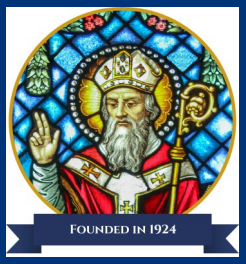

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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September 20th 2026 ~ The Twenty-fifth 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 19

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

MONDAY September 21

8:30 Joe Ferry and Kelly Wiseley
Requested by Donna Ferry

TUESDAY September 22

8:30 Rose, Joseph and Frances Borgese
Requested by Carmela Sullivan

WEDNESDAY September 23

8:30 Eileen Mary Finegan
Requested by The Zima Family

THURSDAY September 24

8:30 William Moffa
Requested by Denise and Ray Moffa

FRIDAY September 25

No 8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY September 26

8:30 Antonio and Florinda D'Angelo
Requested by Peter and Anna D'Angelo

4:30 PM Vigil Members of St. Vincent DePaul Society
Requested by St. Vincent DePaul Society Members

SUNDAY September 27

8:00 The Power Family
Requested by Dave and Cathy

10:00 Albert Lepore
Requested by sister, Theresa and family

11:30 For the Parishioners of St. Richard Parish

Weekly Memorials

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in memory of

Requested by

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donated in loving memory of
Jimmy Enright
Requested by Family

BLESSED MOTHER ROSE

Donated in loving memory of
Jimmy Enright
By Family

SAINT JOSEPH ROSE

Donated in loving memory of
Jimmy Enright
By Family

VOTIVE CANDLES

IMO Birthday of William Seitz
Requested by The Emmertz Family

ILM Margaret Scairato
Requested by The Scairato Family

ILM 24th Anniversary of Bob Brady
Requested by his Brady Bunch

FGH Special Intention
Requested by Family

A Pastoral Point

Dear Church Family,

This weekend, the Pastoral Point spotlight shines once again upon my siblings. We went camping this past weekend, already planned a month in advance but much needed after the passing of my grandmother. Only my siblings can get me to call sleeping outdoors in a tent and being bitten by mosquitos "a good time". However, like sleeping outdoors and being bitten by mosquitos, my siblings can push my limits on how much I *really* love them, especially when they say or do things I do not agree with. Do I *really* love them, or do I love them when their desires match with mine?

In this Sunday's readings, the Lord gently but firmly confronts the gap between His desires and ours. *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,"* He says through Isaiah. And Jesus, in this weekend's Gospel account, exposes how quickly our hearts bristle at the divine generosity He shows to even the most wayward of souls: *"Are you envious because I am generous?"* These two lines together reveal a truth we often resist—God loves people we do not naturally love, including ourselves. His deepest desire is the salvation and flourishing of every soul, including the ones who frustrate us, ignore us, or stand in our way. Holiness begins when we stop asking God to want what we want, and start asking Him to help us want what He wants.

So here is the challenge for the week: every time you encounter someone—family member, coworker, cashier, stranger, or self—pause and ask, *"Do I want this person in heaven?"* If the answer is yes, then consider what you are doing to help make that desire real. Are your words, your prayers, your penances, your patience, your kindness, your witness drawing them closer to Christ? If the answer is no, that you do not want them in heaven, then let that realization trouble you. Ask the Lord to reshape your heart until you desire their salvation as fiercely as He does. Because wanting what God wants is not an abstract spiritual ideal—*it is the daily choice to love every person with eternity in mind.*

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
Nicole Thomas	Coordinator of Sacred Music
Debra Scairato	Choir Director & Organist
Pietro Giardini	Bookkeeper
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Nicholas Mutignani, Jr.	Head Sacristan
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.

Adoration at
Saint Richard Church

Tuesdays - 5-9 PM

Sign-Up Sheets available in back of Church

St. Richard Memorial Society
Newly Enrolled Members

Barbara Calahan
Susan Kelly
Millie Davis
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Ernesta Nina Giardini

Donations have been made to the St. Richard Altar Fund

In Memory of Edward J. Mount
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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

Please join our Parish Community for

The Installation of Fr. Alessandro Giardini as the

11th Pastor of St. Richard Parish

Saturday, October 10, 2026

4:30 PM Mass at St. Richard Church

Celebrant Most Rev. Christopher Cooke

All are welcome for light refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP the Parish at parish@strichardchurch.org.

Clothing Donation Drive Truck Day

Saturday October 3, 2026

9am-12pm

St. Richard Parking Lot

3010 S. 18th Street

Philadelphia, PA 19145

Bring clothes or small household items to donate

If you cannot drop off, St. Vincent DePaul can arrange pickups for Saturday October 3rd. Please call the rectory to schedule a pickup at 215-468-4777.

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

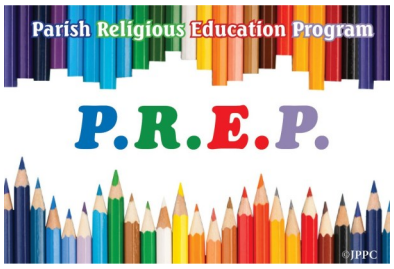
Baptized Adult Catholics who have not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

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

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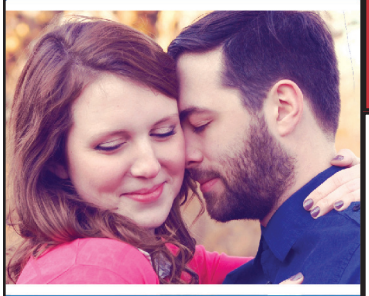
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