parish family,

Last Sunday we celebrated the 5th Sunday of Easter, we also remembered and prayed for the all of the mothers of our parish family. I hope and pray that all of you and your families continue to have a blessed Easter Season and Happy Mother's Day through our Blessed Mother's intercession!

“Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother* and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.” (NAB, Jn 19:25-27)

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. While the celebration of Masses publicly is suspended, I plan to live-stream broadcast and record on our parish YouTube Channel celebration of: Sunday Masses and Holy Day Masses (the church will be closed during these Mass times). Click on the YouTube Channel link on our parish website to navigate to our parish YouTube channel.

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 features “Online Giving” so that you can give your parish offering via internet from your home. Thank you so much to those parishioners who are mailing or dropping off their offering envelopes, and/or contributing via the parish online giving link on our parish website.

As I celebrate Mass privately each day for the intentions of our parish family, pray the Liturgy of the Hours and holy rosary daily I am praying for your families 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.

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia, alleluia!

May God bless you and keep you all,

Rev. 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, 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 Special Liturgies as noted in the Bulletin & on the Parish Website *Thursday, 05/21 The Ascension of the Lord Live-Stream Mass @ 6:00 pm Church will be closed from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to privately celebrate.	

**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist
Pope Francis”

First Prayer

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

Special Intentions for Blessed Virgin Mary ~
Happy Mother's Day by Sue & Jay

Special Intention for Dot by "SD"
Special Intention for good test results