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Holy Spirit Church
(Worship Site)

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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
1826 Pollock Street
Phone: (215)467-5430
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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!

November 1st 2026 - All Saints Day

"...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 31

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

SUNDAY November 1

8:00 Emilio and Rosaria Gentile
Requested by daughter, Fran

10:00 Anthony Natale, Jr.
Requested by Family

11:30 Deceased Members of Bernardino and Maria Tartaglia
Requested by Bernie and Betty Tartaglia

MONDAY November 2

8:30 All the Souls in Purgatory
Requested by The Pilla Family

TUESDAY November 3

8:30 All Forgotten Souls
Requested by Lou and Jean Baldino

WEDNESDAY November 4

8:30 Angelina Buonadonna
Requested by daughter, Rita Mazella

THURSDAY November 5

8:30 John Tropiano
Requested by Jennie and Anthony Filippello and children

FRIDAY November 6

No 8:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY November 7

8:30 Giorgio, Catherine and Domenic Repice
Requested by Repice and Valentino Family

4:30 PM Vigil The Eibell Family
Requested by M. Nigro

SUNDAY November 8

8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Richard Parish

10:00 John Saverase
Requested by The Saverase Family

11:30 Mr. and Mrs. DiDonato
Requested by daughter, Joann

Weekly Memorials

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns in memory of
Ernesta Giardini
Requested by Chris and Michelle Mattioli

ALTAR FLOWERS
Donated in memory of
Marianne E. Stolfo
Requested by St. Richard Parish CYO

BLESSED MOTHER ROSE
Donated in memory of
Katherine Rozak
By The Benckert Family

SAINT JOSEPH ROSE
Donated in loving memory of
Johnny Gilmore
By Diane Blaney

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 Anniversary of Tom McManus, Sr.
Requested by Tom and Rosalie McManus

ILM Marianne E. Stolfo
Requested by Jim and Pam Startare

ILM Marianne E. Stolfo
Requested by Chalie and Linda Emmertz

FGH Jackie Roverano
Requested by Susanne Streicher

A Pastoral Point

Dear Church Family,

One of my favorite memories from my first year at Saint Richard Parish was witnessing the Saints' Pageant that was hosted by the first grade of Saint Pio School. I was impressed at all the unique and colorful costumes that the students wore, but I was more amazed by their memorization and recitation of the lives of the saints they impersonated. I am happy that their parents and family members were there to witness it, and to be reminded of the fact that they, and the kids that they are raising, are called by God to become saints.

Today, on All Saints Day, the Church gives us an occasion to remember and celebrate what a saint is. The saints were not perfect, superhuman specimens; they were ordinary people who wanted God's grace and power to transform their lives. Put simply, they wanted God, and they were not afraid to share God with the people around them, by the way they spoke, by the way they acted, and by the way they loved. In the first reading from the Book of Revelation, we are shown the reward that awaits the saints: being gathered close to God, safe from all evil and harm, rejoicing at a feast that knows no end. This is a destiny that is open to all God's children, including us.

All Saints Day is not only a celebration of those who have gone before—it is a reminder that this is our own calling. We are meant to become saints in our own time and in our own circumstances. We are to use the gifts God has given us, the commandments He has entrusted to us, and the talents that make each of us unique. We imitate the saints not by copying their lives, but by allowing God to shape ours into something beautiful and holy. So here is the challenge for this week: choose a saint and read about their life. Pay close attention to how they uniquely let God shine through their lives and how that influenced the lives of the people around them. Then ask God for the desire to do the same in and through you, and may you see the beautiful work God has already begun in you brought to completion.

My prayer is that you too will have a place at the heavenly feast that awaits 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
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

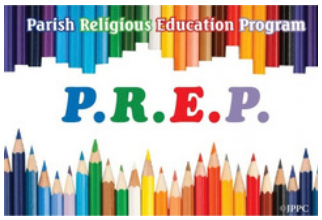
New parishioners are always welcome and may register either in-person at the parish office or anytime by visiting our website!

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.

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, Jane Queeney, 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

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Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Drive. Your gifts help us give women the hope and support to choose life. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and generosity, which continue to save lives and transform families. We look forward to sharing the total amount raised once all donations have been collected.

Saint Richard's Parish
Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Our Annual Giving Tree Starts on **November 7th**

Covenant House –
For vulnerable teens in our City

Located in Germantown, they reach out to disenfranchised teens who are in need of food, housing, counseling, job skills and an environment that allows them to grow and be loved as children of God.

Little Sisters of the Poor
HOSPITALITY AT HEART

Little Sisters of the Poor- For the elderly poor
Located at Holy Family Home in West Philadelphia, serving the poor, elderly women and men of our community. The wisdom of age is celebrated and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Sisters of St. Francis –
Dedicated to bringing hope and joy
Promoting justice and peace, distributing food bags to the hungry, providing laundry and showering, offering medical resources and assistance, providing housing assistance, conducting ESL classes, and offering space of AA and NA Groups.

We are asking for GIFT Cards
ShopRite/Acme, Walmart, Target, CVS or Cash/ checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society.
Please place your gifts in the bowls near the tree, in the collection basket or return to Rectory by DECEMBER 10 and please note amount on gift card.
Thank you for your generosity!

2027 Mass Book

is now open!

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 Parish

will hold a "Mass of Remembrance"
within the
Sunday November 15th at 11:30 AM
to remember our deceased loved ones.
We will read the names of those whose funeral Masses and services were celebrated in our parish since last November.
Please consider joining us!

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD BY VOTING THIS NOVEMBER AS A FAITHFUL CITIZEN WITH A FORMED CONSCIENCE

PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

"...the voice of the Church has every right to be heard in the public square. By its nature, it possesses a prophetic authority. Even if it is not always understood, her voice is nonetheless needed. Even when her teaching is not followed, particularly on essential questions touching the foundations of civilization, it remains necessary. Do not doubt this."

– Pope Leo XIV

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAITHFUL

For Catholics, voting with a formed conscience is critical to ensuring that public policies are enacted to protect and preserve **all human life with dignity from natural conception to natural death, educational liberties, the family, and the common good.**

Faithful citizens share a common responsibility to learn how candidates' positions impact these critical issues. Undoubtedly, there are many matters at the national level of concern to Catholic voters such as just immigration policy and ongoing conflict in the middle east that demand our attention and require us to make our voices heard.

Here are some suggested steps to take in the lead-up to the election.

- ✓ **Register to vote by the deadline of October 19**
- ✓ **Learn about Catholic teaching** about faithful citizenship what it means to vote with a formed conscience.
- ✓ **Research candidates' stated positions. See who is running in your area and start researching their positions here.**
- ✓ **Examine their voting records. You can start with the state legislative website here.**
- ✓ **Pray and reflect.**

VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

Many state level bills introduced this legislative session that would dramatically impact Pennsylvania and all those who call our Commonwealth home. Some of the key issues in our state are outlined below.

Casting votes with formed consciences in our state level elections is critical.

There is more information in the Flocknote email and on Social Media.

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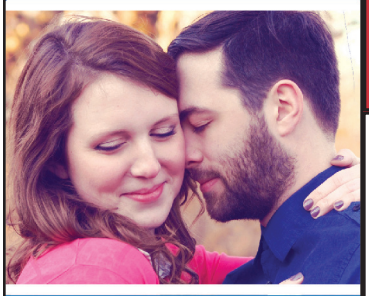
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