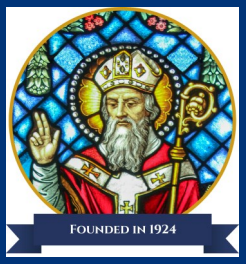

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM at St. Richard
Sunday 8:00 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 27th 2026 ~ The Twenty-sixth 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 26

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

MONDAY September 28

8:30 Dolores Mulvihill

Requested by Fred and AnnaRose Cusick

TUESDAY September 29

8:30 Louis and Connie Schiezzari

Requested by Family

WEDNESDAY September 30

8:30 Alice Monfreda

Requested by Rose Lauletta

THURSDAY October 1

8:30 Angela Startare Silla

Requested by Mary and Russell Bissett

FRIDAY October 2

No 8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY October 3

8:30 The Nigro Family

Requested by M. Nigro

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

SUNDAY October 4

8:00 Lena Ruggia

Requested by Maria Kahler

10:00 Luigi and Amelia Lancelotta

Requested by The Pilla Family

11:30 Frank Rua

Requested by wife and children

Weekly Memorials

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns in loving memory of
Birthday of Albert Lepore
Requested by sister, Theresa and Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donated in loving memory of
75th Wedding Anniversary of Louis and Connie Schiezzari
Requested by Children

BLESSED MOTHER ROSE

Donated in loving memory of
Birthday of Albert Lepore
By niece, Ariana

SAINT JOSEPH ROSE

Donated in memory of
Birthday of Dolores Mulvihill
By The Garafolo Family

VOTIVE CANDLES

ILM Birthday of Bill Roverano
Requested by The Vishton Family

FGH Special Intention
Requested by Family

FGH Neighbor
Requested by Friends

IMO William Schiavo
Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emmertz and Family

A Pastoral Point

Dear Church Family,

As a priest and person with siblings with families, I am seeing a greater demand from schools, jobs, and extracurricular activities like sports that are pulling individuals and families away from God and their loved ones. It would be easy for me to imagine that we could go back to the way things were, when life revolved around the home and the church, but I do not have a time machine to make that happen, especially one big enough to fit our entire parish family! Instead, one of my goals this year for the parish is to find creative and modern ways where you all can stay connected with your parish and with your faith in-between the Sundays where you are at church.

I mentioned already in the Flocknote email that the parish has created an Instagram account. Together with the Facebook account and Flocknote email, it will be used to deliver up-to-date information from what is going on in our parish, in Saint Pio Catholic School, in the neighboring parishes, and in the Archdiocese as a whole. Eventually, I will be using these platforms to communicate content about the faith. If you haven't already, please sign up. If you do not have social media, you can continue to find pertinent parish and school information in our bulletin.

The newest initiative, and the one I am most excited for, is our parish's partnership with the Hallow app. Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app designed to help people grow closer to God through daily, guided prayer. The goal for this partnership is two-fold: 1) to give you a tool to help you build a consistent prayer routine, whether at home, at work, or on the go, and 2) to give you all a place to pray for each other and our intentions as a parish.

I will be placing on the parish page of the prayer app challenges that we will all be participating in throughout the year. The first one will begin on October 4th, and it is called "Rebuild my Church". Named after God's calling to Saint Francis of Assisi over eight hundred years ago, this is an opportunity to spend seven days with the saints, focusing on prayer, the sacraments, and living as missionary disciples. Please sign up for the Hallow app and find the "Saint Richard" page.

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
Brian Cellini	Holy Spirit Sacristan
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.

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 or call the Parish Office at 215-468-4777.

Clothing Donation Drive Truck Day

Saturday October 3, 2026

9am-12pm

St. Richard Parking Lot

3010 S. 18th Street

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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.

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, 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

Hallow

Rebuild My Church

Pray the **Rebuild My Church** challenge on Hallow with your parish starting **October 5, 2026.**

Join hundreds of Catholic parishes across the country in a shared week of prayer.

Over 800 years ago, St. Francis knelt in a crumbling chapel and heard Jesus say: "Rebuild My Church." Launching the day after his feast day, in the 800th anniversary year of his passing into eternal life, this 7-day prayer challenge invites you to discover how Jesus rebuilds His Church: not through grand strategies or massive programs, but through the ordinary, holy lives of people like you.

Each day journeys through the life of a saint who answered that call, from St. Francis and Mother Teresa to Carlo Acutis, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Jan Tyranowski, Pier Giorgio Frassati, and Anna Maria Taigi, exploring the foundations Jesus built His Church on: prayer, the sacraments, community, generosity, invitation, and mission.

Whether you've been in the pew every Sunday or haven't walked through the doors of a parish in years, this challenge will help you discover that Jesus is still building His Church, and He is inviting you to become part of His story.

Pray with us on Hallow today!

Join our parish page on Hallow to pray the challenge with us.

Hallow.com/ParishWeek

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September 15, 2026

Rev. Alessandro P. Giardini
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Dear Father Giardini,

It truly was an enlightenment in sharing the Eucharistic Liturgy with your Parish Family! Thank you for receiving us and allowing us to share the gift of our vocation of serving the elderly as Little Sisters of the Poor, daughters of St. Jeanne Jugan!

The total of checks received, combined with the recent **parish check of $1,685.00,** brings the ***appeal total to date* to $4,862.00**. **Your encouragement** along with the hospitality spirit of your parish family reminds all to 'receive, serve and to embrace' those who are weak and less fortunate.

We speak of the kindness of the parishioners along with the 'Family Spirit' that you embody with our Residents and the Little Sisters after each parish appeal and encourage them to remember ALL in their prayers. We remember you especially, Father, for **the gift of your priesthood**, thank you!

I ask you to remember us also, Father, in your prayers as we endeavor to complete our Rebuilding of Holy Family Home! Blessed Be God!!!

Sincerely in the Heart of Christ,

S. Veronica Susan, lsp.
Sr. Veronica Susan, lsp
Collecting Sister

Father, This is an increase! Beautiful!
God Bless – Hope you can come to the Gala on September 27!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here. ©JPPC

Parish Religious Education Program

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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

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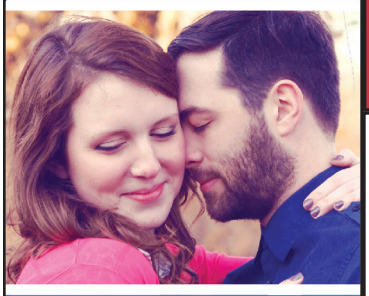
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