

# Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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## December 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

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. 12/28, No Mass**  
**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**Tues. 12/29, No Mass**  
**Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*

**Wed. 12/30, No Mass**  
**Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Thurs. 12/31, 4:00pm—Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God**  
Joseph Shimukonas by Paul Schenk & Cindy Motsny

**Fri. 1/1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**8:30 am**—Members of the Purgatorial Society  
**10:30 am**—People of the Parish

**Sat. 1/2, Confessions @ 3:30 pm**

**Sat. 1/2, Vigil  
Mass @ 4:00pm**  
For all our living & deceased military by Veronica Thorick

**\*Sun. 1/3, The Epiphany of the Lord  
Mass @ 8:30am**  
**(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)**  
People of the Parish

**Sun. 1/3  
Mass @ 10:30am**  
John M. Murtin by  
John & Barbara Grazel



### 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](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.

### 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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Dear Parish Family of St. Richard of Chichester,

The Church began the new liturgical year with the celebration of Advent and now we have just celebrated Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord. I have been praying for you all daily and will continue to do so especially during the Church's celebration of Christmas.

Often times in our culture, the world often leaves out Jesus Christ in Christmas and substitutes a generic mish-mash of a "holiday season." Christmas literally means, "Christ coming" into the world, his Incarnation. Jesus is the reason for the season towards whom the whole world is drawn, not the tinsel and shopping. As Catholics, we of course are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

In all of the hustle and bustle and worldly challenges of daily life, I encourage you to avail yourselves of God's grace during this grace-filled Christmas celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's incarnation and birth, in whom we hope and find real joy for all of mankind since the Fall of Adam and Eve. "Our hope is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

The following is an excerpt from the Catechism of the Catholic Church regarding the Church's celebration of Christmas (#525-256):

"525 Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

*The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal  
And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.  
The angels and shepherds praise him  
And the magi advance with the star,  
For you are born for us,  
Little Child, God eternal!*

526 To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God." Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us.<sup>207</sup> Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange":

*O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity."*

At the celebration of Christmas Masses for the Nativity of the Lord, we will once again be praying the Gloria at Mass after a brief pause during Advent, and we will join in the singing of the angels who gave glory to God at the time of Jesus' being born of the most Blessed Virgin Mary in Bethlehem:

\*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will." (Lk 2:14)

I hope and pray that you and your families had a blessed, merry and happy Christmas! Please be safe and holy out there.

Yours in Christ,  
+Reverend Eric Tolentino



**Readings for Sunday Mass, January 3rd:**  
**IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6;**  
**MT 2:1-12**

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$2,531 ~ Candles: \$67

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
**The Lord remembers his covenant forever.**

**Second Collections:** 1/1~ Solemnity of Mary;  
1/3~Monthly Supplement; 1/10~Parish Utilities;  
1/17~Parish Utilities; 1/24~Parish Utilities;  
1/31~Catholic Relief

**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. Thank you.

**2021 St. Joseph Missal:** The missals are still available. Please see Stanley or an usher after any weekend Mass, contact the parish office during business hours or email at [strichard@frontiernet.net](mailto:strichard@frontiernet.net). The suggested donation is \$5 per missal. Thank you.

**2021 Offering Envelopes:** Since the new year is fast approaching, last weekend we started having the ushers distributing the remaining envelopes before the Masses. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention into this matter.

**2021 Calendars:** The calendars have finally arrived and are available by seeing an Usher after the weekend Masses or contacting the parish office during business hours. Thank you.

**2021 Mass Intention Book:** Due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic procedures and restrictions, the 2021 Mass Book opening will be done by the fully completed request form (1 request per form). The office will try to accommodate your first choices, however; if there are any questions or concerns, the office will contact you. The request forms are located in the church on the table as you enter or on the parish website.

Please note: We are not permitted to accept more than one intention per Mass. Also, some dates are reserved for specific parish intentions, this includes the Saturday Vigil Mass, (for example: People of the Parish).

Mass requests may be submitted in the following ways:  
1. Drop your Mass Intention Request form in an envelope marked "Attn: Secretary/Mass Requests" in the collection basket, rectory porch drop box or the mail OR 2. email to [strichard@frontiernet.net](mailto:strichard@frontiernet.net) (please include Mass Requests in the subject line).

**Lottery Calendars Winners: (week ending 12/20)**

12/14 No Winner, #704  
12//15 Father Eric, #988, Barnesville  
12/16 No Winner, #970  
12/17 Danette Jadosh, #742, Mahanoy City  
12/18 Michelle Chilinskas, #287, Barnesville  
12/19 Ronald Blake, #835, Macungie  
12/20 Michael Atwell, #505, Alden

**Beautiful!** Many thanks to all who helped decorate our church throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons, especially adhering to the pandemic guidelines and restrictions. Your time was very much appreciated!

**Thank You:** Thank you to Two Tom's in Locust Valley for donating the Christmas trees to our parish this year.



**\*Christmas Season Mass Schedule:**

Thursday, December 24  
(Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord)  
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 12:00 Midnight  
Friday, December 25  
(Nativity of the Lord) @ 8:30 am  
Thursday, December 31  
(Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary) @ 4:00 pm  
Friday, January 1  
(Solemnity of Mary) @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

\* Dates & times listed above are subject to change.

**Christmas Season Parish Office Hours:**

Open:  
Monday, December 21st & Wednesday, December 23rd  
Monday, December 28th & Wednesday, December 30th

Closed:  
Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th.  
Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st

### 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.

### The First Nowell 460

1. The first Nowell the angel did say Was to certain poor  
shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold  
winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond  
them far;  
And to the earth is gave great light, And so it continued both  
day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

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

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, Francis Keiser, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, George 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, Stan Wlodarczyk and Celia Zukoski.

### Intercessory Candles

Merry Christmas to my Al ~ Love you, Fran  
Eternal Rest Blackie Joe by Sweeney cousins  
Special Intention by Sue & Jay  
In Loving Memory of Darlene Kankowski  
by Frank & Mary Ann  
Praying for you Joann Dombrowski  
by Mary Ann Zakrewsky

**Prayer after Communion:** Even though we are leaving the church after receiving Holy Communion, it is very important in our spiritual lives for us to pause and recognize Christ's Eucharistic presence within us. We invite you to take that time before leaving the church parking lot.

### I. Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malignant enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come unto Thee, That with all Thy saints, I may praise thee Forever and ever. Amen.

**II.** May Your Body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and Your Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my very soul, and grant that no trace of sin be found in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have renewed.

**III.** Who live and reign, world without end. Amen. We humbly beseech You, almighty God, to grant that those whom You refresh with Your sacraments, may serve you worthily by a life well pleasing to You. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen

### Angels We Have Heard on High 430

1. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly signing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.



Rest in Peace Joe Kufrovich by Mom and family  
Special Intention for our beloved Eileen by Beverly  
In Loving Memory of Frank & Francis Yeneskie  
by Frank & Mary Ann  
In Loving Memory of Metro & Mary Kerrick by Frank & MaryAnn  
Special Intentions for good treatment results & health  
Prayers for Baby Colt