

# Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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## September 6, 2020 Twenty-Third 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YO_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q)

### Mon. 9/07, 8:00am—Weekday

People of the Parish

### Tues. 9/08, 8:00am—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

People of the Parish

### Wed. 9/09, 8:00am—St. Peter Claver, Priest (USA)

Deceased diocesan priests

### Thurs. 9/10, 6:00pm—Weekday

In Memory of Marie Koval by Carol & Ben Blue

### Fri. 9/11, 8:00am—Weekday

Jill McElhenny Toter by Patricia Purcell Brown

### Sat. 9/12, September 13th Vigil

*The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass @ 4:00pm

People of the Parish

### \*Sun. 9/13, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

Felix & Eileen DiCasimirro by Bernard & Felicia Bruni  
& Family

### Sun. 9/13

(included with Sunday Live-Stream Mass)

Joseph Stetts by Tim & Megan Demko

### 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. 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](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection:  
Pamela Russo (610) 871-5200 Ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

**Readings for Sunday Mass, September 13th:**  
SIR 27:30-28:7; PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;  
ROM 14:7-9; MT 18:21-35

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$3,340 ~ Candles: \$38

**Second Collections:** 9/06~Monthly Supplement;  
9/13~St. Vincent de Paul; 9/20~Parish Utilities;  
9/27~Parish Utilities

**Special Collections:** 9/06 & 9/13~Beirut Relief;  
9/13~Shrines of the Holy Land (rescheduled from 4/10)

## Pastoral Note

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 Green Phase Part 1. 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 of Allentown moved 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 main change for the Green Phase Part 1, is that Churches are 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 20 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 Green Phase Part 1** (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 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.

May God bless you and keep you...

Rev. Eric Tolentino

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



**Collection for Beirut Relief:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a collection to be taken up throughout the United States to assist the victims of this tragic event. The funds collected will be administered through Catholic Relief Services. Bishop Schlert has authorized a free-will “second” collection (no envelopes) to be taken up across the Diocese of Allentown. The collection will be taken up starting last weekend (August 29-30) and continue for the weekends of September 5-6, and September 12-13.

**Shrines of the Holy Land Collection:** You may recall that at the direction of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the annual collection normally taken up on Good Friday for the support of the Shrines of the Holy Land was postponed due to the corona virus pandemic. The collection was rescheduled for Sunday, September 13th, the Sunday closest to her Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

**Hot Roast Beef Dinner Drive Thru:** Sunday, September 20th from 12:00noon to 2:00pm. Dinner includes Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw and a roll plus your choice of chocolate or vanilla cake. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Deadline for ticket returns is Monday, September 14th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office during business hours.

**Parish Office:** In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the office will be closed Monday, September 7th and will reopen Wednesday, September 9th at 9:00 am. Thank you and have a safe and happy holiday week-end.

**CCD/Prep 2020-2021:** We are starting CCD/Prep registration. Please check your email and the parish Facebook page for updates. If you have any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock @ (732) 687-0433. Thank you.

*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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Green Phase, Part 1**

**Sunday Mass attendance will be limited to 80 people in the church (50% of the church seating capacity) and 20 people in the lower church hall for the overflow Mass procedure.**

**A maximum of 25 people permitted in the church hall for non-liturgical functions.**

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

6. **Green Phase, Part 1**

**Weekday Mass attendance will be limited to 80 people (50% of the church seating capacity) in the church.**

**A maximum of 25 people permitted in the church hall for non-liturgical functions.**

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.

### 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.

**Priest:** 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.

### As We Gather at Your Table

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1. As we gather at your table,  
As we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence;  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with  
sacred story Til we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make Love's vict'ry known.

2. Turn our worship into witness In the sacrament of  
life; Send us forth to love and serve you,  
Bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ,  
your great compassion To forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image  
In the world you died to save.

### For the Healing of the Nations

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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 despair your  
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.

### Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encouragement:

Ann Balas, William Bednar, Mark BeYoung, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Marge Coassolo, Paul Curley,  
Nina Day, Eddy Freer, William Godanis, Jr., 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, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and  
Celia Zukoski.

### Intercessory Candles

Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat

In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran  
Rest in God's Peace Mom, Love daughter Pat