

Welcome to the Catholic faith community of

SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

18th and Pollock Streets | Philadelphia, PA 19145

www.strichardchurch.org

Pastor

Reverend William C. Kaufman

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Joseph J. Gallagher

Weekend Ministry

Reverend James P. Olson

Principal

Mr. Stephen Hewitt

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Mr. Dennis M. Mueller

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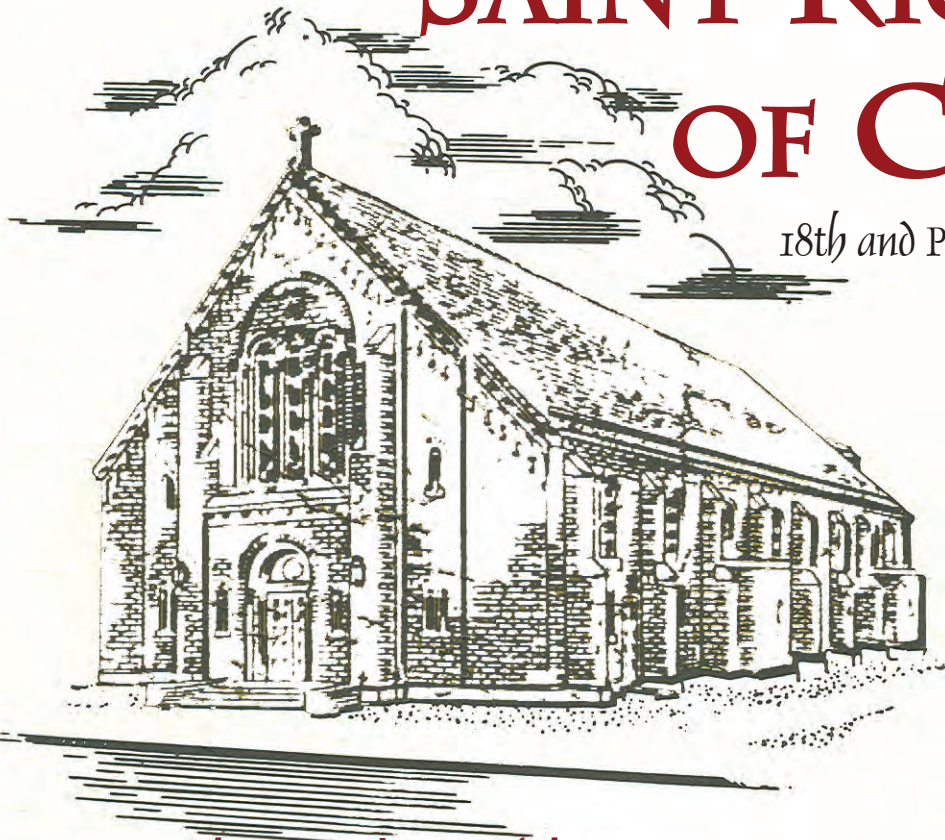
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Parish Registration

All Catholics living in the parish should register at the rectory as soon as possible after moving in.



Serving the Spiritual Needs of the Community Since 1924

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:30 am

Sunday Masses:

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Holy Day Vigil Mass:

5:30 pm

Holy Day Masses:

7:00, 8:00 am, & 12:05, 7:00 pm

Daily Masses:

7:00 & 8:00 am Monday - Friday

8:00 pm Saturday

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Before Masses on Sundays,

& Holy Days

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated every

Sunday @ 12:30 pm. Please

contact the rectory to make

arrangements for Baptism

Marriage

Couples planning a wedding should contact the rectory a minimum of six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements can be made for anointings or communion to be brought to the sick or dying by calling the rectory.

RCIA

The RCIA prepares adults and adolescents for baptism and full communion in the Church. Contact the Director of Faith Formation.

