

Welcome to the Catholic faith community of

SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

18th and Pollock Streets | Philadelphia, PA 19145

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Reverend William C. Kaufman

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Joseph J. Gallagher

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Reverend James P. Olson

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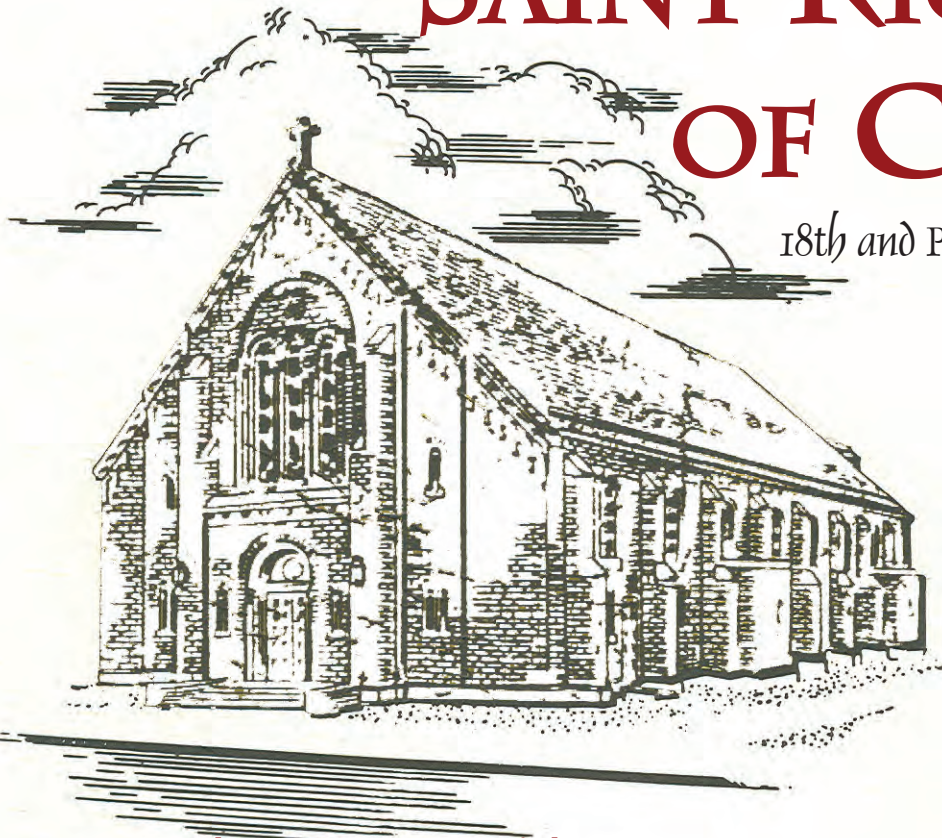
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Parish Registration

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 pm

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 am 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


**Mass Intentions
for the Week**
The Epiphany of the Lord**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

- 7:00 Living & Deceased of St. Richard Parish
 8:30 Margaret Mc Knight by Her Family
 10:00 Domenick Bruno by Wife & Children
 11:30 John Milligan by His Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

- 7:00 Marie G. Santoro by Iocono Family
 8:00 Margaret Cona by Her Children

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 7:00 ITG to The Sacred Heart
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. W. Di Donato by Daughter &
 Son-in-Law

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 7:00 Anthony Bariana by Children
 8:00 Stash Bloc by Wife Denise

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

- 7:00 Rose Garbes by A Friend
 8:00 Margarita Sestini by Husband & Children

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

- 7:00 Michael Suoza by A Friend
 8:00 Ed Singley by John & John

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:00 John Goslin by Louis D' Ambroso
 5:30 Josephine Gerace by Daughter Rosalie

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 7:00 David Miller by His Grandmother
 8:30 Ella & Louis Gormley by Bobbie & Ramsey Rice
 10:00 Pasquale Stea, Jr. by Friends
 11:30 John Cuneo by Daughter Joan

Our **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will be burning this week In Loving Memory of the 1st Anniversary of John Milligan Love, Judy.

**VOTIVE CANDLE**

In Loving Memory of Rita Frio & Anna Bruno Love, Sister Lucy & Nephew Peter

In Loving Memory of Concetta & Cosmo Di Ciurcio Love, Daughter Lucy & Grandson Peter

IMO Charles & Mary Shultz requested by Judy

IMO Rosalie Fanelli requested by Gertrude Andrews


In Loving Memory
ALTAR FUND

A \$100.00 donation was made to Saint Richard's altar fund In Loving Memory of **Rosario Di Forte** Love, Wife Lucy & Son Peter.

**PASTORAL SHARINGS**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

I hope all of you are enjoying the gift of Christmas. Our church reminds us that Christmas is much more than December 25th. We have all these weeks of the Christmas Season to celebrate.

The glory of the Lord shines upon us as the church (us) gather to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The prophet Isaiah announces that our light has come – the glory of the Lord shines upon us. The magi followed the light of the star to Bethlehem, so, too, we follow the light that is the Lord, Jesus

Take some time to reflect on this wonderful part of Christmas – the Manifestation of the gift of Jesus to the entire world.

Epiphany of Our Lord Reflection

As with all of Scripture, there's a lot more than meets the eye, and today's Gospel is no exception. What a wonderful story, full of imagery. We hear about astrologers, a king, a star, intrigue, dreams, gifts, and adoration. But dig deeper, and what we find is a spiritual journey hidden under the trapping of the magi's journey. Having spent years studying Hebrew Scripture in search of answers, they believe they have at last found what they've been looking for, and set out on a journey. Unsure of exactly what they will find, but resolute in their desire to pay homage to this Messiah, they press westward. When they finally encounter Christ in Bethlehem, we can only imagine what they must have thought, but we know that the encounter changed them forever for their journey home took them in a completely different direction.

