# Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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# June 21, 2020 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 SqC1KeZsyFjO4vpw3O

Mon. 6/22, 8:00am—Weekday;

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; St. John Fisher, Bishop & St. Thomas More, Martyrs
Douglas Sawyer by Aunt Vicky

Tues. 6/23, 8:00am—Weekday Sandra Greco by John & Barbara Grazel

Wed. 6/24, 8:00am Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Anna Melnick by Ray & Mary Ann Boyer

Thurs. 6/25, 6:00pm—Weekday Frank & Marge Morris by Family

Fri. 6/26, 8:00am—Weekday John Angelo Jr. by Joe & Sandy Mehalko

#### 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 (a) 3:30pm or call the Rectory to schedule an appointment.

Sat. 6/27—June 28th Vigil Mass @ 4:00pm Daniel Sleva Jr. by Family

\*Sun. 6/28—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass @ 8:30am (Also continued to be Live-Streamed) Rose Marie Hricisak by Thomas & Pat Simoes

Sun. 6/28 (included with Sunday Live-Stream Mass) People of the 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.

### **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 victimsassistance@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 lean 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 28th:** 2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A; PS 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 ROM 6:3-4. 8-11: MT 10:37-42

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your love, answer me. **Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$2,426 ~ Candles: \$52

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

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 21, 2020 Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today, we celebrate the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also Father's Day. Here is a shout out to all fathers, "Have a blessed and happy Father's Day!" Congratulations to all of the sons and daughters of our parish who graduated from elementary school, high school and college. May God bless you and keep you all. St. Pope John Paul regularly exhorted us to, "Be not afraid!" We do not live in "ordinary times." There is nothing ordinary during this liturgical time of the Church and secular time for us, our parish, the Church and the world with or without the pandemic. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we have much to do, faithfully following our Lord, as we continue living out our vocational call to holiness.

"<sup>26</sup>Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops... <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father...(NABRE, 2011)



I am thankful for the blessing of celebrating Mass in the presence of the faithful and seeing many of you at the Sunday and weekday Masses. As many of you already know on May 22nd, 2020, Bishop Schlert announced that the faithful are invited back to Mass and that parishes reopened for Masses to the public 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.

On Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the diocese sent me an email informing me that **Bishop Schlert has promulgated that on Monday, 29 June 2020 (The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles) the entire Diocese of Allentown will move into Green Phase Part I regardless of the Commonwealth's designation of their respective county at that time. As you will note, this is Part I of the Green Phase. We anticipate a second part of this phase after evaluating the effectiveness and needs of parishes in the second half of the summer so that we can determine the best course of action.** 

I will announce the details for the Green Phase Part I in the parish bulletin on Sunday, June 28th, 2020. The main change for the Green Phase – Part I, beginning Monday, June 29th, is that Churches will be permitted "no more than 50% of their occupancy" which in the case for our parish of St. Richard of Chichester will be an occupancy limit of 80 people in the church for Mass and using the overflow Mass procedure up to 80 people in the lower church hall for Sunday Masses. Live-streaming will be eventually fading sometime during the Green Phase, Stage 1 or 2, since more parishioners will be able to attend Mass.

For the remainder of the Yellow Phase and in the upcoming Green Phase I (until otherwise notified by the diocese) face masks are to be worn by all of the lay faithful in the church and lower church hall. The only time a face mask should be removed is when a lector proclaims the readings and for the reception of Holy Communion. A cantor, who is socially distanced may participate without a face mask.

Please be patient, since having Mass with people present with all of the Pandemic Yellow Phase (and soon the Green Phase Part I) safety precautions is a new and different experience for us. Mass with the Yellow Phase safety requirements in an ongoing 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, especially for those with special needs and who do not have internet access and smartphones, and other modern devices.

Thank you so much for all of your support and 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... Welcome Home! May God bless you and keep you...

Rev. Eric Tolentino

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Following are the current details for the celebration of Mass with parishioners present effective June 1st, 2020 and continuing through Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (new updated "Green Phase, Stage 1, precaution details will begin on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020; see the upcoming bulletin for Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 church at the bottom of the ramp to distribute communion to anyone in the parking lot who was not able to attend Mass.

Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encourgement: 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 Soult, Dominic Streisel, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

## Prayer to St. Joseph

Guardian of virgins and fathers, holy Joseph, to whose faithful care Christ Jesus, innocence itself and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed: I pray and beseech thee, by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that free from all uncleanness, and with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, you make me ever more chastely familiar with Jesus and Mary all the days of life.

Amen.

### 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.

Let us pray.

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.

**BBQ Chicken Dinner:** Our drive-through chicken dinner was a huge success—we sold out! We thank all who purchased a dinner, participated in the 50/50 drawing, volunteers, A&C Catering, Boyers Food Markets, and the Church of St. Richards' Boy Scout Troop #725. This was a team effort and we are humbled by the amount of support we received. The profit from the dinner and the 50/50 will be announced in next week's bulletin—so stay turned.

**First Penance:** The following children received reconciliation for the first time this past Thursday, June 18th: Ryleigh Elizabeth Wonsock, Inara Marion Shutt, Ava Rose Russell, Amaya Lynn Rowan, Shea Lorraine Turrano, Gianna Wilhelmena Gill, Declan Kane, Carson Daniel Bro, Edgerin Kennedy, Conor Jayse Walasavage, Kyle Edward Hoherchak, Ryan Allan Bet and Tanner Derek Zukovich. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in faith.

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered Thursdays from 2:30pm to 3:00pm on the Rectory front porch. There will be no Confessions heard in the church or inside the rectory at this time. This schedule is subject to change according to updated pandemic guidelines. Thank you for your understanding.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal: We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2020 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 <a href="https://www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org">www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org</a>. Thank you for your support!



# Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: In Loving Memory of Mom by Jim & Pat Firkal & Family Sacred Heart: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran Special Intention for strength & understanding, hope & love for Laura & Timmy by Mom In Loving Memory of Baby Dano, Love always Sue Special Intention for Margaret & Frank Morris by Olga, Alexandra & Danielle Williams