



# Church of Saint Richard

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## **January 13, 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord**

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Devotions: 8am Mass, Adoration All Day, Benediction & Sacred Heart Novena 4:00pm**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC – Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

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## *Saint Richard's Welcomes All!!*

### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday, 15 January (6:00 pm) ~ Weekday

Intention: Raymond Webb by Roy & Anne Paisley

Wednesday, 16 January (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: Jerome Tracy by Pat Tracy

Thursday, 17 January (8:00 am) ~ St. Anthony, Abbot

Intention: Wanda Wester by St. Richard's Choir

Friday, 18 January (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: Mary Light by Gerry Kandrot

### **Saturday - January 19th - 3:30 pm - Confessions**

### **Saturday - January 19th - 4:00 pm - Vigil of The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Intention: Al Fritz by Wife & Children

Lector: Donna Yacilla

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheral Bamford

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert

### **Sunday - January 20th - 8:30 am - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Intention: Ed & Julia Logan by Logan Family

Lector: Bruce Rang

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Babinsky

Altar Servers: John Babinsky, Megan Babinsky

### **Sunday - January 20th- 10:30 am - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Intention: Rita Workman by Roy & Anne Paisley

Lector: Steve McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Purcell

Altar Servers: Bree Dobeck, Cole Macieunas

## **Psalm Response: O Bless the Lord, my soul.**

**Sanctuary Lamp:** In Loving Memory of the Curran & Zoba Families

### **Sunday Collection Amount:**

Regular: \$2,750 — Candles: \$309 — Parish Utilities: \$74

Additional: Christmas—\$660— New Year's: \$116

**Second Collections:** January 12th and January 13th ~ Parish Utilities

January 19th and January 20th ~ Parish Utilities

### **Mass Attendance Numbers: (January 5th & January 6th)**

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 147    Sunday, 8:30 am - 138    Sunday, 10:30 am - 120

### **Religious Education:**

Grades 1st through 4th ~ January 13th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Grades 1st through 4th ~ January 20th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall

Grades 5th through 8th ~ January 20th @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall

**Bulletins for Children:** Available and can be picked up in the vestibule.

**Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encouragement:** Ann Balas, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Paul Curley, Nina Day, Sam Geissinger, William Godanis, Jr., Mike Grigalonis, Peg Grigalonis, Dee Harvan, Dr. Francis Kane, Kenny Karlavage, Jack Kehler, Francis Keiser, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, Marie Koval, George Kufrovich, Joe Kufrovich, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Sault, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.

**Thank you:** Deacon John would like to express his sincere gratitude and thank all those who sent cards, gifts and heartfelt blessings during the holiday season.

**2019 Offering Envelopes:** The adult envelopes are in the vestibule. Please stop by and take your envelopes. If you do not see your name, **please** call the office @ (570) 467-2315. Thank you.

**50/50 Chances:** Remember to pick up your chances in the vestibule for the Valentine's Day Raffle. If you need additional tickets, please call or stop by the parish office during office hours. Return your drawing stubs in the collection or drop them off by the February 3rd deadline. The drawing will be held Sunday, February 10th after the 10:30 am Mass. Thanks again for your on-going support of our parish and good luck!

**CCD/PREP Service Project:** This year's project will be collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The collected items will be going to the food pantry in Mahanoy City. A tote has been placed in the vestibule. The collection will be taken on the weekend of January 20th. Let's stock the cupboards and help those in need in our community.

**From Bishop Schlert:** In the light of the heightened cases of influenza being reported in our five-county area and the January 2nd change in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Influenza Status from "sporadic" to "widespread", His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended beginning with the Vigil and Sunday Masses on the weekend of January 12th and January 13th. This suspension will be in effect until the incidence of influenza subsides in our region.

**Pro Populo:** All parishes are obliged to celebrate one weekend Mass for the intention of the living and deceased parishioners (in Latin, Pro Populo, i.e. "for the people"). We have implemented this practice beginning with the New Year. In requiring this it is the Church's intention to lift up in prayer all who belong to the parish, whether living or deceased, being mindful of our union with both the souls in purgatory and the saints in heaven.

**Prospective Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation:** Being asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation is an honor and a privilege, not a right. The Church requires that sponsors must be themselves baptized and confirmed Catholics who regularly practice their faith by attending the Lord's Day Masses and being good examples of what it means to be Catholic. It's not enough that the sponsor is a good friend or member of the family—they must also be a serious and committed disciple of Christ who can encourage and accompany the child to be sponsored in their journey of faith. Please be aware of your responsibilities and these requirements before you agree to be a sponsor.

## **Prayer for Seniors**

**Take my hand, O Blessed Mother!  
Hold me firmly, lest I fall.  
And on thee, I humbly call.  
Guide me over every crossing,  
Watch me while I'm on the stairs.  
Let me know that You're beside me,  
Listen to my favorite prayers.  
Bring me to my destination,  
Safely along the way.  
Bless my every undertaking,  
And my duties for the day.  
And when evening shuts me in,  
I'll never fear to be alone.  
Once again, Oh Blessed Mother,  
Take my hand, and lead me home.**

**Restroom Courtesy:** We've been having problems regularly with restroom toilets being blocked by excessive paper and other material. Please be mindful of the next person who will need to use these facilities. (This past weekend two seniors were unable to use the restroom because the toilet was blocked up). Children should always be accompanied by a parent or adult when using the restrooms. All should be attentive to the signs posted in each restroom and be respectful of the next person to use these facilities.

**Fundraising Suggestion Box:** Every parish needs regular fundraisers to augment its income from the weekend collections. You'll find a suggestion box in the Church vestibule in which you can write your ideas for different fundraising possibilities. Of course, not only do we need your ideas, but also your time as a volunteer. Perhaps you have a few like-minded friends who are familiar with how to organize and carry out a particular fundraiser. We'd appreciate both your ideas and your time in supporting our parish.

**Thank you:** The volunteers at Birthright of Frackville would like to thank everyone for your support with their annual "Giving Tree Project". Your participation was greatly appreciated, especially all those who donated, set up the tree in Church, and delivered the donations— they are truly thankful. Please keep Birthright in your prayers.

**Adult Bible Study:** Thursday, January 17th @ 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. The topic will be Moses in The Book of Exodus. As always, new members are welcome.

**Boy Scouts Meeting:** Thursday, January 17th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

**Schuylkill County Youth Ministry:** Teens are invited to participate in the upcoming "Alpha" series. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning. Know a teen with questions about life? Invite them to Alpha. Alpha will be held on Sundays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Frackville Youth Center, (7 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville) from January 27th through March 24th. The series is free and a dinner is included. Please RSVP to [annie@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:annie@allentowndiocese.org).

**St. Jerome Regional School Open House:** Sunday, January 27th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tour the school, visit classrooms, check out student work and projects. Registration also for PreK through Grade 7.

# CANDLES

Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Special Intention for my daughter ~ Love, Mom