

Welcome to the Catholic faith community of

SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

18th and Pollock Streets | Philadelphia, PA 19145

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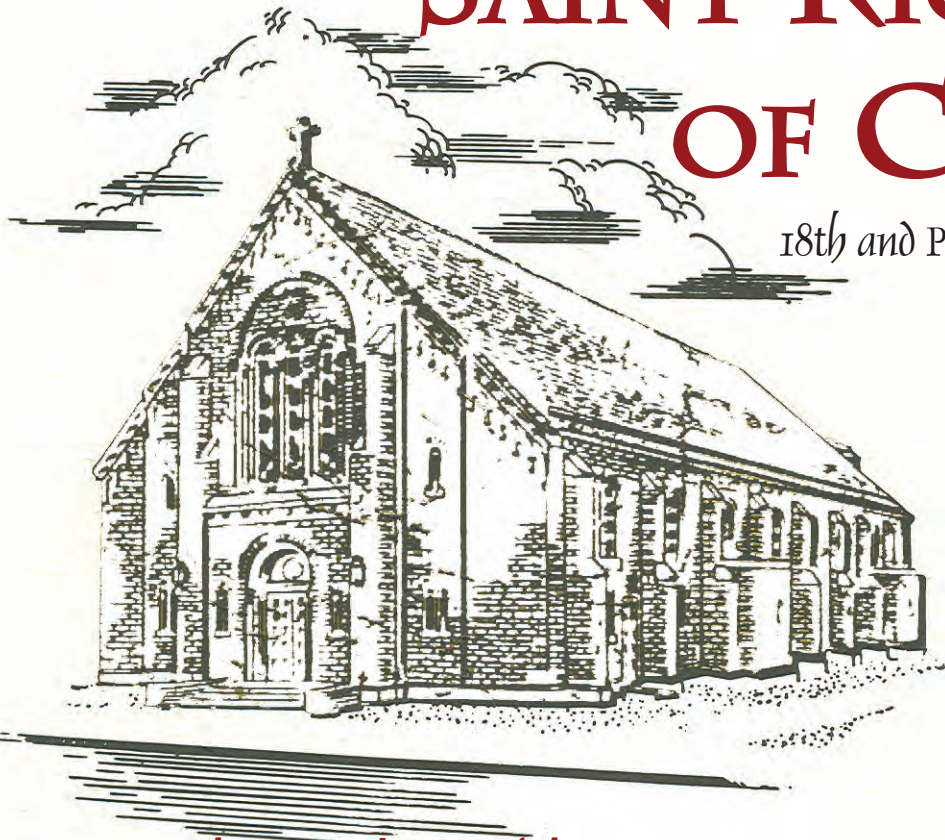
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Parish Registration

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 - 5:00 pm

Exposition: Tuesdays 8 am - 7 pm

Benediction: Tuesdays 7 pm

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- 7:00 Rosalie Owens by Bob & Lorraine Terruso
8:30 Marazzo Family by Rose & Joe
10:00 Alex Angelo by The Family
11:30 Gina Di Camillo by Her Children

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:00 Catherine Campiglia by Iocono Family
8:00 Florence Jatres by Marilyn Cesarone

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7:00 Dora Ialongo by Daughters & Family
8:00 Lucy Fortunato by Daughter Mary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 7:00 Louis De Angelis by Dante & Leah Tasca
8:00 Jane Roetz by Her Daughters

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 7:00 Liz Pezzetti by Connie Acello
8:00 Maria Lusia & Maria Consuelo Lindio by
Sister & Nephew

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 7:00 Marie Donahue by A Friend
8:00 Lorraine Dunlap

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 8:00 Millie & Joe Germano by Sister Genoveffa Colella
5:30 Edith Scairato by Ted Scairato, Sr. & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 7:00 Louis De Angelis by James & Pasqualina Startare
8:30 David Le Munyon by Connie & Bill Clark
10:00 John Goslin by Danny & Joan Tasca
11:30 Sophia & Giovanni D'Angelo by Their Children

Our **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will be burning this week In Loving Memory of the 20th Anniversary of Anthony Mileti, Sr. Love Wife Rose & Family.

**VOTIVE CANDLES**

In Loving Memory of Carlo Liroy Love, Wife Rose & Daughters
IMO Caroline Villone requested by Daughter & Son-in-Law
IMO Kathleen & Andre requested by M.L.F.
FGH of Monsignor William Dombrow requested by Saint
Richard's Parishioners
For a special intention to the Blessed Mother requested by J.K.S.

ALTAR FUND

The following donations were made to Saint Richard's Altar Fund.

