

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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October 18, 2020 Twenty-Ninth 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. 10/19, 8:00am—Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs (USA)
Gloria Federici by Grace Greenwood

Sat. 10/24, October 25th Vigil
Mass @ 4:00pm
Al Fritz by wife Fran

Tues. 10/20, 8:00am—Weekday;
St. Paul of the Cross, Priest (USA)
Donald & Kathryn Evans by Susan & Dan Baddick

***Sun. 10/25, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mass @ 8:30am
(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)
Armondo & Josephine Bruni
by Bernard & Felicia Bruni & Family

Wed. 10/21, 8:00am—Weekday
Kathryn Evans by Beverly Macek

Sun. 10/25
Mass @ 10:30am
Bill O'Brien by wife & Children

Thurs. 10/22, 6:00pm—Weekday;
St. John Paul II, Pope
Joe Kufrovich by Mom & Family

Fri. 10/23, 8:00am—Weekday;
St. John Capistrano, Priest
Theresa F. Miller by Beverly Macek

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 in the vestibule 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.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ~ 9:00am—12:00noon

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 25th:

EX 22:20-26; PS 18:2-3, 47, 51; 1 THES 1:5C-10;
MT 22:34-40

Dear parish family,

I am praying for all of you daily. This past week on October 15th, 2020 the Church celebrated the feast day of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Religious & Doctor of the Church, commonly known as “St. Teresa of Avila.” We all need to hear some truly “Good News” that is the Gospel of Life, so I would like to share with you some of the saintly life of St. Teresa of Jesus which was sent to me:

“Teresa was born in 1515 in Ávila, Spain, to a large, comfortable, pious family. As a young girl in Ávila, inspired by the stories of the saints, she briefly ran away to “become a martyr.” Years later, at age twenty-one, she entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation... Teresa was graced with mystical experiences and ecstatic revelations. In one vision—an experience she later described as “an imaginary vision seen by the eyes of the soul” and now exemplified in Bernini’s famous statue—she saw an angel thrust a golden, fire-tipped spear into her heart.

...She discerned that she was being guided to restore the original, austere Carmelite rule. With the help of Saint John of the Cross..., she initiated her reform and, in 1562 at age forty-seven, founded a small Carmelite convent that was so poor that the nuns went barefoot... the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite friars and nuns...

Teresa felt the call to create the precise conditions that would renew the prayer of her fellow Carmelites: silence, austerity, and enclosure. Thus she first set up a house where nuns could have complete seclusion, and she advocated penance, silence, and a simple habit. The nuns initially went barefoot, hence the name Discalced (shoeless) Carmelites.

Traveling throughout Spain, she would eventually establish seventeen new convents. She counseled her nuns to seek detachment from earthly things that they might run headlong towards God. She exclaimed:

'Happy the enamored heart, Thought centered on god alone,
Renouncing every creature for Him, Finding in Him glory and contentment.
Living forgetful of self, In God is all its intention,
Happy and so joyfully it journeys Through waves of this stormy sea.'

Teresa authored Way of Perfection, and Interior Castle, two of the greatest mystical treatises of all time. She also wrote an

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.

Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor.

autobiography. Her spiritual writings, full of profound insight and wisdom, would, in 1970, earn her the honor of becoming a “Doctor of the Church.” Saint Teresa considered God not as a remote, distant entity but as an everyday friend. She felt comfortable talking to Him about every aspect of her life...

One of the key hallmarks of the spiritual heights of Saint Teresa was the importance of prayer. Even though she struggled for many years, she taught, “We must have a determined determination to never give up prayer.”

Note Saint Teresa's remarkable words on forgiveness:

'I cannot believe that a soul which has arrived so near to Mercy itself, where she knows what she is, and how many sins God has forgiven her, should not instantly and willingly forgive others, and be pacified and wish well to everyone who has injured her, because she remembers the kindness and favors our Lord has shown her, whereby she has seen proofs of exceeding great love, and she is glad to have an opportunity offered to show some gratitude to her Lord.'

