

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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June 7, 2020 The Most Holy Trinity

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. 6/08, 8:00am—Weekday

John "Sparky" Lewis by John & Barbara Grazel

Tues. 6/09, 8:00am—Weekday;

St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church
Jer Tracy by Wife Pat

Wed. 6/10, 8:00am— Weekday

June Wall by Uncle Buddy & Family

Thurs. 6/11, 6:00pm—St. Barnabas, Apostle

Rev. Edward Costello by Dan & Kay Whetstone

Fri. 6/12, 8:00am—Weekday

Paul Krukas by Duke & Joan Demko

Sat. 6/13—June 14th Vigil

Mass @ 4:00pm

Al Fritz by Wife Fran

*Sun. 6/14—The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

John Goshiney by Bernard & Felicia Bruni & Family

Sun. 6/14

(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 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@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, June 14th:
DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A; PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
1 COR 10:16-17; JN 6:51-58

Responsorial Psalm:
Glory and praise forever!

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$1,903 ~ Candles: \$41

Second Collections: 06/07~ Monthly Supplement; 06/14 ~
Parish Utilities; 06/21~Father's Day; 06/28~Parish Utilities



Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

Dear Parish Family,

Peace be with you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am praying for the grace for us to bear our crosses faithfully and to draw closer to our Lord Jesus Christ during this difficult time. We are celebrating Pentecost Sunday, the fiftieth day after our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Apostles had their version of "stay at home order," since the apostles were behind locked doors hiding from the Jewish authorities who were persecuting the followers of Christ.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.* The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. (NAB Jn 20:19-23)*

I look forward to seeing you soon and to celebrating Mass in the presence of the faithful. Many of you may have already heard the good news that on May 22nd, 2020, **Bishop Schlerf announced that the faithful are invited back to Mass and that parishes will reopen for Masses to the public beginning on Monday, June 1st, 2020.** Mass attendance remains voluntary during the pandemic Yellow Phase. The dispensation from the Mass obligation will remain in place until the green phase. Those, who do not feel safe or have compromising health conditions, should not attend Mass.

Our parish staff and volunteers are joyfully preparing to welcome you when you return to Mass in the church. Following are the details for the celebration of Mass with parishioners present beginning June 1st, 2020:

1. The faithful who attend Mass will be required to wear masks, and maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart. Family groups may be seated together.
2. Please bring your own hand sanitizer.
3. For Sunday Masses, I plan to use the overflow Mass procedure having some people seated in the lower church hall with the Mass projected on the screen, while the Mass is celebrated in the church.
4. **Sunday Mass attendance will be limited to 40 people in the church (25% of the church seating capacity) and 40 people in the lower church hall (25% of the hall seating capacity).**
5. **Sunday Mass attendees may enter the church using the ramp door only, 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**

6. **Weekday Mass attendance will be limited to 40 people (25% of the church seating capacity) in the church.**
7. **Weekday Mass attendees may enter the church using the ramp door only, 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**
8. **The Saturday vigil Mass for Sunday will be at 4:00 PM on Saturday, June 6th, 2020. Sunday morning Mass on June 7th, 2020 will be at 8:30 AM. Sunday 8:30 AM Masses will also continue to be live-streamed for those unable to attend Mass during the Yellow Phase.** The Saturday vigil and Sunday Mass schedule may be subject to change during the Yellow Phase.
9. Weekday Masses beginning June 1st will be at 8:00 AM Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and at 6:00 PM on Thursdays.
10. Holy Communion for people attending Mass will be distributed immediately at the end of Mass in the Church only. After the people, who attended Mass, receive communion in the church, please exit using the ramp door of the church. After finishing distributing Holy Communion in the church, one of the clergy will be available outside of the church at the bottom of the ramp to distribute communion to anyone in the parking lot who was not able to attend Mass.

Many people have been cooped up at home for weeks and many others have been working under pandemic conditions. We have been waiting for about eleven weeks to have Masses open to the public. Since having Mass with people present with all of the Pandemic Yellow Phase safety precautions will be a new and different experience for us all, please be patient. Mass with the Yellow Phase safety requirements will be a learning process for us and we will need to adjust to our current situation.

