
“TURN AWAY FROM SIN . . .



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter
2011

Church of
ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER
18th & Pollock Streets, Philadelphia

. . . AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL.”

March 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Once again, we come to the beginning of the season of Lent, when we take time out every year to prepare for the celebration of Easter. This special season is set aside for us to take stock of our relationship with Christ, and to hear again his invitation to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” (Mk 1, 15).

As we receive the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads in ashes, we recall that we were first signed with the Cross at our baptism. By prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we strive throughout these forty days to be renewed and to be more faithful to our baptismal promises. We also pray in a special way with those preparing to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Our whole lives—and everything we do as a parish—are founded on the new life that Jesus Christ won for us in his Resurrection. Christ our Light leads us from the darkness of sin and death, along the Way of the Cross, to the Road to Emmaus where we recognize the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. Lent is a chance for us to re-commit ourselves to following the road that Jesus has marked out for us, as individuals and as a community.

We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which this season provides. May God continue to bless you and yours, as together we prepare to celebrate the feast of the Resurrection.

God bless you – Father Kaufman & Staff of St. Richard Parish

FASTING

All Catholics fourteen years of age and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast means taking only one full meal and, if necessary, two light meals that together would not make a full meal. Nothing is taken to eat between meals except water.

The laws for fast and abstinence do not apply to people who are sick, or those who need to eat at certain times for health reasons (to take medicine, while expecting, etc.). Those who cannot fast are encouraged to do some other act of penance on those days.

ALMSGIVING

“In the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.” (St. Leo the Great)

Almsgiving means making sacrifices of our time, our talent, and our financial resources to help those less fortunate than ourselves. It includes not only donations of money to charity, but also a commitment to help our neighbors both near and far through works of service. Running errands for homebound neighbors, visiting a friend in the hospital, and offering prayers for the dead can all be forms of almsgiving.

PRAYER

Celebration of Mass

Daily Monday – Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; **Sunday:** 8:00, 10:00, & 11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions: Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00 pm,
Before Masses on Sundays

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

Living Stations April 20th at 10 AM with school children

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, 8:30 am – 7:00 pm, with Benediction at 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Triduum

St. Joseph's Triduum celebration will be held

March 15th, 16th, & 17th at 7:00 pm

Scripture Study

“Breaking Open God’s Word”

Facilitated discussion of the Sunday Scriptures on
Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the rectory.

Adult Faith Formation

“The Parables of Jesus”

This **FREE** adult faith formation series will take participants on a cultural, historical & theological exploration of Jesus' most popular & prominent Parables in their original context. Participants will not only come to deepen their knowledge of Jesus through their exploration, but also come to see Jesus as the witty & humorous preacher he was through the eyes of 1st Century Jews living in Palestine. Presented by Dennis M. Mueller.

Thursday evenings in the school hall, 7 – 9 PM,

March 10, 24, 31, & April 7, & 14.

“Understanding the Revised Texts”

This **FREE** 4 part adult faith formation series provides an in depth look into the changes that are being made to the Mass with the release of the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal.

Session 2: March 22, 7 – 9 PM, School Hall

Session 3: April 26, 7 – 9 PM, School Hall

Session 4: May 17, 7 – 9 PM School Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY

Burning of Palm & Burying the Alleluia

Tuesday, March 8

10:00 am in the schoolyard
(weather permitting)

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	School Mass
12:05 pm	Mass
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
7:00 pm	Mass

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

April 17

Palm will be blessed and distributed at all Masses, which follow the normal Sunday schedule. There will be a solemn procession from the school hall at 11:15 a.m.

Parish Penance Service

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 pm

Following a prayer service, a number of compassionate and understanding priests will be available for individual confessions.

Celebration of the Cross

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 pm

During this prayer service we will nail our Lenten wood chips to construct the Cross for the Good Friday services.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

April 21

Morning Prayer – 8:00 am
(No Morning Mass)

Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 pm

Night Prayer: 10:00 pm

Adoration at the Repository
following Mass until 11:00 pm

Good Friday

April 22

Church Open for Adoration: 7:00 am

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
(NO DAILY MASS)

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
3:00 pm

Living Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday

April 23

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
(NO DAILY MASS)

Confessions: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Easter Vigil
7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

April 24

Masses at 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am