

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

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. 5/24, 8:00am—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Living & deceased members of the Cumers, Brandewie,
and O'Brien Families by Mary Cumers

Tues. 5/25, 8:00am—Weekday;

*St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church,
St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin*
Deceased diocesan priests

Wed. 5/26, 8:00am—St. Philip Neri, Priest

In Loving Memory of Chip & Betty Reed
by Kathy & Chuck Reed

Thurs. 5/27, 6:00pm—Weekday;

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Celia Zukoski by Beverly Macek

Fri. 5/28, 8:00am—Weekday

Al Skelson by Duke & Joan Demko

Sat. 5/29

Confessions @ 3:30pm

Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm

People of the Parish

*Sun. 5/30, The Most Holy Trinity

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

Stacie Eichman by Kelly & Kyle Karlavage

Sun. 5/30

Mass @ 10:30am

Craig Petzold by Jack Cusatis

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,

On 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 my 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 30th:
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28: 16-20

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,688 ~ Candles: \$146

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. Facemasks are to be worn by all of the faithful who are not fully vaccinated. See #2 below. **Children under the age of 2 and those with medical exceptions are not required to wear a face mask.**

2. In accordance with government guidelines effective immediately, the fully vaccinated may attend Mass in the Diocese of Allentown and all gatherings on parish property without wearing a mask. "Fully vaccinated" is defined as being 2 weeks after receiving the final dose of the vaccine. **People who do not meet those requirements are not considered fully vaccinated, and must keep taking all precautions.**

3. **NO CAPACITY LIMITATIONS will be required in parishes and institutions within the geographical territory of the Diocese of Allentown.**

4. Sunday Mass attendees may enter and exit the church using both the ramp and front doors 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.

5. **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.**

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. **Altar servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are permitted.**

9. **The Exchange of the Sign of Peace is not permitted.**

10. **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.** See #2.

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

Lottery Calendars Winners: (May 2021)

5/14 Ann Gober, #621

5/15 Scott Peter, #759

5/16 No Winner

5/17 Ed Logsn, #104

5/18 Rita Benek, #933

5/19 Brone Lobichusky, #229

5/20 Father Eric, #282

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.

From the Parish Office: In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the office will be closed Monday, May 31st and Tuesday, June 1st. It will resume normal business hours on Wednesday, June 2nd @ 9:00am.

BBQ Chicken Dinner: June 13th from 12:00 noon-2:00pm.

The dinner consists of 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, corn, coleslaw, and roll plus choice of a chocolate or vanilla cake for dessert. The dinner will be a drive-thru only. A mailing of tickets has been sent so check your mailboxes. Deadline for ticket returns is June 7th.

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Allentown?

If so, you and your family are invited to attend a COME AND SEE event at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church on Friday Evening, June 25, 2021 at 6:00pm. Registration is required.

Please register by emailing jstewart@allentowndiocese.org or calling the Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation at (610)332-0442 Ext. 2031.

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 Surfild, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

Special Intention by Sue & Jay
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
Special Intention
Prayers for Strength & Healing for Ella
by Kristen & Veronica Williams
A Blessed 59 yrs. Wedding Anniversary
for Bruce & Louise by Family

In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran
Special Intention for Gloria Walasavage by Cindy
In Honor Bruce & Louise
In Memory of Gerald Bree by Patty
For my friends, Celie & Judy by Michelle Pyrdsa
Special Intention for Al, Duke, Roy by Pat
Strength & Peace for Pat Skelson by Bruce & Louise