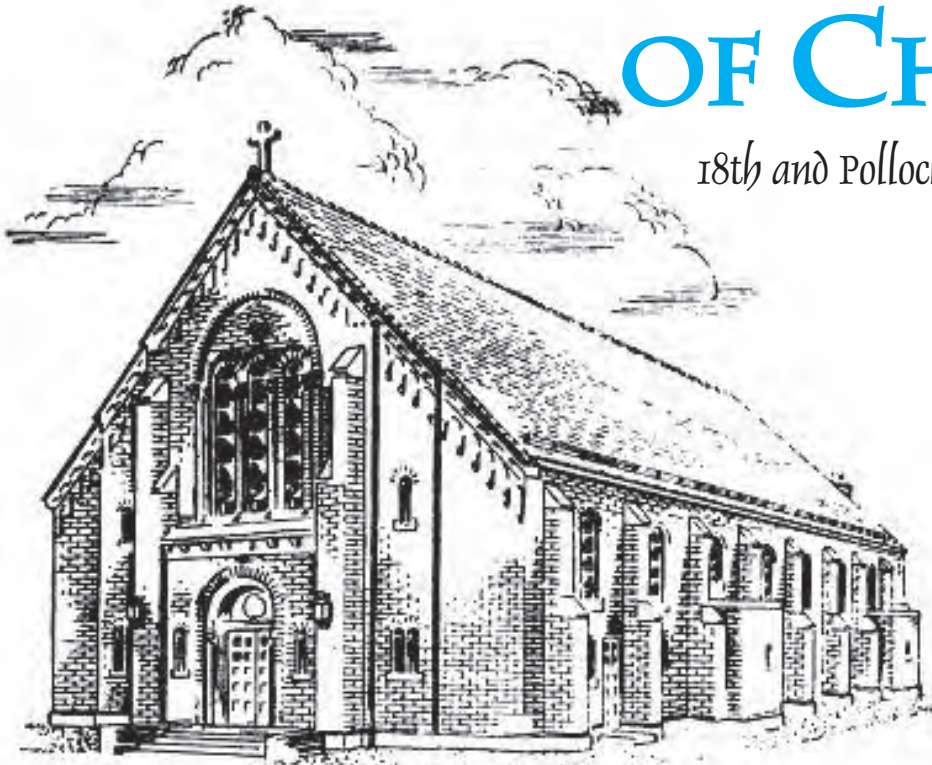


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5:30 pm

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Holy Day Masses:

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Daily Mass:

8:00 am Monday - 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.

R.C.I.A.

The RCIA prepares adults for baptism & full communion in the Church. If you're interested in becoming Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church contact the Director of Faith Formation.

Exposition & Benediction

October through May

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Senior Citizens Group

Tuesdays, 12:00 - 3:00 PM, in the school hall, September through June
Eileen Ceraso: 215-336-0527

Parish Registration

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

www.strichardchurch.org

*Mass for the
Intentions*  *for the
Week*
First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 8:00 Philip A. Camilari by Wife & Children
10:00 Rose De Felice by Her Family
11:30 Charles & Rose Dabbundo by The Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 8:00 Edmond Fagan by Wife & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 8:00 Joseph Amatelli by Berry Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 8:00 Donald Campbell by Wife Ida & Children

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:00 John & Concetta Pittore by Daughters

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 Giuseppi Corsello by His Sister Zena
10:00 Angelina Mazzuca by Anthony Mazzuca

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8:00 Michael Monaghan by Children
5:30 Vincent & Caroline Baldino by Angie & Dominick Baldino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 8:00 Edith Mastrovito by Children & Grandchildren
10:00 Anthony & Catherine Screnci by Nick & Dolores Screnci
11:30 Lena & Santo Cavallaro by Son John & Daughter Rita

Our **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will be burning this week In Loving Memory of Anthony Castiello Love Sunny & Son John.

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PASTOR CORNER

Dear Sister's & Brothers,

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, begins a new liturgical year for the Church. So, for all of us who are the church-Happy New Year.

