

Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

Mon. 12/12, Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)

Tues. 12/13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Wed. 12/14, 8:00 am, St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

John J. Lazur offered by Richard F. Lazur

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:30 am (after Mass) followed by Benediction

Confession

Wednesday 8:45 am-9:15 am

Thurs. 12/15, 8:00 am, Advent Weekday

Leo Drosdak offered by wife Lorraine

Fri. 12/16, Advent Weekday

Sat. 12/17

Confessions at 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm

Mary Rehatchek offered by Children

Sun. 12/18, 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass at 10:30 am

Alfred Peca offered by Peca Family

Additional Advent Confessions

Sunday, 12/11 ~ 6:00pm - 9:00pm at St. John XXIII
 “Night Fever” (Confessions & Adoration)

Wednesday, 12/14 ~ 6:30pm - 7:30pm at St. Richard

Wednesday, 12/21 ~ 6:30pm - 7:30pm at St. Richard

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

Linda Agosti, Robert Allesch Sr., Ann Balas, William Bednar, Mark BeYoung, Joe Bones, Bob Bonner, Marge Coassolo, Ella Connolly, Paul Curley, Maria Cusatis, Nina Day, Margie Felosci, Eddy Freer, Marci Gill, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Valerie Higgins, Dr. Francis Kane, Paul Kerrick, Patrick Kotula, George Koval, Margaret Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Michael Matricion, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Eric Richardson, Helene Richmond, Joel Rivera, Cathy Sanchez, Mattea Sanfilippo, Jonathan Schimpf, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Joe Shustack Sr., Dominic Streisel, Edward Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan

Devotional and Intercessory Candles:

Blessed Virgin Mary: Mary Jean Soltis by loving Aunt Mary Helen Rehatchek

Sacred Heart: Special Intention by Duke and Joan

Special Intention by Sue & Jay
 In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran
 Rest in God’s Peace Jer, Love wife Pat
 For our family by Marge and Steve
 Health for Cassie and Bobby by Beverly
 Grammy & Poppie~Rest in Peace by Allishia
 Grammy & Pop Pop~Rest in Peace by Allishia
 Brian-Love ya~Rest in Peace by Allishia
 Daniel~Rest in Peace by Allishia

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ~ 9:00 am—12:00 pm
 Bulletin announcements may be emailed or called in **no later than** Wednesday 12:00 noon. Thank you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come and save us.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 18th:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Regular: \$2,467 ~ Candles: \$90

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

12/4~Parish Facility Fund
 12/8~Immaculate Conception
 12/11~Retired Religious; 12/18~Parish Utilities
 12/25~Christmas

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:

Available in the vestibule.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & HOLIDAY EVENTS:

Grades 1 – 4; Sunday, December 11th @ 9:30 am

Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, December 18th @ 9:00 am

December 18th ~ 5:00 pm
 Children's Christmas Pageant

December 26th ~ No Class Merry Christmas!

All classes are held in the hall except when noted.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA UPDATE:

New session forming in February.

ADVENT EMBER DAYS:

His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert asks the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season.

The Advent Ember Days for 2022 are Wed. Dec. 14th, Fri. Dec. 16th, and Sat. Dec. 17th.

2023 CALENDARS: Available in the vestibule.

LOTTERY CALENDARS:**December 2022 Lottery Calendar Winners:**

12/1 Nancy Nork, #342, \$25
 12/2 No Winner, #111, \$25
 12/3 No Winner, #136, \$50
 12/4 No Winner, #139, \$25

CHURCH DECORATING:

Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 am.

ST. JOSEPH MISSALS & CHRISTMAS WAFERS:

The missals (\$5 ea.) and wafers (\$4 / packet) are located in the vestibule. Please use the appropriate envelope for your donation. Thank you.

2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:

Contribution Envelopes for 2023 will no longer be one large booklet. The envelopes will be mailed directly to your home. This will be more convenient for you, and more cost-effective for the parish. The initial packet is expected to ship mid-December. Because this is a new concept and changes always come with glitches, your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

NEW FOR 2023:

As of January 1, 2023 the Purgatorial Society of St. Richard and the Memorial Society of St. John XXIII will be celebrated together and listed as the Eternal Remembrance Society in the bulletin.

2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK: PLEASE READ

The Mass Book is now open. Intentions will be accepted through the 2023 Revised Mass Intention Form (found in church or online) and can be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped at the office. **Please use this revised form since it is different from previous years.** The form(s) must also be fully completed with the \$10 per Mass stipend enclosed.

As there is an overflow of Masses and Mass times are limited; we cannot guarantee a specific date and time for Mass intentions. To try and accommodate the intentions **(which also includes reserved dates)**, there is a limit of three Masses per family. Please also consider having a weekday Mass or remembering your loved one through the Eternal Remembrance Society, the Sanctuary Lamp or one of the Devotional Candles.

If there is a question with your request, the office will contact you.

Sponsor Eligibility:

Certificates of Eligibility for Baptism and Confirmation require the sponsor to be a registered & active member of the parish, and if married, in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for additional information.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on a Sunday afternoon. Parents need to be registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic and also obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months 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.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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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.