

Welcome to the Catholic faith community of

SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

18th and Pollock Streets | Philadelphia, PA 19145

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Reverend Joseph J. Gallagher

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Reverend James P. Olson

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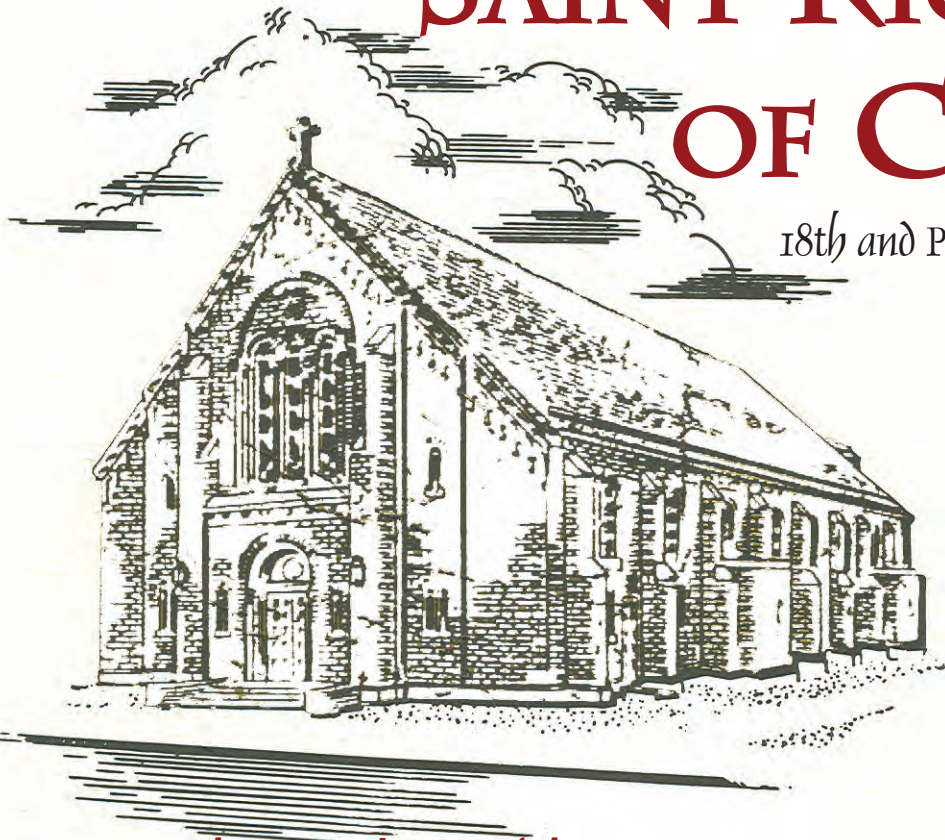
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Parish Registration

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 - 5:00 pm

Exposition: Tuesdays 8 am - 7 pm

Benediction: Tuesdays 7 pm



Seventh Sunday of Easter



SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 7:00 Anna Vondran by Eileen & Joe Ceraso
 8:30 George Mc Kain by His Wife
 10:00 Brothers & Sisters of Rita & Andrew by
 Rita & Andrew
 11:30 Matilda Price by Granddaughter & Family

MONDAY, MAY 25

- 7:00 John Delbrocco by Staff of South Phila. Dental
 Assoc.
 8:00 Vincent Monteleone by Wife

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 7:00 Bette Ann Kelly by Diane O'Neal & Family
 8:00 Charles Cornaglia by Wife & Children

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 7:00 Catherine Connelly by Nicole & Frank Talamo
 8:00 Maria Sassone by Fran

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- 7:00 Bette Kelly by Solberg Family
 8:00 Vincent Napolitano by Children

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 7:00 Deceased Members of the Gilbert Family
 8:00 Charles Dabbundo by Daughter Connie

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 8:00 Frank Di Giacomo by Aunt Linda & Uncle Vince
 5:30 Wesley Probst, Jr. by Wife & Children

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- 7:00 Anna & Herb Vondran by Helen Mc Evoy
 8:30 Marie Perri by Her Son Ray
 10:00 George Martin, Jr. George & Joan Hatton
 11:30 Anna & Sam Petriganni by Children & Grandchildren

Our **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will be burning this week in memory of Robert Londra requested by Joe & Cass Sullivan & Family.



VOTIVE CANDLES

In Loving Memory of the 1st Anniversary of Steven Monfreda

Love, Wife Alice & Daughters JoAnne & Maria

In Loving Memory of the 1st Anniversary of Assunta Vitali

Love, Daughter Mary

In Loving Memory of Louis De Angelis Love, Wife Mary

Special Intention to Saint Jude requested by Mother & Sister



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

While Our Lord Jesus was suffering and dying on the cross for our sins, He was thinking of us. He gave to us His Mother, Mary, as Our Blessed Mother. As a parish community, we honored Our Lady this past Monday evening, with our May Procession. It certainly was wonderful to have so many, hundreds and hundreds, of our parishioners, neighbors, and friends at the parish May Procession. Thanks to all who were able and joined in our procession with Our Blessed Mother around the streets. To all who attended thank you.