Saint Teresa advised:

'Let nothing disturb you, / *Nada te turbe,*

Nada te espante. / Let nothing frighten you. / *Nada te espante.*

All things are passing away; / *Todo se pasa;*

God never changes. / *Dios no se muda.*

Patience obtains all things. / *La paciencia todo lo alcanza.*

Whoever has God lacks nothing; / *Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta;*

God alone suffices. / *Sólo Dios basta.'*

These lines (above) are called “Saint Teresa’s Bookmark” because... the saint carried them around in her prayer book, where they were found only after her death. Saint Teresa of Ávila died in 1582 at Alba. She is patroness of Spain. When Pope Saint Paul VI declared her the first woman Doctor of the Church in 1970, he described her as a “mother of wonderful simplicity and a teacher of remarkable depth.” In art, Teresa’s main attribute is a fiery arrow.”

May God keep you and bless 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 Masses will be at 8:30 AM and 10:30 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.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$3,080 ~ Candles: \$75
Second Collections: 10/18~World Mission Sunday;
10/25~All Souls

Religious Education:

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

Parish Drop Boxes: There are 2 drop boxes located on the Parish Rectory porch. 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.

World Mission Sunday, 10/18: This Sunday is a celebration for the entire world and it is “an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world. “The offerings that will be collected are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope’s name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world. This year’s message for World Mission Sunday is “Here I am, Send Me.”

Knights of Columbus Council 2711: Living Rosary, October 26th at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at St. John XXIII, Tamaqua.

All Souls Day 11/02: This year we will be offering a 12 hour devotional candle that will be personalized with your "In Memory of.....". The cost is \$5 and they will burn from church open to close on November 2nd. In church this weekend will be index cards and envelopes for your candle intentions. Please print clearly.

“Warm Your Heart” Soup Sale: We are looking for soup chefs to make and donate a crock of your favorite soup recipe. Donations are requested to be delivered Friday, November 13th; the sale will be Friday, November and Saturday, November 14th. Please call Erica (570-778-4029) or Krissy (732-687-0433) for details.

2021 St. Joseph Missal: This year’s new missal will start the first day of Advent, November 29th. Due to the pandemic restrictions, please contact the parish office during business hours or email at strichard@frontiernet.net if you are interested in pre-ordering one (or more) or have any questions. Thank you.

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to your with a personalized

Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

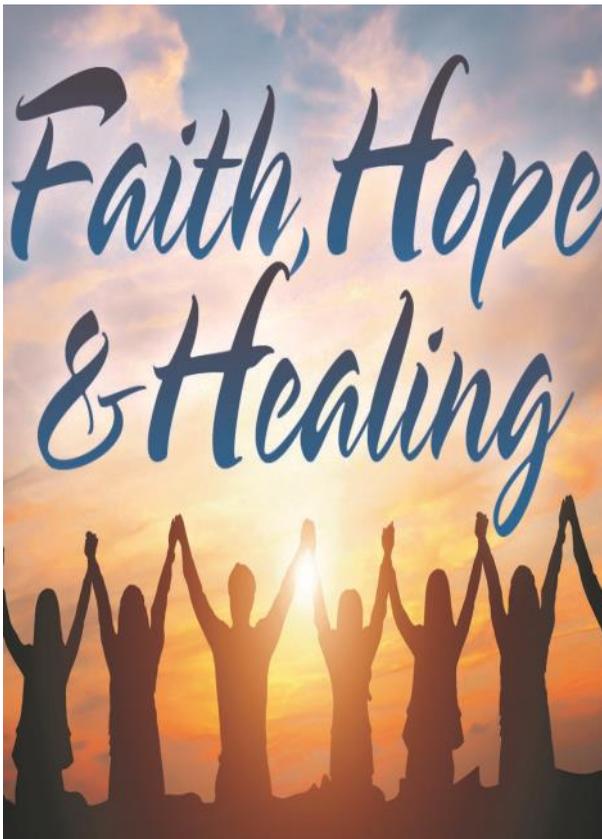
mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter, bringing it to Mass next Sunday, or you may visit our parish website at www.strichard.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish

by Sunday, October 25th.

Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions.

We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.



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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 570

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels
prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all, And crown him Lord of all, And
crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all!

2. Crown him, you martyrs of our God Who from his altar
call: Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord all, And crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, And crown him Lord of all!

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 687

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield
victorious, Who breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins
salvation glorious. The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us
woe! With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost,
rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God
alone elected. You ask who this may be? The of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

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 Sault, Dominic Streisel, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke and Joan

Special Intention for good test results and health
Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran

Special Intention by Sue & Jay
In Memory of
the deceased members of the Mahanoy City Book Club