



Church of Saint Richard

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February 3, 2019 - Fourth 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

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Saint Richard's Welcomes All!!

Daily Mass

Tuesday, 5 February (6:00 pm) ~ St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Intention: Raymond Webb by Roy & Anne Paisley

Wednesday, 6 February (8:00 am) ~ St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Intention: Daniel "Lippy" Focht by Stan & Joann Dombrowski

Thursday, 7 February (8:00 am) ~ Weekday

Intention: Dot Pindar by Margo Snyder

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

Intention: John & Anna Demko by Duke & Joan Demko

Saturday - February 9th - 3:30 pm - Confessions

Saturday - February 9th - 4:00 pm - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Al Fritz by Wife & Children

Lector: Beth Bialek

Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Brylewski

Altar Servers: Jacob Mummey, Ignatius Neifert

Sunday - February 10th - 8:30 am - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: Gary Macek by Wife Beverly

Lector: Gale Kufrovich

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Liscusky

Altar Servers: Lillian Stoyer, William Stoyer

Sunday - February 10th - 10:30 am - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: For the living and deceased parishioners

Lector: Kelsey Macieunas

Eucharistic Minister: Virginia Purcell

Altar Servers: Cole Macieunas, Nicole Yost

Psalm Response: I will sing of your salvation.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Memory of the Zoba & Curran Families

St. Richard: In Loving Memory of Jayme Ann Grimaldi ~ Loving Aunt Mary Helen

Sunday Collection Amount:

Regular: \$3,178 — Candles: \$155 — Catholic Relief: \$542

Second Collections: February 2nd and February 3rd ~ Monthly Supplement
February 9th and February 10th ~ Parish Utilities

Mass Attendance Numbers: (January 26th & January 27th)

Saturday, 4:00 pm - 130 Sunday, 8:30 am - 139 Sunday, 10:30 am - 120

Religious Education:

- 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
- Grades 1st through 4th ~ February 10th @ 9:30 am 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.

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.

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr: As with many of the early saints, we know few facts about the saint who's feast is celebrated on February 3rd. He was a bishop and hermit who lived in 4th century Armenia, who was tortured and beheaded for the faith by one of the local Roman governors in Cappadocia. As with Saint Nicholas, numerous legends written in the Middle Ages highlight the bishop's holy life. It was said that in the pre-scientific times in which he lived, Blaise's prayers prevented a child from choking to death, hence our tradition of blessing throats on his feast day. We will follow this custom immediately after all the Masses this weekend.

Adult Evangelization: Learning about our Catholic Faith is a lifetime duty. While the internet puts a library full of information at our finger tips, we do need to be selective about what is reliable and accurate information about the Church. There is unfortunately plenty of misinformation out there. Catholics magazines on the other hand provide trustworthy and informative articles on many aspects of what it means to be Catholic. Please do make use of all the material available in our church vestibule for your own continuing education and inspiration. Note that because they are fairly expensive, we are asking that you make a donation of \$6.00 per issue for "The Word Among Us" magazine (they actually cost \$5.95 plus shipping and handling). Beginning with the Lent issue, we have attached an envelope to the magazine for your convenience so you can drop it in the collection with your \$6.00 donation. The parish spends nearly \$1200 a year on this magazine alone, so hopefully we can reduce our annual costs for pamphlets and periodicals by offsetting this expense. Thanks for your understanding.

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.

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 this 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 to www.souperbowl.org.

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 and it still hasn’t been claimed. If you are missing it, please call or stop by the parish office. Thank you.

Adult Bible Study: Thursday, February 7th @ 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, February 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Children’s Envelopes: They are now in the vestibule. If your child will be using an envelope, please have them write their full family name on the first few, so we can cross reference their name with the envelope number.

Family Envelopes: If you haven’t picked up your contribution envelope pack, you can call the church office and arrange to pick them up. Remember that your record of Mass attendance is an important factor in obtaining a certificate of sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation. Regular use of contribution envelopes not only supports your parish financially, but also serves as a record of attendance. Please pass the information on to those who have been absent from Mass.

Sweet Grace Infant Support Group: These groups are for any parent who has experienced the loss of their child through ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death. Please join us as we begin our journey to healing and shared community. The group will meet in St. Richard’s hall on Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:00 pm. For any questions, please call Krystal Finneran at (570) 778-8498.

RENEW Prayer and Discussion Groups: At this time we are looking for 4 volunteers to form the team who will act as moderators for our parishioners who want to participate in the RENEW reflection and conversation about clergy sexual abuse. Each moderator will receive training at 2 sessions to be offered at the beginning and end of February (locations throughout the diocese-locally in Nesquehoning or Schuylkill Haven). Discussion/prayer groups will meet during the six weeks of Lent in the church hall. To volunteer, please call the church office. Make use of this opportunity to do something positive to express support for victims and correct and heal this failure in the life of the church.

Upcoming Sacramental Schedule: Confirmation (8th grade), Wednesday, March 27th @ St. John XXIII , Tamaqua at 4:30 pm Mass; Holy Communion (3rd graders), Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am Mass; 1st Penance (2nd graders), Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30 pm (Prayer Service and Penance)

CANDLES

God Bless our new Granddaughter
Kaelyn June Kufrovich by Pap & Gigi
In Loving Memory of Steve Herek
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman

Rest in God’s Peace Jer by Wife Pat
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran
Special Intention for good test results
Special Intentions by Higgins Family