We too, like the astrologers from the east, have set out on a journey begun at baptism. It is a journey in which we have been called by name, claimed by God, and are given but a single task to complete. We may not know where this journey will take us, but at least we know where our destination lies. And what exactly is our destination? It is God. God invites us to come to know him, to love him, and to place ourselves in service to him, by loving and serving others. In baptism, we respond, "yes," to that invitation, and are given but a single lifetime to complete the task.

Unlike the magi, we do not have the benefit of a star or dreams to guide us, but what we do have is far better. Each of us has the opportunity to encounter Christ in the sacraments, especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist. And we, like the magi, are changed through our encounter. The beauty is that we are called to encounter Christ again and again and again throughout our journey. We too must be resolute. There is no turning back. For it is only in our pressing onward that we can hope to complete our journey and be with God for eternity, where as Isaiah puts it, "then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow." How else could we possibly feel basking in the presence and love of God.

As we continue our Christmas celebration, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your cards, spiritual enrollments, prayers, words, and gifts for Christmas. I am grateful and humbled by your goodness.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you. I know that Father Olson, Sister Muriel, Mr. Mueller, and Mr. Hewitt, along with all our school staff join me in this thanks to so many.

Due to the printing schedule and the holiday schedule, this bulletin is going to print on Friday, December 26th.

When we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, next week, we'll have gift bags for our homebound to be delivered. Thanks for your donations and gifts to make this possible.

Continue to enjoy the Christmas Season. May 2009 be a year of grace, health and happiness to all of you.

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
Father Kaufman



**STELLA MARIS
OLDIES NIGHT
WITH
JERRY BLAVAT
9TH AND BIGLER STREETS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009
7:00 – 12:00**

**\$35.00 PER TICKET
(BUFFET, SODA, BEER AND SET UPS, PRIZES)**

**Dance to Music from the 50's to the 90's
SPECIAL GUESTS: THE EMERALDS
FOR TICKETS CALL: 215-463-3410**



CLASS REUNION

“We are searching for members of the 1959 graduating class of Saint Athanasius Parish in Philadelphia. This year is our 50th anniversary, and we are planning a reunion to celebrate it. If you are a member of this class, or know someone who is, please contact Jim Dougherty at jamjimodoc@gmail.com or call him at 610-277-8534.”

Let us Pray for the Sick

Baby Aiden, Emilio Baratta, Aleksandra Bilotti, Honey Brady, Catherine Bragandi, Dolores Bressi, Rachel Buck, Madeline Cabano, Darlene Calvo, Maureen Campbell, Paul Campbell, Margaret Cuticchia, Matthew Degres, Nicholas Di Blasio, Rose Di Dio, Russell Gallo, Annette Gaudio, Margaret Juliano, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marie Lambi, Bobbi Ann Lucarelli, Mary Mc Kinney, Kevin Mc Krae, Teresa Morici, Josephine Morrow, Peggy Mulgrew, Robert Mulgrew, Eleanor O'Malley, Rachel Orzeck, Jennifer Pesini, Sam Petriganni, Baby Brandon Picuri, Joseph Pizzo, Cass Powell, Mildred Purcell, Jane Queeney, Ruth Reilly, Keith Ross, David Russo, Diane Scena, Henry Schaeber, Arlene Williams, Lois Williams, Barbara Wurst & Robert Wurst.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We continue our monthly Adult Faith Formation series with an exploration into the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Using small group discussion, we will explore many of the questions and concerns people have about this sacrament as well as our need for the sacrament and its importance in our relationship with God. Among the things we'll examine include: our perception of the sacrament, the reasons some have for not making use of the sacrament, the benefits of receiving the sacrament, why forgiveness from God must be obtained through the sacrament, why we need to confess to a priest, the structure and format of the sacrament today, and the nature of sin. Bring your own insights, and questions, as we will have ample opportunity to explore them during the course of the evening. Join us in Church on **Tuesday, January 13**, immediately following Benediction at 7:00 PM for **Reconciliation, An Experience of God's Mercy and Love.**

COLLECTION REPORT

For Sunday, December 21, 2008

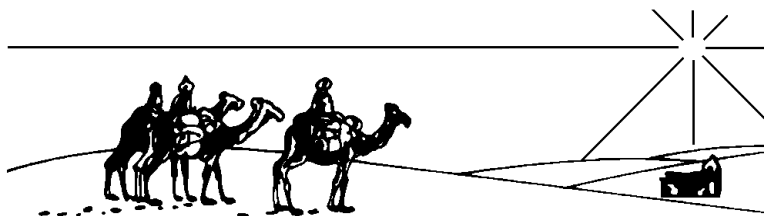
Sunday Collection	\$4,168.00
High School	120.00
Children	<u>158.00</u>
Total	\$4,446.00

FOOTBALL MANIA WEEK #16

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>PARISH TICKET HOLDER</u>
\$500.	925-8A061	St. Anselm
\$200.	2373-8A061	Our Lady of Calvary
\$100.	4668-8A061	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
\$ 50.	1200-8A061	*St. Richard
\$ 50.	4052-8A061	St. Barnabas
\$ 25.	1509-8A061	*St. Richard

***Our \$50.00 winner from St. Richard is:
Kristine Rajczyk**

***Our \$25.00 winner from St. Richard is:
Richard Gendrachi**



The Epiphany of the Lord