Exposition & Benediction

Church open daily 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Exposition: Tuesdays 8 am - 7 pm

Benediction: Tuesdays 7 pm



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 Living & Deceased of St. Richard Parish
 8:30 Anselmo Spano by Wife
 10:00 Edith Scairato by Roseann D'Aurzio
 11:30 Dec'd of Ficarra Family by The Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 Nicholas Masciantonio by Niece & Nephew
 8:00 William Zirelli by Ted Scairato, Sr. & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 FGH of the Borgia Family by Karen
 8:00 Rocco Rinaldi & Philomenia Hezlep by Annette & Bob Marella

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 Donald Vile by Niki & Frank Talamo
 8:00 William Rizzo by Ed & Betty Lou Morris & Great Grandson Joseph
 12:05 Lawrence Brescia by Son
 7:00 Mary Riccobono by Mr. & Mrs. Pat Riccobono

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 FGH of St. Richard Parishioners by Karen
 8:00 Stephen Coccia by His Parents

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 Catherine Campiglia by Iocono Family
 8:00 Anthony & Anna Maurelli by Vincent & Theresa Maurelli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 Gina Di Camillo by Her Children
 5:30 Alex Angelo by Pam & Jim Startare

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 Living & Deceased of St. Richard Parish
 8:30 Lucy Fortunato by Daughter Mary
 10:00 Sophia & Giovanni Gampolo by Children
 11:30 Rose & Joseph Conicelli by Angie & Dominick Baldino

Our **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will be burning this week in Loving Memory of the Birthday of Cosmo, Daniel & George Di Ciurcio Love, Sister Lucy & Nephew Peter.



VOTIVE CANDLES

In Loving Memory of the Birthday of Anna Del Villano Love, Her Family

IMO Marguerite Keller requested by Gleason Family

FGH of Herb Romans requested by His Family

FGH of Patty Newton requested by Her Family

ITG to St. Jude for favor received requested by L.C.

ANNUAL RETREAT DAY

Saturday, February 9, 2008 will be held at Saint Peter Claver Center, 12th and Lombard Sts, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information please call Yolanda at 215-463-0107.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
 Office of the Cardinal
 222 North 17th Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

Lent 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

The season of Lent invites us to turn from sin, to do penance through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and to prepare for the renewal of the promises of our Baptism that we are immersed in the saving mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

In the beautiful story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, which we will hear proclaimed during Mass on the third Sunday of Lent, the Lord Jesus confronts this Samaritan woman with the truth about herself and the gift he has to offer her. It is a truth that offers hope, that offers salvation. It does not condemn, nor does it close the door on the possibility of conversion and the acceptance of the Lord's loving mercy.

The very same gift is offered to us during these extraordinary days of prayer, penance and preparation. Through attentive listening to the Word of God, through the devout reception of the sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, and through sharing with those who are in need, we have the opportunity to avail ourselves more fully of the loving mercy of God. In doing so, we encounter Christ, who shows us the face of God his Father and teaches us the truth about ourselves. We humbly acknowledge that only in Christ do we find salvation and peace.

May the Lord bless your efforts to begin this holy season with devotion and fervor.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Cardinal Justin Rigali
 Archbishop of Philadelphia



Just to let you know

We are also offering reflections for the six Sunday's of Lent on our website, www.strichardchurch.org. Just follow the link for "News." This easy and convenient resource will feature prayer, the scripture readings for the up coming Sunday of Lent, and a series of reflection questions for personal consideration or to discuss and share with family and friends. This resource offers families an excellent opportunity to share and discuss their faith while breaking open the Sunday Scriptures. Anyone without Internet access may contact Dennis M. Mueller @215-468-4777 to receive copies of the reflections in the mail.

Free online resources are being provided courtesy of *Loyola Press*. These resources include *Seven Weeks for the Soul Retreat*, *The Seven Last Words Devotion*, *a Multimedia Stations of the Cross*, as well as various articles and activities. Logon to www.LoyolaBooks.org/lent to select the resources you desire. A link to the Loyola Press website may also be found on our website under our "Current News and Events" page.

