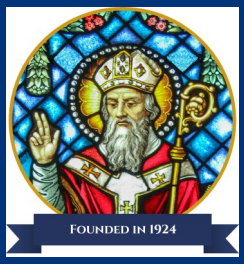

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Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM at St. Richard
Sunday 8:30 AM at St. Richard
Sunday 11:00 AM at St. Richard
Sunday 5:30 PM at Holy Spirit

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM
Saturday 8:30 AM

Confession Schedule

Saturdays 3:30–4:15 PM
Before each Sunday Mass

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September 6th 2026 ~ The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...may we know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly."
~From the Prayer of Saint Richard

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY September 5

4:30 PM Vigil Deceased Members of Samuel and Josephine Castiglia Family
Requested by Bernie and Betty Tartaglia

SUNDAY September 6

8:30 Frank and Edith Massare
Requested by Richard and Mary Goffredo

11:00 For the Parishioners of St. Richard Parish

5:30 PM John A. Avicolli
Requested by Family

MONDAY September 7

8:30 Mary Kathleen Bilotta
Requested by Jennie and Anthony Filippello and children

TUESDAY September 8

8:30 James Malseed
Requested by The Starr Family

WEDNESDAY September 9

8:30 Mary Fortunato
Requested by The D'Angelo Family

THURSDAY September 10

8:30 Mary Fortunato
Requested by Joseph and Donna Maglio

FRIDAY September 11

No 8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY September 12

8:30 Marge and Marty Pellegrino
Requested by daughter, Dee and son-in-law, Glen

4:30 PM Vigil For the Parishioners of St. Richard Parish

SUNDAY September 13

8:00 Vincent and Jennie Moffo
Requested by Donna and Rocco Moffo

10:00 Frank and Marylou Talamo
Requested by Frank and Nicole Talamo and children

11:30 Deceased Members of Joseph and Marie Fanelli
Requested by Bernie and Betty Tartaglia

Weekly Memorials

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in loving memory of
Albert DiSantis
Requested by wife, Geri and children

BLESSED MOTHER ROSE

Donated in loving memory of
Mary Fortunato
By Joseph and Donna Maglio

SAINT JOSEPH ROSE

Donated in loving memory of
Nick Screnci
By his children

VOTIVE CANDLES

ILM 74th Wedding Anniversary of Philip and Roseann LaSpada
Requested by daughter, Susan

ILM Dolores Markis
Requested by Doreen LiVecchi

FGH Special Intention
Requested by Family

IMO Josephine Bonfiglio
Requested by Mike and Carol Garafolo

A Pastoral Point

Dear Church Family,

As most of you know already, I come from a big family which spends most of its time in the constant tug-of-war between loving and needing to be right. Anyone who has grown up in a large household knows that stubbornness can become a sport, and having the last word can feel like winning a championship. But as we hear in today's second reading, **love** is the fulfillment of the law. That means willing the good of the other (thinking as God does)—not being right (thinking as human beings do)—is the measure of our relationships. And yet, the Gospel challenges us with something that seems to contradict that: the responsibility to correct a brother or sister when they are going astray. How do we hold both together?

Jesus shows us that correction is not about victory; it is about charity. Real love refuses to let another person drift into harm. Real love risks discomfort, awkwardness, and even rejection for the sake of someone's good. Saint Paul reminds us that every commandment finds its meaning in love, and Jesus teaches us that fraternal correction is one of the ways love becomes concrete. But this only works when our desire to correct comes from compassion rather than pride. If the goal is to win, we lose, and a soul is at risk of being lost forever. If the goal is to love, we become instruments of God's mercy, saving others for heaven as well as ourselves. In our parish family, full of strong personalities and stubborn hearts, this Gospel is not asking us to be quieter; it is asking us to be holier.

So here is your spiritual work for the week: before you correct anyone—at home, at work, online, or here in the parish—pause and ask one question: *Am I doing this because I love them, or because I want to be right?* If the answer is love, proceed gently. If the answer is pride, step back and pray for humility. And if someone corrects you, resist the urge to fire back the last word. Let love have the last word instead. That is how we fulfill the law, strengthen our community, and allow Christ to work through us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Alessandro Giardini,
Pastor

Parish Information

Parish Staff

Marian Paone	Parish Office Manager
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Pietro Giardini	Bookkeeper
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Joey Sofia	Pastoral Council

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated at St. Richard Church on the first and third Sundays of each month following the 11:30 AM Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Couples planning a wedding should contact the parish office at least six months in advance to begin the preparation process.

Anointing of the Sick and Homebound Visits

Arrangements can be made for anointing or Holy Communion to be brought to the sick or dying by calling the parish office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who wish to join the Catholic faith or those who were baptized but are in need of the other Sacraments of Initiation may e-mail RCIA@strichardchurch.org for information!

