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Father Alessandro Giardini
Pastor

Parish Rectory

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Any time by appointment

Saint Pio Catholic School

Mrs. Francesca Russo, Principal
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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
Saturday8:30 AM

Confession Schedule

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

Scan this QR Code to visit our website!

October 4th 2026 - The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...MAY WE KNOW THEE MORE CLEARLY, LOVE THEE MORE DEARLY, AND FOLLOW THEE MORE NEARLY."

- From the Prayer to St. Richard

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY October 3

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

MONDAY October 5

8:30 St. Richard Memorial Society

TUESDAY October 6

8:30 Anna Garafolo
Requested by Mike and Carol Garafolo

WEDNESDAY October 7

8:30 Rose Dabundo
Requested by daughter, Connie and family

THURSDAY October 8

8:30 John and Marie Bast
Requested by Margaret McCormick

FRIDAY October 9

No 8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY October 10

8:30 Charles and Loretta Sullivan
Requested by Carmela Sullivan

4:30 PM Vigil Mary McAvey, Bonnie Convery and Jimmy Enright
Requested by Family

SUNDAY October 11

8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Richard Parish

10:00 Lisa Impo Smith
Requested by Family

11:30 Domenic Repice
Requested by Repice and Valentino Family

Weekly Memorials

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns for the good health of
The Battilana Family
Requested by Family

ALTAR FLOWERS
Donated in loving memory of
Dante and Joan Tasca
Requested by Children and Grandchildren

BLESSED MOTHER ROSE
Donated in loving memory of
Dorothy Conroy
By Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

SAINT JOSEPH ROSE
Donated in loving memory of
90th Birthday of George Martin, Sr.
By his wife

Altar Bread and Wine
(Holy Spirit Church)
Donated In Loving Memory of the
Deceased Members of the Campione and Scarlata Families
By The Campione Family

VOTIVE CANDLES

ILM 96th Birthday of Dorothy Conroy
Requested by Family

ILM 7th Anniversary of Roseann LaSpada
Requested by daughter, Susan

IMO Birthday of Mary Emmertz
Requested by The Emmertz Family

ILM Alfred and Anna Patrone
Requested by loving daughter, Alyce

A Pastoral Point

Dear Church Family,

My favorite part of preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation was choosing the saint name. It was like choosing a big sibling to watch over me, protect me, and guide me throughout my life. I knew from a young age that I would choose Saint Francis of Assisi, but this choice perplexed my parents. Saint Francis is most associated with being the patron saint of animals, and in my family I was the one who was recognized as the least loving towards animals. When questioned, I couldn't give a specific reason as to why I chose him; his whole life and personality fascinated me. He still fascinates me to this day, so when I was in Italy this summer, I made it a point to visit and venerate his tomb, asking that he continue watching over me and guide me on my journey of faith.

As we celebrate the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's entrance into eternal life, this Sunday's Gospel offers us a powerful image: Jesus Christ as the cornerstone of the Church. Every edifice depends on the cornerstone for strength, alignment, and purpose. Catholics believe that Jesus is the cornerstone of the edifice known as the Church, but all those who have ever been baptized are stones in that edifice as well. Saint Francis was one of those stones—chosen by God, shaped through conversion and penance, strengthened by prayer and grace, and placed by the Master Builder to support and inspire countless others. His life reminds us that holiness is never accidental; it is crafted. And when God chooses a stone, He fashions it into something capable of bearing weight, offering support, and drawing others toward the foundation who is Christ.

Through baptism, God has chosen each of us to be living stones in the great edifice of His Church. We are meant to strengthen one another, support one another, and invite others to become part of this holy structure God continues to build. As we enter this anniversary of Saint Francis, I invite all parishioners who use smartphones to download the Hallow app, join the Saint Richard page, and participate in the parish prayer challenge, "Rebuild My Church.", which begins tomorrow. And for those who do not use smartphones or technology often, please pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be each day for the growth and renewal of our parish family. May the Lord continue to build His Church through us, stone by stone, heart by heart.

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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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 Communityfor

The Installationof

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.

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 AnnouncedMass	$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

St. Richard Parish Forty Hours Devotion

Please join us on

Sunday October 18 at 6:30 PM for Vespers

Monday October 19 at 6:30 PM for Vespers

Tuesday October 20 at 6:30 PM for Vespers & Closing

40 Hours Sign UP

"Could you not watch with me one hour? "
—Matthew 26:40

We ask for at least two volunteers to be in the church with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the times listed on the sign-ups sheets in the back of church.

Each day will conclude with a service at 6:30 PM.

2027 Mass Book Opening

on Saturday, October 31, 2026

The School / Parish Hall doors will open at 9:30 AM and close at 11:30 AM.

Each household can request a total of

7 Masses per Household

(3) Weekend Masses per Household
(Mass Times – 4:30 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Holy Spirit), and 11:30 AM)

(4) Weekday Masses per Household
(Mass Times – 8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday)

Memorials for 2027 -

Blessed Mother Roses, St. Joseph Roses,

Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles, Votive Candles, and

Altar Bread & Wine (Holy Spirit Church only) will be

available Wednesday November 10.

St. Richard CYO Girls Basketball

All girls registered in Saint Richard'sParish
are invited to participate inour
CYO Basketball season:
Junior Varsity (Grades 5th & 6thGrades)
Varsity (Grades 7th & 8th Grades).
Practice will begin in early November.

For more information on signing up, please contact (215) 520-7785 call or text.

One in Christ, United in Mission: Each October, which is World Mission Month, the Church invites us to reflect upon our Missionary vocation. This year's theme, One in Christ, United in Mission, chosen by Pope LeoXIV, invites us to rediscover the unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal Missionary identity overflows into the Mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God.

Pope Leo XIV has stressed how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church. Pray this week for those Missionaries who bring Christ's love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be Missionaries, wherever we are.

There will be a second collection on
Sunday October 18 for World Mission Sunday.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
October 13, 2026
TUESDAY BVM
"PRAYER SERVICE"
OF THE HOLY ROSARY
6PM – 7PM
At Saint Pio Catholic School Hall
1826 Pollock Street, Philadelphia
PA 19145

SAVE THE DATE:
Tuesday October 13, 2026
6-7 PM Saint Pio School Hall

"The Marconi Plaza is on hold this year due to scheduling conflicts."
FACT: SATURDAY OCTOBER 13,1917
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Legacy of Life FOUNDATION

St. Richard of Chichester will host our annual Baby Bottle Drive for the Legacy of Life Foundation (LOLF) on October 24-25. For over 15 years, Legacy of Life has supported women and families in our community and has helped save more than 5,000 lives. Please mark your calendar and join us in supporting this life-saving mission.

Parish Religious Education Program
P.R.E.P.

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

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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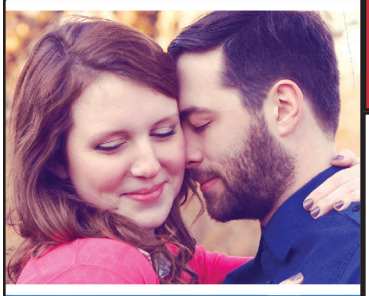
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