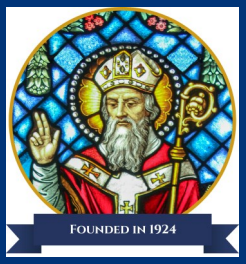

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM at St. Richard
Sunday 8:30 AM at St. Richard
Sunday 10:00 AM at Holy Spirit
Sunday 11:30 PM at St. Richard

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

Confession Schedule

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

Scan this QR Code to visit our website!

September 13th 2026 ~ The Twenty-fourth 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 12

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 and Family
Requested by Bernie and Betty Tartaglia

MONDAY September 14

8:30 Mariano and Angela Roso DiGiacomo
Requested by daughter and children

TUESDAY September 15

8:30 Eileen Mary Finegan
Requested by The Zima Family

WEDNESDAY September 16

8:30 Janie Miller
Requested by Jennie and Anthony Filippello and children

THURSDAY September 17

8:30 Danny Palermo
Requested by children

FRIDAY September 18

No 8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY September 19

8:30 The Labb Family
Requested by M. Nigro

4:30 PM Vigil Mr. and Mrs. A. Tavani
Requested by daughter-in-law, Joann

SUNDAY September 20

8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Richard Parish

10:00 Lee and Frank Natale
Requested by Family

11:30 James and Eleanor Startare
Requested by Mary and Russell Bissett

Weekly Memorials

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of
Marianne E. Stolfo
Requested by St. Richard Parish

BLESSED MOTHER ROSE

Donated in loving memory of
Dolores Screnci
By Children

SAINT JOSEPH ROSE

Donated for good health of
Neighbor
By Friends

VOTIVE CANDLES

FGH Special Intention
Requested by Family

IMO Filomena Minniti
Requested by Andrew Zuccarini and Family

ILM 6th Anniversary of Nancy Pigliacelli
Requested by The Pigliacelli Family

ILM Beatrice Dintino
Requested by her husband

A Pastoral Point

Dear Church Family,

This weekend brings me back once again to my seminary days, which seem so long ago already. In the picture below, you can see my classmates in our last year of seminary, practicing how to say the Mass. It was also during this year that we learned to celebrate the sacrament of Confession. We had to practice hearing our classmates' confessions…in front of the whole class! I remember having to go first in the role of the priest, with a classmate who I had a difficult time with as the penitent. After the mock confession, he gave me a compliment that has stuck with me to this day: "I could go to confession to you anytime." It is because I first learned to forgive my friend in everyday life, to let go of things that he said and did to me, that allowed me to forgive my friend in our mock confession.

On this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Lord invites us to consider the strange freedom that comes from forgiving someone who has wronged us. We all know the instinctive pull toward "getting paid back," toward seeing justice carried out in a way that satisfies our sense of fairness. Yet Jesus reminds us that clinging to that desire can quietly shackle the heart. He has freed us not only from the personal debt of our own sins, but from the immense debt of humanity's sinfulness—a debt in which every one of us has had a share. Because Christ has paid that price in full, the only debt Christians now carry is the debt of love: to extend His forgiveness, His mercy, and His freedom to those most in need of it.

This does not dismiss the real need for justice; it simply places justice within the larger horizon of eternity. When we choose, even temporarily, to forgo the satisfaction of earthly justice, we open ourselves to a reward that far surpasses anything human recompense can offer. Forgiveness becomes a participation in Christ's own liberating love—a love that breaks chains rather than tightens them. I encourage you to examine your heart and your relationships. Where might the Lord be asking you to release a debt, to let go of a grievance, to break chains? Cut out whatever keeps you from that love, and you will discover the freedom Christ died to give you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Alessandro Giardini, Pastor

Parish Information

Parish Staff

Marian Paone	Parish Office Manager
Lisa DeFelice	Director of Religious Education
Mary Carney	OCIA & Safe Environment
Diane Blaney	Director of Parish Facilities
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Pietro Giardini	Bookkeeper
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Joseph Mancini	Head Summer Sacristan
Shane Porchia	St. Richard Sacristan
William Brown	Maintenance Supervisor
George Gunning	Parish Finance Council
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 19—20, 2026 for the Maintenance Fund

St. Richard Memorial Society
Newly Enrolled Members

Marianne Stolfo
Hassan Rabbat

Parish Giving

We are now offering online giving!
To get started log on to:
http://strichardchurch.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

Donations have been made to the St. Richard Altar Fund

In Memory of Josephine Bertolino

By Thomas DeWaele
By Nicholas Mangini

Ricky Bagley, Anna and Emedio Bucci, Mary Beth Ciascullo, Carmine and JoAnn Dalessandro, Louis DiSilvestro, Florence and Frank Donato, Sophia Ferullo, Carmella Gatta, Grace J. Kane, Deborah Killian, Thomas Kelly, Maria Lagana, Joey, Marie and Ralph Lerro, John Miller, Maureen Musumeci, Ashley O., Robert Pieper, Stanley Politowski, Dan Pyryt, Gayle Pyryt, Giovanni Randazzo, Denise Rosetti, Josephine Scardino, Raymond Scirrotto, Bill Schmidt, Ava Serici, Wilder Sierko, Peter Spatola, Haley Troilo, Marian Trivarelli, Anita Vagnozzi, Linda Weyler, Joseph Wright

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

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at our Gardening Event!

Come check out our garden after 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

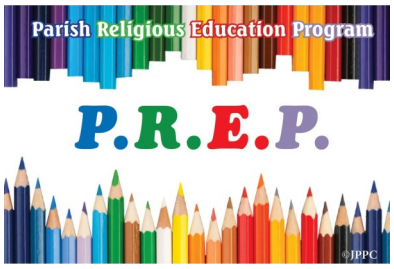
Baptized Adult Catholics who have not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

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)

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Sunday, January 10 (10:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Confirmation Session 5 —
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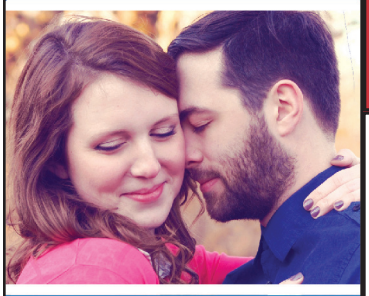
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