Tuesday "Holy Half-Hour" & Benediction

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Tuesdays following the 8:30 AM Mass, followed by prayers for vocations and for priests, time for quiet Adoration, and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:30 AM.

Novena Prayers (Following the 8:30 AM Mass)

- **Miraculous Medal Novena** (Monday)
- **Novena to Saint Joseph** (Wednesday)
- **Novena to Our Lady of Knock** (Thursday)

Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome and may register either in-person at the parish office or anytime by visiting our website!

Parish Choir

Our 11:30 AM Mass is enhanced by our choir. The choir practices weekly on Wednesday evenings in the choir loft. Please contact the parish office if you would like to join the choir.

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 12—13, 2026 for the Black and Indian Mission Collection

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM on Monday September 7

St. Richard Memorial Society
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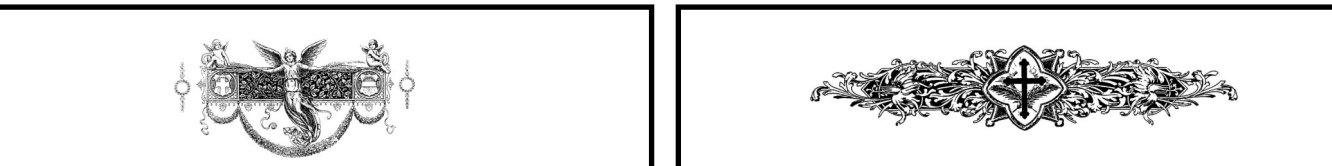
Donations have been made to the St. Richard Altar Fund

In Memory of Josephine Bertolino

By Yvonne Pagano



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If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List, please contact the rectory at 215-468-4777.

Suggested Memorial Offerings

St. Joseph Rose	$ 10
Blessed Mother Rose	$ 10
Votive Candles	$ 10
2026 Announced Mass	$ 10
Unannounced Mass	$ 10
Sanctuary Lamp	$ 25
St. Richard Memorial Society (Your intention remembered for 12 Masses)	$ 25
Main Altar Flower Arrangement	$ 50
Bread and Wine (Available only at Holy Spirit Church)	$ 25

Weekend Mass Schedule

(Begins September 7, 2026)

Saturday 4:30 PM Vigil at St. Richard *

Sunday 8:00 AM at St. Richard

Sunday 10:00 AM at Holy Spirit

Sunday 11:30 AM at St. Richard *

* Mass will be Livestreamed

Confession Schedule

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15 PM and

Before each Sunday Mass

Adoration will resume at Saint Richard Church

Tuesdays - 5-9 PM

Starting Tuesday September 8

Sign-Up Sheets available in back of Church

OCIA

St. Richard Parish Adult Faith Formation

Our parish will be offering an enriching program in the fall for all who are curious about the Catholic Faith and coming into Full Communion with the Church.

Non-Catholics who are curious about the Catholic faith or are considering becoming Catholic or who want to better understand what the church believes

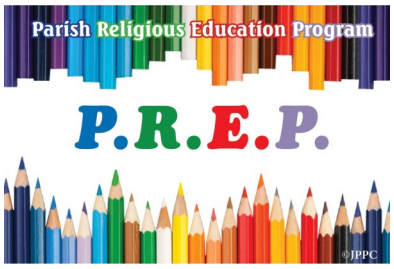
Baptized Adult Catholics who have not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Anyone- Catholic or not- who simply wants to learn more about the beauty and depth of our faith.

Whether you're on the journey toward full communion with the Church, returning after a time away, or just exploring what we believe and why, **You are Welcome**.

Parishioners are also invited to join the sessions as companions in faith or for your own enrichment. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mary Carney at RCIA@strichardchurch.org or by calling the parish office at (215)468-4777.

Classes begin the end of September.



General PREP Session Schedule

Session 1 - Sunday, October 4 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Session 2 —Sunday, November 8 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Session 3- Sunday, December 6 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Session 4- Sunday, January 10 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Session 5 —Sunday, February 7 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Session 6 —Sunday, March 7 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Confirmation Schedule

Parent & Student Information Session — Sunday, September 20 (10:00 —11:00 AM) in Church)

Confirmation Session 1 —
Sunday, October 4 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Confirmation Session 2 —
Sunday, November 8 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Confirmation Session 3 —
Sunday, December 6 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Confirmation Session 4 —
Sunday, January 10 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Confirmation Session 5 —
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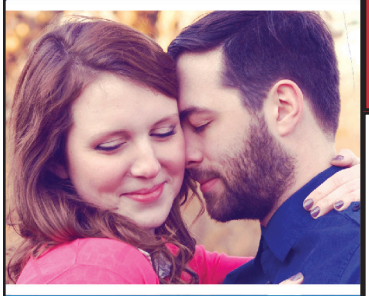
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