Advent has a twofold character: one as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and celebrated on December 25th, secondly, Advent is a season when we remember to await Jesus' second coming at the end of time. Advent is a time that should be full of devout joy as we get ready.

As I have in the past few years, I extend to the adults of our parish community a companion to journey with in Advent. **The Little Blue Book** is the companion. This little blue book provides an easy and convenient way for us to spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer with Our Lord throughout these Advent Weeks.

A wonderful time for you this week would be to attend the Advent Evening of Reflection. This will take place this Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM in Church.

During this special **Year of the Priest** that was declared by Pope Benedict XVI, a relic of Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, is spending a week in each parish. The relic of Saint John Vianney is to be brought here to Saint Richard Parish this Thursday, December 3rd. As part of the Advent Evening of Reflection we will have a brief prayer and time for veneration.

Next weekend, we will welcome to our parish Sister Alice Walsh, I.H.M. and Sister Mary Flynn, I.H.M. These Sisters will be here to appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection that will be taken up the following week.

As we did last year, at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 12th at 5:30 PM and the three Sunday morning Masses on December 13th we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick. There will be visiting priests to help with the individual anointing. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM to come to our Parish Advent Penance Service. We will have a number of visiting priests to help with individual confessions.

Recently Cardinal Rigali sent the letter on the opposite page. This letter is to thank so many who have supported the Heiritage of Faith – Vision of Hope Drive in our Archdiocese. I am grateful to all who donated and pledged to this effort.

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

Happy Advent
Father Kaufman

Bring a friend

CONCERT FOR HOMELESS

The annual benefit concert for the homeless of Philadelphia featuring **The Mummer's Chorus of Philadelphia** along with Members of the Woodland String Bank will take place this Friday, December 4th at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 3rd and Wolf Streets. The cost is \$5.00 Donation. For tickets or information contact Bobby Burns 215-389-0162.

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Cardinal
222 North 17th Street
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November 26, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time of Thanksgiving, many of us will take a moment to reflect on God's blessings in our lives.

As I look back on the past year, I am thankful for the tireless effort and generosity of those who have supported *Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope*. This historic effort, which began a little more than 15 months ago, is enabling the Church of Philadelphia to respond to the needs of its people now and in the future.

Through the dedication and prayers of pastors, volunteers and donors, over 21,000 families already have made pledges and gifts totaling \$110 million toward our goal of \$200 million. Many more parishes will introduce this extraordinary endeavor in the coming months and this encourages us that our goal will be met.

On behalf of the people, parishes and programs that will benefit from your sacrificial pledge, I extend my deep gratitude.

Sincerely in Christ,
Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Volunteer Position Available

A catechist for our CCD program will continue teaching in the program due to a change in her schedule. The position is for a second grade catechist (i.e., teacher) and opens January 2010. The requirements are as follows:

Responsibilities: The position requires an adult to prepare and teach weekly lessons to a second grade class of ~12 children enabling them to cultivate their Catholic Christian Faith and deepen their relationship with God. Full materials and training are provided.

Qualifications: This person must be living in accord with the Catholic faith and be open and willing to share it with others. He or she should have an ability to communicate with and manage a group of children. Classroom management and other teaching skills can be acquired through training and consultation sessions.

Commitment: Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 PM, January 6 through May 26 with an additional one to hours of lesson preparation at home each week.

If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Dennis M. Mueller @ 215-468-4777 or dmueller@strichardchurch.org.

Advent Evening of Reflection

This season of Advent offers each of us an opportunity to deepen and explore our faith relationship with God. In our efforts to assist you in your efforts, we will once again be celebrating an Advent Evening of Reflection on **Thursday evening, December 3, from 7:00 – 8:15 PM** in church. This time of personal and spiritual reflection will feature Scripture, music, small and large group discussion and a presentation all centered on the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We will conclude our time together with an opportunity to venerate the relic of Saint John Vianney, which is scheduled to visit Saint Richard Parish beginning December 3rd through 9th. Dennis M. Mueller will facilitate the evening.



Blood Drive

Saint Richard Church and School Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross will be held in our school hall on Wednesday, December 30th from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Mark your calendar and give your time and blood to help others

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