Operation Rice Bowl

All are encouraged to participate in “**Operation Rice Bowl,**” which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Rite of Calling to Conversion

On February 10, during the 10:00 AM Mass, our candidates for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation will gather for the Rite of Calling to Continuing Conversion. This special rite blesses the children as they continue to prepare for reception of these sacraments and acknowledges the progress they have made in their journey thus far.

There will be three sacramental banners hanging in church on the weekend of February 9 & 10, which will contain the names of all of our sacramental candidates. Because sacraments are parish celebrations, we invite parishioners to take the name of a candidate from one of the banners and to pray for the candidate in the months leading up to their reception of the sacrament. This is an ideal opportunity to expand the celebration of the sacraments by allowing the broader parish community to become involved through a show of support and continued prayers.

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD CELEBRATED ON FEBRUARY 10TH DUE TO CANDIDATES’ NEED TO REMAIN IN CHURCH FOR THIS SPECIAL RITE.

RICA – Rite of Sending

Next weekend our parish will celebrate the Rite of Sending for Election with our catechumens, Mimi Lim and Frank Dickerman. The Church has discerned their readiness for reception of the initiation sacraments this Easter. After these rites are celebrated here during the 11:30 AM Mass, these catechumens, along with their godparents, will be sent by our parish to the Archbishop for the Rite of Election to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul Sunday afternoon, where they will be formally recognized as the Elect God.

We have been praying for our catechumens as a parish community since they were welcomed into our midst. We celebrate what God has done and is doing in them. It is the fruit of God’s action that we see. It gives evidence that they are truly chosen by God for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We encourage all within our parish community to continue to keep these individuals in your prayers during this spiritual season of purification and enlightenment we know as Lent. May their faith be a source of inspiration to us, and help us recognize how God has called each of us unto himself.



Feast of Saint Blasé

This weekend we will celebrate the annual blessing of throats in honor of the Feast of St. Blasé. Following each Mass, the celebrant accompanied by additional ministers will invite those wishing to have their throats blessed to come forward to receive the blessing.



**Mardi Gras
Adult Social**

Come and Celebrate Mardi Gras at St. Richard’s!
Roast Beef, Roast Pork & Salads
Beer – Beads – BYOB

Entertainment will be provided by Jason Douglas
Catering by Mancini

Date: Saturday, February 9th

Time: 8:00 PM to 12:00

Admission: \$25.00

Tickets are **limited** and will be on sale through the Home & School Association

Contact Dom Nardini at 215-755-6877

Chris Mattioli at 215-768-9289

Denise Arrigale at 215-389-7763

Anne Gleason at 215-755-6610

There will be **NO TICKETS** sold at the door

Full tables of 10 can be reserved

Hope to see you there!!!

COLLECTION REPORT

For Sunday, January 13, 2008,

Sunday Collection	\$6,086.00
High School	319.00
Children	145.00
Total	\$6,550.00

COLLECTION REPORT

For Sunday, January 27, 2008,

Sunday Collection	\$5,826.00
High School	225.00
Children	248.00
Total	\$6,299.00

Let Us Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Emilio Baratta, Josephine Barone, Alexsandra Bilotti, Honey Brady, Catherine Bragandi, Rachel Buck, Baby Eric Burgese, Madeline Cabano, Darlene Calvo, Maureen Campbell, Paul Campbell, Margaret Cuticchia, Matthew Degres, Nicholas Di Blasio, Rose Di Dio, John Di Nicola, Annette Gaudio, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marie Lambi, Bobbi Ann Lucarelli, Mary Mc Kinney, Teresa Morici, Josephine Morrow, Peggy Mulgrew, Robert Mulgrew, Helen Papa, Anna Patrone, Jennifer Pesini, Baby Branden Picuri, Joseph Pizzo, Cass Powell, Pat Reico, Ruth Reilly, Herbert Romans, David Russo, Frank Scena, Henry Schaeber, Barbara Wurst & Robert Wurst.