



Church of Saint Richard

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January 27, 2019 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st 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

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator - Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT - Phone: 610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

Saint Richard's Welcomes All!!

Daily Mass

Tuesday, 29 January (6:00 pm) ~ Weekday

Intention: Harry Zukoski by Celia Zukoski

Wednesday, 30 January (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: Clara McKinley

Thursday, 31 January (8:00 am) ~ St. John Bosco, Priest

Intention: Helen Hutira by Stan & Joann

Friday, 1 February (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: For all deceased diocesan priests

Saturday - February 2nd - 3:30 pm - Confessions

Saturday - February 2nd - 4:00 pm - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Jayme Ann Grimaldi by Aunt Mary Helen Rehatchek

Lector: Donna Yacilla

Eucharistic Minister: Megan Demko

Altar Servers: Ignatius Neifert, Isidora Neifert

Sunday - February 3rd - 8:30 am - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Patricia Beichey by Chris & Debby McKinley

Lector: Bruce Rang

Eucharistic Minister: Felicia Bruni

Altar Servers: Olivia Sebastian, Kenna Wonsock

Sunday - February 3rd- 10:30 am - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: For the living and deceased parishioners

Lector: Steve McCarthy

Eucharistic Minister: Dan Sleva

Altar Servers: Cole Macieunas, Nicole Yost

Psalm Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special intention by Duke & Joan

Sacred Heart: For the living and deceased members of the Gacek Family by Michelle Pyrdsa

Sunday Collection Amount:

Regular: \$1,597 — Candles: \$193 — Parish Utilities: \$86

Second Collections: January 26th and January 27th ~ Catholic Relief
February 2nd and February 3rd ~ Monthly Supplement

Mass Attendance Numbers: (January 19th & January 20th)

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 117 Sunday, 8:30 am - 30 Sunday, 10:30 am - 28

Religious Education:

- Grades 1st through 4th ~ January 27th @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
 - Grades 5th through 8th ~ January 27th @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall
 - Grades 1st through 4th ~ February 3rd @ 9:30 am in Church Hall
- ** Please note: there will be NO PM CCD/PREP Classes on February 3rd

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 Soult, Dominic Streisel, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.

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: As a reminder, the chances for the Valentine's Day Raffle will remain in the vestibule for this final week. Also, if you would like 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 upcoming 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. Due to the inclement weather last weekend, the collection will be taken this weekend, January 27th. 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.

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.

Memorial Opportunity: We have just purchased new cruets made especially for use at Holy Mass. Anyone interested in giving them in memory of a living or deceased loved one can place a donation of \$250 in an envelope marked "Mass Cruets" and drop it in the collection or bring to the church office. Please also enclose information on the name of the donor, phone number and person(s) in who's memory the cruets are offered. We will publish this in the bulletin or keep anonymous if you wish. (Call the parish office beforehand to confirm that the cruets are still available to memorialize before you send in your donation).

Winter Attendance: During this time of year the weather is sometimes an obstacle to travel. Safety is a foremost concern, and while our property is always well-plowed and salted, your neighborhood rural roads may not be so well-maintained. Especially if you are elderly, you should not travel in unsafe conditions. For serious weather reasons, you are excused from your weekly obligation to attend Mass on the Lord's Day (weekend TV provides a prayerful opportunity to participate in the celebration of Mass in such a situation). On the winter weekends you may need to stay home, please remember that the weather does not prevent our regular bills from needing to be paid. Our diocesan and school assessments, our salaries, our heating and lighting invoices all need to be paid in a timely fashion. So when you are able to come to church, please remember to also bring your contributions for those weekends you were unable to attend Mass. The stable financial operation of our parish depends upon your dependable and responsible support week after week. Thanks for all who recognize this and are steadfast and generous in their weekly offerings to the Church.

Palms Past: Where do ashes come from that are used to mark our foreheads at the beginning of Lent? They come from the previous years' palm that has dried and is easily burned. If you still have some blessed palm from last year's celebration of Passion Sunday, bring it to Church and place it in the basket in the vestibule so we can make ashes to be used this coming Ash Wednesday.

Discussion Groups Coming in Lent:: Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. “Healing Our Church” is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions “an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith.” Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

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.

Lost & Found: A “Bloomin’ Brands” gift card was found in the church this past weekend. If anyone is missing it, please call or stop by the parish office. Thank you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The disunity of Christianity is not Christ’s will for his Church. At the Last Supper in the Gospel of St. John, Jesus prays for the unity of the Church. This is the motivation for all denominations to gather in prayer and cooperation to fulfill Christ’s will “that all may be one”. There will be a Prayer Service for Christian Unity held this Sunday, January 27th starting @ 2:00 pm, St. Cecelia’s Chapel, Mahanoy City.

Adult Bible Study: Thursday, January 31st @ 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room. The topic will continue with Moses in The Book of Exodus. As always, new members are welcome.

Boy Scouts Meeting: Thursday, January 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Souper Bowl of Caring: This year, the A.C.T.I.O.N. Youth Group will continue to be a part of this movement. Members will be in the back of Church after Mass with their soup pots on Super Bowl Sunday weekend, February 2nd and 3rd. We ask everyone to donate at least \$1 to the cause (if you can give a few dollars more, that would really be appreciated). The money collected will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Societies of St. Teresa of Calcutta in Mahanoy City and the Church of St. Richard in Barnesville. Each parish will keep what is collected at their Church. If you would like to learn more about the Souper Bowl for Caring collection, please go

CANDLES

In Loving Memory of Rose Horvat
by Rose, Sue and Mike
Special Intention by Sue & Jay

Special Intention for my brother Jim
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran