

Welcome to the Catholic faith community of

# SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

18th and Pollock Streets | Philadelphia, PA 19145

[www.strichardchurch.org](http://www.strichardchurch.org)

## **Pastor**

Reverend William C. Kaufman

## **Pastor Emeritus**

Reverend Joseph J. Gallagher

## **Weekend Ministry**

Reverend James P. Olson

## **Principal**

Mr. Stephen Hewitt

## **Pastoral Care**

Sister Muriel Kershaw, R.S.M.

## **Director of Faith Formation**

Mr. Dennis M. Mueller

## **Choir Director**

Mrs. Debra Scairato

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## **Rectory**

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[parish@strichardchurch.org](mailto:parish@strichardchurch.org)

## **School**

19th & Pollock Streets

215-467-5430

215-467-2391

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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


**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

- 7:00 Frank Di Giacomo by Mama  
 8:30 Mr. & Mrs. John J. Mirra & Son John by Son & Daughter-in-Law  
 10:00 Ambrogio & Edith Gioni by Ted Scairato & Family  
 11:30 Dalia Barone by Son Nick & Eileen Barone & Grandsons

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

- 7:00 John & Sal Buccieri by Charles & Carmela Sullivan  
 8:00 Rose Dabbundo by Daughter Connie Clark

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

- 7:00 Marcos Saad by Angela & Mickey  
 8:00 Silvio Cocco by Wife Nettie & Children

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

- 7:00 Adeline Fee by Charles & Carmela Sullivan  
 8:00 Dominic Gerace by Daughter Rosalie

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

- 7:00 Mary Avallone by Sister Mary  
 8:00 John Carey by Vanda Carey

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

- 7:00 Joseph Manfre by Ron De Ritis  
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Messina by Daughter & Son-in-Law  
 10:00 Angelina Mazzuca by Anthony Mazzuca

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

- 8:00 Santo Lombardi by His Wife  
 5:30 Margaret M. Riesch by Edward Riesch

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

- 7:00 Father William Mooney by Charles & Carmela Sullivan  
 8:30 Angelrose Di Giacomo by Daughter & Family  
 10:00 Nancy Daly by Her Children  
 11:30 Baldino Family by The Family

Our **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will be burning this week in memory of the Birthday of Jim Bonanno requested by Wife Viola & Children.

**VOTIVE CANDLES**

In Loving Memory of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of Silvio Cocco Love, Wife Nettie

In Loving Memory of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Angelina Rose Scaruzzi Love, Your Daughter Annette & Grandchildren  
 Special Intention to the Blessed Mother

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Mondays During Lent at 1:00 PM with school children  
 (No Stations will be held on Monday of Holy Week)**

**Fridays During Lent at 7:00 PM**

**(No Stations will be held on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Living Stations April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM with school children**

**PASTORAL SHARINGS**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Today's gospel provides us with some beautiful imagery on what it means to be a disciple and how we are called to live out our discipleship. That imagery is the grain of wheat Jesus speaks about in the Gospel story. Jesus tells us that the grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die in order for it to produce fruit. On the surface, we know that Jesus is speaking about himself, but the image applies to each of us who calls himself a disciple of Jesus.

Each of us must set aside our wants and surrender ourselves to Jesus. We must let go of the "worldly" things that keep us from experiencing the fullness of our relationship with God. At the beginning of the Lenten Season we heard how Jesus emptied himself during his 40 days in the desert. We too must we empty ourselves if we wish to be free to respond fully to the call to discipleship. Letting go is not always easy. Change can be very difficult, as if forces us out of our comfort zones. We cling fast to our many securities and wants that give us a false sense of comfort. We don't want to suffer or experience hardship. The easy route would be preferred. We don't want to give up control. We want to be appreciated. We don't want to be taken advantage of. We want to have our way. It is so hard to concede to the wishes of others. Yet Lent and Holy Week are powerful reminders that there is no escaping this. Our call to discipleship may be a difficult route to take. We will definitely have to give up control and concede to the will of God (i.e., "fall to the ground and die"). If we do we will produce great fruit with Christ by our side, and we will be all the better for it.

