

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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November 1, 2020 Thirty-First 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. 11/2, The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
8:00am: Olga & Lee Dombert by Aunt Marge & Family
6:00pm: People of the Parish

Tues. 11/3, 8:00am—Weekday;
St. Martin de Porres, Religious
In Loving Memory of Judy by Celia Zukoski

Wed. 11/4, 8:00am—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Deceased diocesan priests

Thurs. 11/5, 6:00pm—Weekday
Catherine Weber by Dolores Brynarsky & Family

Fri. 11/6, 8:00am—Weekday
Members of the Purgatorial Society

Sat. 11/7, November 8th Vigil
Mass @ 4:00pm
People of the Parish

***Sun. 11/8, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mass @ 8:30am
(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)
Deceased members of the Weber & Kowalick Families
by the Weber Family

Sun. 11/8
Mass @ 10:30am
William Burke by the Neverosky Family

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

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.

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.

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, November 8th:

WIS 6:12-16; PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

1THES 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; MT 25:1-13

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.



Dear parish family,

I am praying for all of you daily. On October 22nd, 2020 the Church celebrated of Saint John Paul II, Pope. Karol (Charles) Wojtyła was born in Wadowice, Poland on 18 May 1920. The following story of St. John Paul II are excerpts from what I read about him:

“His early life was marked by great loss. His mother died when he was nine years old, and his older brother Edmund died three years later. Karol was, therefore, raised by his austere, prayerful father. A teenage scholar-athlete who loved to act in plays, he would go on to write his own plays and poems.

When Karol was a student and actor in college with a brilliant career ahead of him, he met a humble tailor, a layman, named Jan (pronounced “Yahn”) Tiranowski. Jan had organized a prayer group based on the living rosary. He was an ordinary man, but it was through his guidance and witness that young Karol heard the call to the priesthood.

Thus Karol became a secret seminarian under the Nazi occupation of Poland during World War II. When the war’s end ushered in a repressive Russian regime, he finished his religious studies at a Kraków seminary. He was ordained in 1946.

...Karol Wojtyła was elected Pope on 16 October 1978, taking the name John Paul II. Like the Evangelist John, he wrote from the wellspring of his prayer. Like the Apostle Paul, he traveled extensively, bringing the Gospel to the world. During his twenty-seven-year pontificate, he made 104 apostolic journeys outside Italy, more than all other previous pontiffs combined.

Between 1979 and 1984... Pope John Paul delivered a series... reflections... popularly known as the “Theology of the Body.”... contain[ing] a vision of the human person truly worthy of man. Emphasizing the theme of love as self-gift, they counteract societal trends which view the body as an object of pleasure or as a machine for manipulation. “The human body,” the Pope declared, “includes right from the beginning... The capacity of expressing love, that love in which the person

becomes a gift – and by means of this gift – fulfills the meaning of his being and existence.”

On Wednesday, 13 May 1981, the 64th anniversary of Our Lady’s first apparition to the three shepherd children of Fatima, as Pope John Paul... he was shot four times by...

Mehmet Ali Ağca.[4] Though the Holy Father... he survived and even went on to offer his attacker forgiveness.

...the pope, the head of the Church, goes during Christmas week to Rebibbia, the death row prison in Italy, to meet personally with Ağca.

John Paul II... embodies the words of Saint Paul instructing the Thessalonians, “See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seeks to do good to one another and to all.” (1 Thess. 5:15)

In his 1986 encyclical *Dominum et Vivificantem*, on the Holy Spirit, John Paul reflected on the Church’s unceasing expectant prayer:

‘In the midst of the problems, disappointments and hopes, desertions and returns of these times of ours, the Church remains faithful to the mystery of her birth. While it is an historical fact that the Church came forth from the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost, in a certain sense one can say that she has never left it...the Church is always in the Upper Room that she bears in her heart.’

It was John Paul II who inaugurated World Youth Day. In the year 2000, he told young people: ‘It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness. He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted.... It is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.’

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

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.

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.

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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.

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$1,612 ~ Candles: \$44

Second Collections: 1/1~All Saints, Monthly Supplement;
11/8~Parish Utilities; 11/15~Parish Utilities;
11/22~Poverty Relief; 11/26~Thanksgiving;
11/29~Christmas Flowers

Religious Education:

Grades 1st- 4th ~ 11/01/2020 @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
Grades 5th - 8th ~ 11/08/2020 @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall
Grades 1st- 4th ~ 11/15/2020 @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
Grades 5th - 8th ~ 11/22/2020 @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall
Grades 1st- 8th ~ 11/29/2020 No Class (Thanksgiving)

Parish Drop Boxes: There are 2 drop boxes located on the Parish Rectory porch. The larger box is for 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.

2021 St. Joseph Missal: The new missals have arrived! They will start Sunday, November 29th, the first day of Advent. Due to the pandemic restrictions, please contact the parish office during business hours or email at strichard@frontiernet.net if you are interested in purchasing one. The suggested donation is \$5 per missal. Thank you.

Please pray for and congratulate the following members of the Church of St. Richard as they received confirmation on October 13, 2020: Aidan Francis Joseph Bowman, Brian James Michael Gallagher, Austin Robert Thomas Green, Ignatius Leander Neifert, Alexis Grace Jane Chilinskas, Carly Marie Josephine Honus, Carley Lynn Ava Hasara, Carlie Robin Elizabeth Ankiewicz, Zachery Thomas Andrew Holt, and Caylin Elizabeth Thérèse Blashock.

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 the church proper you will find index cards and envelopes for your candle intentions. Please print clearly.

First Friday Devotion: Our parish will be honoring the First Friday Devotion on November 6th 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.

Volunteers Needed: Anyone wishing to help sell the December lottery calendar, please contact Joann at (570) 640-1034. Any seller who sells 5 tickets will receive 1 free.

“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 13th and Saturday, November 14th. Please call Erica (570-778-4029) or Krissy (732-687-0433) for details.

National Vocation Awareness Week (November 1st-7th):

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During National Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God’s call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

Novena to the Holy Spirit (10/26/2020-11/3/2020):

Bishop Alfred Schlert invites the clergy and faithful of the Diocese to enter into prayer and fasting asking the Holy Spirit to assist our nation during this time of great decision leading to Election Day 2020.

**Novena to the Holy Spirit
in Preparation for Election Day 2020**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

V. Let us pray.

R. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in its consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

V. Let us pray.

R. O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to you my understanding, my heart, my will, my whole being for time and for eternity.
May my understanding always be submissive to your heavenly inspirations and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which you are the infallible Guide; may my heart ever be inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will always conform to the divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever.
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.

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.

Lift High the Cross 881

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

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

For All the Saints 884

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might;
You, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

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

Ann Balas, William Bednar, Jim Bialek, Mark BeYoung, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Marge Coassolo, Paul Curley, Nina Day, Pat Firkal, 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 Sout, Dominic Streisel, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

Intercessory Candles

Blessed Virgin Mary: Dad by Jim & Pat Firkal & Family
Sacred Heart: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

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

Special Intentions by Sue & Jay
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran