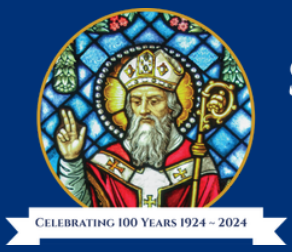

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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 11th 2026 - The Twenty-eighth 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 10

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

MONDAY October 12

8:30 Silvio and Nettie Cocco
Requested by Dennis and Mary Cocco

TUESDAY October 13

8:30 Alice Monfreda
Requested by Rose Lauletta

WEDNESDAY October 14

8:30 Mr. and Mrs. John Babowitch
Requested by Jenn Pyryt

THURSDAY October 15

8:30 Joseph and Dorothy Conroy
Requested by children

FRIDAY October 16

No 8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY October 17

8:30 Gina Falgiatore
Requested by Michael and Loretta DiPietro

4:30 PM Vigil Philip and Elisa Mancini
Req. by Salvatore and Josephine Mancini

SUNDAY October 18

8:00 James and Rose Goffredo
Requested by Richard and Mary Goffredo

10:00 For the Parishioners of St. Richard Parish

11:30 Joseph DiSilvestro
Requested by wife, Amelia

Weekly Memorials

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns in memory of
Ernesta Giardini
Requested by Rich and Joanne Donnelly

ALTAR FLOWERS
Donated in honor of
Fr. Giardini's Installation

BLESSED MOTHER ROSE
Donated in loving memory of
Wedding Anniversary of Dante and Joan Tasca
By Children and Grandchildren

SAINT JOSEPH ROSE
Donated in memory of
Jackie Enright
By Rich and Joanne Donnelly and family

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

IMO Birthday of Nick Scairato
Requested by The Emmertz Family

ILM Nicholas Scairato, Jr.
Requested by The Scairato Family

IMO 25th Anniversary of Mary DiPietro
Requested by Tom and Rosalie McManus

IMO Anniversary of Elaina Horochiwsky
Requested by Tom and Rosalie McManus

A Pastoral Point

Dear Church Family,

I want to begin this week by offering a heartfelt thank you to all who signed up for Hallow and took part in our parish's first prayer challenge, Rebuild my Church. Seeing so many of you actively engaged in your prayer life, whether it be praying to rosary or listening to a meditation, was a tremendous encouragement to me. Each day, I prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intentions posted on our parish page, and it was a joy to lift those petitions to the Lord. Your participation reminded me that our parish is truly striving to grow in holiness together. I encourage you to get your families and friends involved and engaged as well; be little evangelizers!

Providentially, the responsorial psalm this weekend —"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"—falls on the same weekend as my formal Installation as Pastor. I cannot help but see the Lord's gentle humor and guidance in that timing. This psalm is a powerful reminder of the responsibilities entrusted to me: to lead our parish along right paths and through dark valleys; to set the table of the Lord with a nourishing homily and the gift of the Eucharist; and to help each of you find your way to the House of the Lord forever in heaven. It is a beautiful and noble mission, and I am humbled that the Lord has entrusted me with it. Before I forget, I also want to thank everyone who helped contribute to the planning and preparation of this weekend, whether it be the Mass and reception. I could not have done it without you!

As we move forward together, my challenge to you all is two-fold. The first is to assist me in these responsibilities I mentioned above and more, especially if you haven't done so already. I might be the pastor, but this is our church, and we can only complete the mission given us by God if we do it together. The second challenge is to be docile to the Lord's guidance—and to my pastoral guidance—just as sheep listen to the voice of their shepherd. A parish flourishes when hearts are open, teachable, and eager to follow Christ wherever He leads. May we continue to walk together in trust, humility, and joyful obedience to the One who shepherds us all.

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.

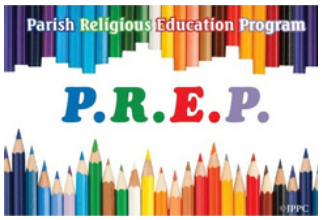
Congratulations to Our
Newly Installed Pastor
Rev. Alessandro Giardini!

Many Blessings!

Your Parish Staff

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, Maria Mastrando, 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.



General PREP Session Schedule

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 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)

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.

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.

Donations have been made to the St. Richard Altar Fund

In Memory of Tommy Gallagher, U.S.N.
By Eleanor and Len Armstrong

St. Richard Memorial Society Newly Enrolled Members

Francis McGovern
Marie DelViscio

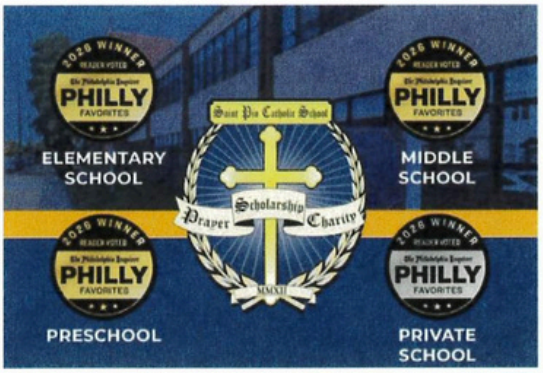
One in Christ, United in Mission: Each October, which is World Mission Month, the Church invites us to reflect upon our Missionary vocation. This year's theme, One in Christ, United in Mission, chosen by Pope LeoXIV, invites us to rediscover the unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal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

Mrs. Russo's School News

October 2026



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We look forward to watching our newly elected council grow as leaders as they willingly serve and make a difference in our school and community!

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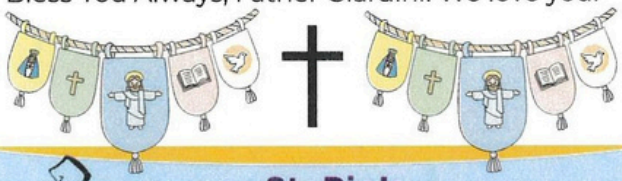
Congratulations, Father Giardini on your Installation as our Pastor!

From the very first day Father Giardini arrived, he has shown tremendous care for our school and a genuine love for our students, faculty, staff, and families. His faithful leadership continually draws us closer to Jesus, and his presence, both in our school and at Church, has already had such a beautiful impact on our school community! God Bless You Always, Father Giardini! We love you!



St. Pio's Trunk-or-Treat Monster Mash

BOO!

Tickets are $15.00 per trunk-or-treater if purchased by Tuesday, October 20, or $20.00 at the door.

Each ticket includes admission to Trunk-or-Treat, Monster Mash, and the Spooky Trail, plus a mini bottle of water and a soft pretzel.

Parents and Children under 2 years old are free.

Event Locations:
- Saint Pio School Parking Lot: Trunks
- Rectory Lawn: Spooky Trail
- School Hall: Monster Mash and additional light refreshments available for purchase

Want to decorate your trunk and hand out candy? Sign up using the link or QR Code below! Prizes will be awarded to the top three trunks voted Best in Show. All treats must be peanut- and tree nut-free. Each registered trunk will receive four free admission tickets!

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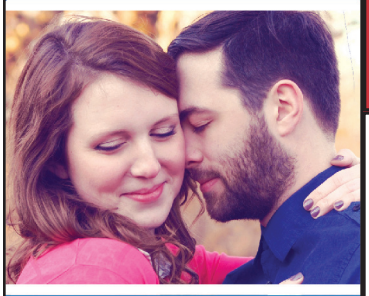
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