Lent is all about surrendering ourselves to God, dying unto ourselves by ridding ourselves of life's clutter and the sin that keeps us from God, and rising to new life with Christ Jesus. What is our motivation? Love. Jesus modeled for us the way to God. He demonstrated how we are to love God and he showed us the depth of God's love for us. Now we are faced with a choice. Will we love God as intently in return and place our faith and trust in him allowing him to change our lives or are we going to cling to our life and the things of this world and make an attempt at doing things our way?

Our parish celebration of the Saint Joseph Triduum were wonderful days of prayer and devotion. Thanks to all who participated in the three days. Also, a big thanks you to **all** who worked in any way to make these days special. To all who prepared and took care of the Saint Joseph Table in our parish hall for the conclusion of our Triduum I am grateful.

Our guest, Father Gus Puleo was very appreciative of the kind welcome that was extended to him. Let us remember and reflect on his message of Saint Joseph being just, faithful, and protector.

Recently, our second grade teacher informed me that the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders (the young parishioners who just celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time) wanted to give me something for the church. These young boys and girls collected donations, on their own, for their church. They gave me \$93.00 for the church. Thank you, from all the parish, to these boys and girls.

Here we are in the final weeks of Lent. Plan to make next week a special time in your Lenten journey. Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we have the opportunity to have a truly "holy week". The schedule for holy week has been mailed to the homes of the registered parishioners. The schedule is also printed below this letter.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask for a remembrance in yours.

Happy Lent  
Father Kaufman

**2009-HOLY WEEK-2009**

**April 5-Palm Sunday**

**Palm will be Blessed & Distributed at all Masses.**

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM**

**April-7 Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation (Penance)**

**Service at 7:00 PM**

**There will be a number of visiting  
Priests to hear Confessions**

**April 8-Wednesday of Holy Week**

**Celebration of the Cross**

**With our Wood Chips at 7:00 PM**

**April 9-Holy Thursday**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM**

**Evening Prayer at 10:00 PM**

**Adoration at the Repository Until 11:00 PM**

**April 10-Good Friday**

**Church open for Adoration from 7:00 AM**

**Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM**

**Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 PM**

**Living Stations at 7:00 PM**

**April 11-Holy Saturday**

**Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM**

**Confession from 3:30-4:30 PM**

**Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM**

**April 12-Easter Sunday**

**Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM**

**Saints John Neumann And Maria Goretti  
Catholic High School**

**Week of March 28<sup>th</sup>**

SS. John Neumann and Maria Goretti School presents The Wizard of Oz performed by the Neumann-Goretti Players on March 26, 27, 28 at 7:30 PM and a matinee performance on March 29 at 2:30 PM. General admission is \$10.00, \$5.00 for students with ID.

**Weeks of April 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

SS. John Neumann and Maria Goretti High School presents their annual Spring Concert and Art Festival on Wednesday evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Art Show at 6:00 PM---Concert at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00.

**Also Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:30 PM, free of charge.**

**The Annual 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary Masses  
With Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Will be held on  
Sunday, May 3, 2009**

**At the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul  
18<sup>th</sup> Street and Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia  
At 11:00 AM:  
For couples married 50 or more years  
From Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties.**

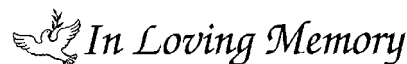
**At 2:30 PM:  
For couples 50 or more from Bucks, Chester,  
And Delaware Counties  
AND  
For couples married 25 or more years from all counties  
Information on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule**

**COLLECTION REPORT**

**For Sunday, March 22, 2009**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$5,620.82</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>291.00</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>110.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,021.82</b>

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL  
Clothing Drive  
Saturday April 18, 2009  
Saint Richard  
3010 South 18<sup>th</sup> Sts.  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**



**ALTAR FUND**

\$100. IMO Nicholas Spadafora donated by Gina & Ward Michie  
\$ 50. IMO Nicholas Spadafora donated by UPS Staff

\$ 20. IMO Anna Vondran donated by Joe Fee  
\$ 10. IMO Anna Vondran donated by Bill Connelly

**Let us Pray for the Sick**

Baby Aiden, Emilio Baratta, Alexsandra Bilotti, Baby Benigno, 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.