Please pass on the good news about the reopening of Masses to the public at our parish beginning Monday, June 1st, 2020, especially for those with special needs and who do not have internet access and smartphones, and other modern devices. One more item for your consideration. Since the number of people attending Sunday Mass is limited to 40 people in the church and 40 people in the lower church hall, please consider, if you do not have to work during weekday Mass times, attending a weekday Mass to make space for someone, who has to work on weekdays, to attend Sunday Mass.

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, and for mailing or dropping your offering envelopes, and/or contributing via the parish online giving link on our parish website.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mass again soon.... Welcome Home!

May God bless you and keep you...

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, Joan McCarthy, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Dan Metzger, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Soult, Dominic Streisel, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

The Church of St. Richard would like to congratulate the members of the Class of 2020:

Mahanoy Area High School: Colt Soult, Thomas Price, Payton Martin, Caitlin Honus, and Myles Manjone

Marian Catholic High School: Macy Alanaky and Autumn Ankiewicz

Tamaqua High School: Gretchen Pucklavage

We would also like to thank Myles Manjone for his years of service as an Altar Server and this year's recipient of the Daniel G. Sleva Jr. Memorial Foundation Award. Congratulations Myles!

BBQ Chicken Dinner: Sunday, June 14th from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. Dinner includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, 1/2 corn on the cob, cole slaw, and dinner roll. Cost is \$12 per dinner. The mailing for the dinner has been distributed and/or mailed. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 tickets by Tuesday, June 9th. Drive through pickup only or local delivery available upon request.

PARISH NEWS and UPDATES:

Masses during the Yellow Phase:

Sunday Mass will be celebrated starting this Saturday, June 6th @ 4:00pm and Sunday, June 7th @ 8:30am.

Father Tolentino will continue to Live-Stream Sunday Mass @ 8:30am for those who are not able to attend during the Yellow Phase.

Weekday Masses will be celebrated as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday @ 8:00am and Thursday @ 6:00pm.

Some Important Reminders:

No gathering before OR after Mass.

Please wear your face mask while inside.

Please respect social distancing of at least 6 feet.

Distribution of Holy Communion will be after Mass.

Church Entry: Sunday Masses, Weekday Mass, Holy Days of Obligation and special liturgies, entry will be through the handicap ramp entrance ONLY to begin seating 30 minutes before scheduled Mass.

Votive Candles in the Yellow Phase: You may request the pastoral staff to light a candle for you or call the parish office for assistance.

Sacristy and Cry Room: Closed to the public.

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

The Church will continue to be open daily for your private prayer and reflection.

Confessions are by appointment only.

ALL public activities continue to be suspended in the Yellow Phase until further notice.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Would you or someone whom you know like to become Catholic? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Parishes welcome new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) which includes evangelizing new disciples, Catholic theological and spiritual formation, etc. for those people who would like to become Catholic. R.C.I.A classes will tentatively begin in the last half of June using the necessary pandemic precautions. Please call the Parish Office (570) 467-2315 and leave your contact information if you wish to participate.

As the culmination of the Easter Triduum, the Vigil celebrates the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While people can become Catholic at any time of the year, the Easter Vigil is a particularly appropriate moment for adult catechumens to be baptized and for already-baptized Christians to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. Then during the RCIA process, which typically lasts eleven months or more, a person learns the teachings of the Catholic Church in a more formal way and discerns that he or she is ready to commit to living according to fullness of the Catholic faith. Since the earliest days of the Church after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, people have participated in this ritual to become Catholic Christians and took this step to come home to the Catholic Church which was founded by Jesus Christ. Two distinct groups of people will be initiated into the Catholic Church. Catechumens, who have never been baptized, will receive Baptism, Confirmation and first Communion at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. Candidates, who have already been baptized in another Christian tradition, will enter the Church through a profession of faith and reception of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

For Strength & Faith Laura & Timmy by Mom
Prayers needed for Jeff Weaver & Lori White

Special Intention for our grandson Nicholas. Congrats on
your graduation! by Gram & Pop