A big thanks to all who helped make this special evening possible. Much planning and work went into our May Procession. To all thanks. Thanks, also to our neighbors who cooperated with this devotion.

Last week, in my letter, I mentioned that May is the time we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Orders. These are the days of ordination and anniversary of ordinations. Also, at this time of year, the Cardinal announces most of the clergy assignments. This year, the clergy assignments effect our parish. Father James P. Olson has been given a new assignment by Cardinal Rigali. Father Olson's assignment reads: "Rev. James P. Olson, from Director, office for Permanent Deacons, to President, Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School, Drexel Hill, with residence at Saint Cyril of Alexandria Parish, East Lansdowne." This appointment is effective June 15, 2009.

In June 1999, Father Olson was assigned by Cardinal Bevilacqua as a resident priest, here at Saint Richard. Father, at that time, was assigned to Saint Maria Goretti High School.

In 2003, Father Olson was appointed the Director of the office for Permanent Deacons, with residence at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook. During this time, Father has been able to continue to Minister here at Saint Richard Parish, in many ways, but most especially with Masses on Sunday. With Father Olson's new assignment this is over. Father's obligations and responsibility for Mass will be at Saint Cyril of Alexandria Church in East Lansdowne.

To offer Father Olson our parish thanks and bid him farewell after 10 years of ministry here, there will be a parish Mass on Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 PM. Following this Mass there will be a reception for Father in the school hall for us to offer our personal thanks and best wishes as he takes on his new assignments.

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

God bless you
 Father Kaufman



Little Sisters of the Poor

For over 100 years the Little Sisters of the Poor have served the aged, poor of our Archdiocese. The Sisters have always served in the city of Philadelphia. The Little Sisters presently serve at Holy Family Home at 53rd Street and Chester Avenue in the Southwest section of our city. The Little Sisters of the poor was founded by Jeanne Jugan (1792-1879).

Recently, wonderful news was announced by Pope Benedict XVI. Our Holy Father will canonize Blessed Jeanne Jugan in Rome on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The foundress of the Little Sisters will become a saint in our church.

One of the rules of the Little Sisters of the Poor is that they beg. The Little Sisters beg to help the elderly residents that they care for in their homes. They do this because Blessed Jeanne Jugan use to beg from others so she could help the poor and elderly she was caring for.

Next weekend, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our church to beg from us for the care and needs of their elderly at Holy Family Home. I know we will all welcome them and be as generous as we possibly can.

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE**

I watched the flag pass by one day.

It fluttered in the breeze.

A young Marine saluted it,

And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform

So young, so tall, so proud,

With hair cut square and eyes alert,

He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him

Had fallen through the years.

How many died on foreign soil?

How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?

How many died at sea?

How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?

No, freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of "taps" one night,

When everything was still.

I listened to the bugler play

And felt a sudden chill.

I wonder just how many times

That "Taps" had meant "Amen,"

When a flag drapes a coffin

Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,

Of the mothers and the wives,

Of father, son and husbands

With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard

At the bottom of the sea,

Of unmarked graves in Arlington.

No, freedom is not free.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Philadelphia Public School recently announced that they are extending the school year in order to make up for the snow days that had to be taken in January and February of this year. As a result, the extended school year now overlaps with the start of our VBS Program scheduled for June 22-26. In order to afford all of our parish children the opportunity to participate fully in this program we are **RESCEDULING OUR VBS program**. **The NEW DATE for VBS is August 24-28**. Please make note of this on your calendars.

Registration forms will be sent home with school and CCD students at the end of the school year. Registration forms will also be made available on our parish website www.strichardchurch.org and in the back of Church. Our theme for this year's program is *Kingdom of the Son, A Prayer Safari*.

Circle of Friends'

Summer camp begins Monday, June 15th til Friday, August 14th. For registration forms or further information please call: Ms. Lisa Cimino 267-716-9193.

Breaking Open God's Word

Breaking Open God's Word, our weekly scripture study, held on Monday evenings from 7-8 PM in the rectory will not be held May 25, the Memorial Day weekend. The program will resume on Monday, June 1st. All are welcome to participate. For more information on the program contact Dennis M. Mueller at 215-468-4777 or visit our website www.strichardchurch.org/faith-formation.htm.

**PRAY FOR . . .****Let us Pray for the Sick**

Baby Aiden, Emilio Baratta, Alessandra Bilotti, Baby Benigno, Honey Brady, Dolores Bressi, Rachel Buck, Madeline Cabano, Darlene Calvo, Maureen Campbell, Paul Campbell, Margaret Cuticchia, Matthew Degres, Louis D'Elia, Mabel D'Elia, Nicholas Di Blasio, Lucy Di Forte, Russell Gallo, Annette Gaudio, Margaret Juliano, Michael Kahila, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marie Lambi, Bobbi Ann Lucarelli, John Luciano, Jr., Sean Mc Adams, 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.