- \$20. IMO **David Baccare** donated by Agnes Mc Kay
\$20. IMO **John Kearns** donated by Ida Campbell & Family
\$20. IMO **Sara Kres** donated by Ida Campbell & Family

Next weekend we will celebrate Valentine's Day, a day filled with love, candy, cards, and romance. Restaurants will be packed and flower shops will be busy for sure. While many think that this special day has its roots in Christianity, truth be told nothing could be further from the truth. Very little is known about Saint Valentine aside from legend, and his association with lovers and romance appears to be merely coincidental, for there is nothing definitively associated with the life of this saint that connects him to romance. Further complicating a Christian connection is the fact there are three Saint Valentines in early antiquity who share the same feast day of February 14. Unfortunately, when all is said and done, Valentine's Day is little more than a secular holiday. Even Cupid (a Roman pagan god) with his little arrow points to its secular origins. The Catholic Church even removed the feast day of Saint Valentine from the official Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints in 1969. Today, February 14, marks the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodias, two 9th century missionaries to the Slavs.

But we don't have to go far to bring the "saint" back to Saint Valentine's Day. This special day devoted to love can serve as a reminder of what the upcoming season of Lent is supposed to be about. For you see, what we do know definitively about all three Saint Valentines is that they were all martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. The love they had for Jesus was truly worth dying for. Such a love is not beyond any of us. Many parents would give their lives if it meant saving their child, and many of us may even be willing to die for someone we love, but how many of us have such a deep and abiding love for God that we would be willing to die for HIM? Perhaps the example of these Saint Valentines can serve as inspiration for us to deepen our own relationship with and love for God as we prepare to enter into the season of Lent. So on Valentine's Day as you exchange your tokens of love for one another, take some time to express your love for God as well. And in the days leading up to the season of Lent, pray for the courage to take whatever steps are necessary to deepen your relationship with God.

Here's a simple prayer to love God above all things:

God, my Father,
may I love You in all things and above all things.
May I reach the joy which You have prepared for me in Heaven.
Nothing is good that is against Your Will,
And all that is good comes from Your Hand.
Place in my heart a desire to please You
and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love,
so that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace.
Amen.

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



Rite of calling to Continuing Conversion

There are 105 children preparing to receive sacraments this year. On Sunday, February 15, during the 11:30 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 (one for each sacrament) hanging in church along the wall of the Saint Joseph side aisle during the weekend of February 14 & 15. These banners 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 following each of the weekend masses and to pray for the candidate in the months leading up to his or her 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. Each candidate's name has been printed twice in order to allow for greater parish participation.

Saint Richard's Adult Faith Formation Series

Our Adult Faith Formation Series continues with **Discovering St. Paul – An Exploration Into His Life, His Theology & His Message**, a FREE five week adult faith formation series that takes an in depth look into the man who became Apostle to the Gentiles. During our exploration, participants will examine the life of Paul, his theology and its influence on the Church, and the relevance his writings have for us today. The course is designed to give participants a greater understanding of and appreciation for Paul and the impact his legacy has had on the Church and its teachings. Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 PM in the school hall beginning February 26, March 5, 12, 26, & April 2. No registration necessary! Presented by Dennis M. Mueller.

Men's Spiritually Conference

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is sponsoring a **Men's Spirituality** Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, in Springfield, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Featured topics include *Fathers & Sons: Embracing God's call, Evangelizing the Word of God, Spiritual Leadership in the Home, & Spirituality and the Workplace*. Rich Gannon, former NFL MVP and Philadelphia native, and Marcus Grodi, host of EWTN's *Journey Home* program, are the keynote speakers. Cardinal Rigali will celebrate Mass for Sunday with attendees at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person, or \$20.00 per person for a group of three or more. Lunch is included. For more information or to register contact the Family Life Office at 215-587-5639, or register online at www.archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/famlife.htm. A limited number of brochures and registration forms are also available at the main entrance of church.



Adult Social

Come and Celebrate Mardi Gras at Saint Richard's!

This year's social will feature plenty of music, Buffet, beer, soda, and party favors. BYOB

This affair is always a Great Time!

Date: Saturday February 21st

Time: 8:00 PM to 12:00

Admission: \$25.00

Tickets are limited and will be on sale through any Home & School board member. Full tables of 10 can be reserved and encouraged.

Hope to see you there!!

Dom Nardini 767-8103 Chris Mattioli 768-9289

Anne Gleason 990-3295 Denise Arrigale 939-3858



MARRIED COUPLE'S MASS

There will be a special Mass for all married couples on Friday evening, February 13th at 7:00 PM in our church. At this Mass, that is near Valentine's Day, there will be a renewal of marriage vows. I hope with over a months notice, many of our Married Couples will join in this special Mass. To plan, I would ask that you return the little form in the collection basket.

We plan to attend

HUSBAND'S FIRST NAME

WIFE'S FIRST NAME

FAMILY NAME

#of years married in 2009-----YRS.

Let us Pray for the Sick

Baby Aiden, Emilio Baratta, Alessandra Bilotti, Honey Brady, Dolores Bressi, Rachel Buck, Madeline Cabano, Darlene Calvo, Maureen Campbell, Paul Campbell, Margaret Cuticchia, Matthew Degres, Nicholas Di Blasio, Russell Gallo, Annette Gaudio, Margaret Juliano, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marie Lambi, Bobbi Ann Lucarelli, John Luciano, Jr., 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, Richard Straw, Barbara Wurst .