

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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July 5, 2020 Fourteenth 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_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q

Mon. 7/06, 8:00am—Weekday;

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

Emil Forgotch by sister Helen Dunsavage

Sat. 7/11—July 12th Vigil

Mass @ 4:00pm

People of the Parish

Tues. 7/07, 8:00am—Weekday

James Prosper by Mark & Gale Kufrovich & Family

*Sun. 7/12—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

James Weber by Weber Family

Wed. 7/08, 8:00am—Weekday

Catherine Weber by Jeff & Mary Rose Michael

Sun. 7/12

(included with Sunday Live-Stream Mass)

Setlock & Falls Families by Deacon John & Ellie Setlock

Thurs. 7/09, No Mass

Fri. 7/10, No Mass

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, July 12th:

IS 55:10-11; PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; ROM 8:18-23;
MT 13:1-23 or 1-9

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 28, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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.

“²⁶Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. ²⁷What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops... ³¹So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³²Everyone 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 17th, 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.*

The details for the Green Phase Part I are in the parish bulletin dated 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 60 people in the lower church hall for Sunday Masses. The overflow Mass procedure of using the lower Church hall and Live-streaming of the Sunday 8:30 A.M. Masses will eventually be discontinued sometime during the Green Phase, Part 1 or 2, since more parishioners will be able to attend Mass in the Church proper.

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 Stage I) safety precautions is a new and different experience for us. Mass with the Yellow Phase and Green Phase Stage I 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.

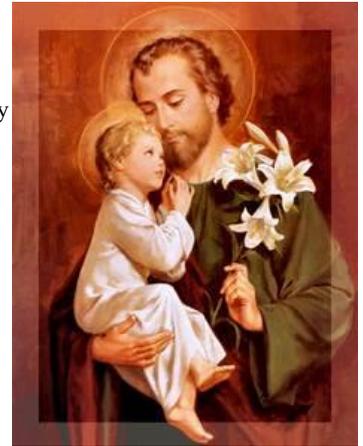
Looking forward to seeing you at Mass... Welcome Home!

May God bless you and keep you...

Rev. Eric Tolentino

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$2,062 ~ Candles: \$46

Second Collections: 7/04~Independence Day; 7/05~Parish Festival & Monthly Supplement; 7/12~Parish Utilities; 7/19~Catholic Church in Easter/Central Europe; 7/26~Parish Utilities



Following are the current details for the celebration of Mass with parishioners present.. Please note the updated items in the list for the “Green Phase” Part 1, effective Monday, June 29th, 2020.

1. The faithful who attend Mass will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.
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. This procedure will be eventually discontinued sometime during the Green Phase Part 1 or 2, since more parishioners will be able to attend Mass in the Church proper.

4. Began on Monday, June 29th: (Green Phase, Part 1) Sunday Mass attendance will be limited to 80 people in the church (50% of the church seating capacity) and 60 people in the lower church hall for the overflow Mass procedure.

5. Sunday Mass attendees may enter the church using the ramp door only, 30 minutes before the Scheduled Mass.

6. Began on Monday, June 29th: (Green Phase, Part 1) Weekday Mass attendance will be limited to 80 people (50% 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 . Sunday morning Mass will be at 8:30 AM. Sunday 8:30 AM Masses will also continue to be live-streamed for those unable to attend Mass.

This procedure will eventually be discontinued sometime during the Green Phase Part 1 or 2, since more parishioners will be able to attend Mass in the Church proper.

9. Weekday Masses will be at 8:00 AM Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 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 after the Sunday Masses only, 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 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 Soult, Dominic Streisel, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

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.

Ethnic Food Festival 2020: Our Annual Food Fest will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm or sellout. Preparations have already started. Sign up sheets for volunteers and donations are in the vestibule Mondays through Fridays and the front porch of the rectory on Saturdays and Sundays. Please sign up where your schedule permits. Monetary donations may be sent or dropped in the bin at the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Also, please make sure to mark the envelope "Food Fest. Thank you.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered Saturdays before the Vigil Mass @ 3:30 pm in the vestibule. There will be no Confessions heard in the church or inside the rectory at this time. This schedule is temporary in the Green Phase Stage 1 and subject to change according to updated pandemic guidelines. Thank you for your understanding.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal: *As of today, 20.51% of our parish families have joined the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. In other words, 34 parishioners have contributed \$4,565 to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Our parish goal is 100% participation! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org.*

Catholic Charities Drive: The Schuylkill County Permanent Diaconate Aspirants are asking for your help restocking needed supplies listed below. The drive will run from Saturday, June 27th through Sunday, July 12th. Your donated item(s) can be dropped off in the **blue bin** located on the Rectory/Office porch.

Items needed are: diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby body wash, teething rings, baby bottles, onesies, small toys, early reading books, car seats, and 2T and 3T clothing.

Lift High the Cross 881 For the Healing of the Nations 803

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
all the world adore his sacred name.

Verses:

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior
trode,

Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray
with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth
affords.

To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead your people into freedom, From despairs
you world release
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how, through care and goodness,
Fear will die and hope increase.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
Special Intentions for good test results & health

Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad in Heaven, Love Sue & Jay