

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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September 27, 2020 Twenty-Sixth 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. 9/28, 8:00am—Weekday;

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Thomas Flaherty by Stan & Joann Dombrowski

Tues. 9/29, 8:00am—No Mass

Wed. 9/30, 8:00am—St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Elsie Torniyosi by Vicky Karnish

Thurs. 10/1, 6:00pm—St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Peter Karnish by wife Vicky

Fri. 10/2, 8:00am—The Holy Guardian Angels

Members of the Purgatorial Society

Sat. 10/3, October 4th Vigil

Mass @ 4:00pm
People of the Parish

***Sun. 10/4, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass @ 8:30am
(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)
People of the Parish

Sun. 10/4

(included with Sunday Live-Stream Mass)
Kevin & Linda by Deacon John & Ellie Setlock

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

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, October 4th:
IS 5:1-7; PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; PHIL 4:6-9;
MT 21:33-43

Responsorial Psalm:
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Dear parish family,

I am praying for all of you daily and hope that the start of the new school year went well despite the extraordinary safety precautions. This past week the Church celebrated the feast day of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest, commonly known as "Padre Pio."

Francesco Forgione was born of poor farm workers in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina on 25 May 1887. From a young age, he longed to become a Capuchin. He even told his mother that he wanted "to be a friar...with a beard." Francesco's obliging father traveled all the way to America to earn the money to support his son's vocation.

In 1903, Francesco, age sixteen, joined the Capuchins, donning the Capuchin habit and taking the name Pio. He was ordained a priest seven years later on August 10, 1910. Within a month, he received the extraordinary gift of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ in his own flesh, a gift he prayed to have removed, but finally accepted. The wounds were invisible but nonetheless painful. The stigmata became visible in 1918, and Padre Pio would bear them for the rest of his life. His fame spread widely, and with this came suspicion, false accusations, and repeated investigation by the Holy Office.

The stigmatist's superiors were understandably concerned, and they therefore imposed on Padre Pio a decade of seclusion at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo. As for the subject of all this notoriety, he simply declared, "It is under the cross that one learns to love."

It was during his ten years of enforced solitude that the saint composed his well-known prayer, *Resta con Me* ("Stay with Me, Lord"):

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have Thee present so that I do not forget Thee. Thou knowest how easily I abandon Thee. Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak, and I need Thy strength that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for Thou art my light, and without Thee I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Thy will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Thy voice and follow Thee.

Green Phase, Part 1

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

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$3,339 ~ Candles: \$50

Special Collections: 9/27~Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana (devastated by Hurricane Laura)

Second Collections: 10/4~Monthly Supplement;

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love Thee very much and to be in Thy company always.

Stay with me, Lord, if Thou wisheth me to be faithful to Thee.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is I want it to be a place of consolation for Thee, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches.

It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need Thee. It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need Thee, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need Thee.

Let me recognize Thee as Thy disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to Thee, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for Divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Thy Presence, oh yes, I ask this of Thee!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is Thou alone I look for, Thy Love, Thy Grace, Thy Will, Thy Heart, Thy Spirit because I love Thee and ask no other reward but to love Thee more and more.

With a firm love, I will love Thee with all my heart while on earth and continue to love Thee perfectly during all eternity. Amen.

In 1928, Padre Pio was at last allowed to appear in public, and for the next forty years, pilgrims flocked to the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor and intercessor and where he reconciled numerous sinners to Christ in the confessional for many hours each day. Despite the sensation caused by the stigmata, Padre Pio would often say, "I want to exult with holy joy.... All that Jesus suffered in his Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

May God bless you and keep you all,
+Father Eric Tolentino

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.

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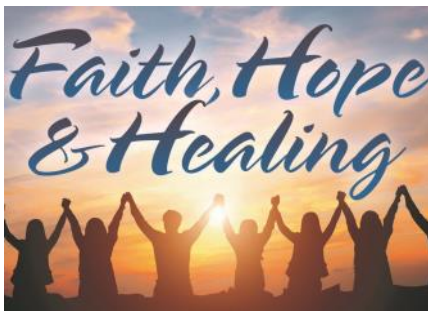
9. Weekday Masses will be at 8:00 AM Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 6:00 PM on Thursdays.

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.

Roast Beef Dinner: Last Sunday's drive-through dinner was a huge success—we sold out! Thank you to all who purchased a dinner, participated in the 50/50 drawing, our volunteers, A&C Catering and Boyers Food Markets. Our profit for the dinner was \$1,777. Also, congratulations to our 50/50 winner—Frank Yeneskie (ticket #3589) for \$736.00!

First Friday Devotion: Our parish will be honoring the First Friday Devotion on October 2nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, starting with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 am and Benediction at 12:00 noon. Sign up for an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament by calling the parish office during business hours. Thank you.

Parish Drop Boxes: As many of you have already seen, there are 2 drop boxes located on the porch of the Parish Rectory. The larger box will be used for anyone wanting to drop off anything that comes directly to the office, the smaller box will be for all fundraising returns. Both these boxes are locked and will be opened by office personnel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office during business hours. Thank you.



This week you will receive a newsletter introducing our *Faith, Hope & Healing* Program.

Our community spent the last several months responding to the historical crisis in so many ways. I'm proud to be a part of the Church of St. Richard community. On Celebration Sunday, October 4, I invite everyone to join together and participate in securing our parish's future. I ask that you please review this newsletter and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help the Church of St. Richard by

Additional Mass: Starting next Sunday, October 4th we will be reintroducing the 10:30 am Mass for the month of October. This additional Mass is tentative to the attendance. If the attendance is not there, the Mass will cease until attendance increases.

Special Collection—September 26th & 27th: On August 27, 2020, areas of Texas and Louisiana were devastated by Hurricane Laura. Particularly hit was the Diocese of Lake Charles. In a recent letter to his fellow bishops, Bishop Glen John Provost described the destruction wrought by the hurricane on the parishes and schools of his diocese. Not one parish went unaffected by the storm. In response to this disaster, Bishop Schlert has asked all parishes to take up a voluntary second collection to assist the Diocese of Lake Charles. All funds collected will be sent directly to the Diocese of Lake Charles for disbursement to the parishes, schools, and faithful of their diocese.

Religious Education:

Grades 5th - 8th ~ 09/27/2020 @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall
Grades 1st- 4th ~ 10/04/2020 @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
Grades 5th - 8th ~ 10/11/2020 @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall
Grades 1st- 4th ~ 10/18/2020 @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
Grades 5th - 8th ~ 10/25/2020 @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall

financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the newsletter mailing for you to: mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing, bring your card to Mass, or you may visit our parish website at www.strichard.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed over during Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of the Church of St. Richard!

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 567

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory,
Lord of Love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,
O-p'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and
sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of
day!
2. All your works with joy surround you, Earth and
heav'n and reflect your rays, Stars and angels sing
around you,
Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and
mountains,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Sound their praise
eternally!

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

Blessed Virgin Mary: In Loving Memory of my niece Jayme Ann Grimaldi by Aunt Mary Helen

Sacred Heart: son Brian by Mom & Dad

St. Joseph: In Loving Memory of my sister Judy~Happy Birthday in Heaven~Love, Marilyn

St. Richard: Happy & Blessed Birthday Father Tolentino

Special Intention by Sue & Jay
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran

Special Intention for good test results & health
In Loving Memory of Kyle by Sue