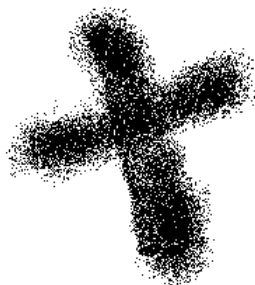


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# “TURN AWAY FROM SIN . . .



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter  
2010

Church of  
**ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER**  
18<sup>th</sup> & Pollock Streets, Philadelphia

# . . . AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL.”

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February 2010

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

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## 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 March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### **“Gathered at the Table”**

This **FREE** adult faith formation series will take participants on an in depth journey into the history of the Mass, and explore how it is designed to foster & enhance our relationship with God. We will examine the Liturgy’s Jewish roots, its development throughout the centuries, and explain the Liturgy of the Mass including its prayers, acclamations, and our role so that we may approach the sacrament more enthusiastically and realize just how important our role at Mass is. Presented by Dennis M. Mueller.

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

**February 18, 25, March 4, 11, & 25.**

## Married Couples Mass

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## Burning of Palm & Burying the Alleluia

*Tuesday, February 16*  
10:00 am in the schoolyard  
(weather permitting)

## Ash Wednesday Services

*Wednesday, February 17*

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

March 28

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, March 30, 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, March 31, 7:00 pm

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

# EASTER TRIDUUM

## Holy Thursday

*April 1*

**Daily Mass – 8:00 am**

**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 2*

**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 3*

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

**Confessions:** 3:30 – 4:30 pm

**Easter Vigil**

**7:30 pm**

## Easter Sunday

*April 4*

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