

St. Richard Parish



January 4, 2015

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, although, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to people. One of the great saints, Saint John Chrysostom, in one of his homilies said: "Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to 'go before them,' drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger." [*The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3*]

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus

we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that all of us, no matter where we are coming from, will find the Lord and Savior on our journey of life.

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this New Year and for all the potential it holds. May everyone in our parish be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a New Year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Happy New Year!

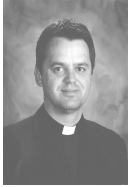
Fr. Kris

Welcome to Saint Richard Parish

It is with joy that we welcome everyone who has come here to worship with us this weekend.

If you are a newcomer, a visitor, a relative of a parishioner, a familiar face, or someone we will soon know better, your presence here honors us, for you bring the presence of Christ into this place. Join us as we give thanks and praise and glory to God! If you are not already an active member of this community, we ask you to consider in sharing in what we have to offer. Our Parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of service to you in any way.



Celebруем dzisiaj Święto Trzech Króli. Oficjalnie nazywana Świętem Objawienia Naszego Pana Jezusa Chrystusa, jest to jedna z najstarszych uroczystości chrześcijańskich. Na przestrzeni wieków, owe święto upamiętniało wiele różnych rzeczy. Jego angielska nazwa: „Epiphany”, pochodzi od greckiego słowa oznaczającego: „Objawienie”. Wszystkie bowiem wydarzenia, jakie się w tym święcie zawierają, są manifestacją, znakiem od Boga objawiającego się ludziom. Święty Jan Chryzostom w jednej ze swoich homilii zwraca uwagę na idealną kolejność wydarzeń prowadzących do Objawienia: najpierw Mędrcy ujrzeli gwiazdę; zostali przyjęci przez króla żydowskiego i wysłuchali proroctwa tłumaczącego pojawienie się gwiazdy; Mędrcom ukazał się anioł i za blaskiem gwiazdy podążyli oni następnie z Jerozolimy do Betlejem. Z tego wszystkiego dowiadujemy się, że nie była to zwyczajna gwiazda. Żadne inne ciało niebieskie nie posiada bowiem zdolności „przywoływania”, prowadzenia ludzi i „podążania przed nimi”. Mędrcy dotarli na miejsce, a gwiazda pozostała już ponad stajenką, aby Dzieciątko było widoczne. W samej stajence nie ma niczego nadzwyczajnego. Miejsce jakich tysiące. Matka nie jest osobą znaną ani poważaną. Gwiazda była potrzebna, aby ukazać owe skromne miejsce, oświetlić je dopóki „Królowie” nie dotrą do żłóbka. Znać i spotkać Chrystusa znaczy tyle samo, co spotkać Boga osobiście. Spotkanie Mędrców z Jezusem jest znakiem od Boga, który chce ofiarować Swojego Syna na Króla i Zbawiciela – nie tylko narodu żydowskiego, ale wszystkich narodów całego świata. Pan Jezus narodził się po to, aby dać zarówno Żydom, jak i innym ludom, prawdziwy i trwały pokój z Bogiem. Módlmy się dzisiaj o to, aby wszyscy ludzie, niezależnie od tego skąd pochodzą, potrafili drodze swojego życia odnaleźć Pana.

Wszchemogący Boże, prosimy o błogosławieństwo Twoje
na ten Nowy Rok.

Nie wiemy, co on nam przyniesie, co nam w nim dasz.

Jakie przeżyjemy w nim radości, jakie cierpienia?

To wiesz tylko Ty, Ojcze miłosierny.

Ty znasz początek, trwanie i kres naszego życia.

Ty prowadzisz nas wszystkich przez czas do wieczności.

Daj mi, Ojcze, trwać przy Tobie,

iść wiernie drogą Twoich przykazań,

abym poddany Tobie, w mocy Twojej

spokojnie, pokornie i ufnie czynił to,

co się Tobie podoba, co do mnie należy,

i znosił to, co Ty ześlesz na mnie.

Nie wiem, co mnie w tym roku czeka,

ale to wiem na pewno, że tym,

którzy Ciebie miłują,

wszystko obraca się ku dobremu i to mi wystarcza.

Ojcze, Ty kochasz Twoje dzieci.

Niech rozpocznę ten rok w miłości Twojej.

i pozostanę Ci wierny.

Nie dozwał, aby cokolwiek odłączyło mnie

od miłości Twojej.

Kieruj mną według świętej woli Twojej

W Tobie i w Twojej woli znajdę pokój,

bo wola Twoja jest naszym pokojem,

pokojem wiecznym u Ciebie.

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!

Ksiądz Krzysztof



YOUR DEACON DAYDREAMS!

As I gazed upon my brand new 2015 Catholic calendar, I noticed that 1/7 is the feast of St. Raymond Penafort and a Day of Remembrance and Healing for Cancer victims. Every first Wednesday of the month is set aside throughout the year to reflect on those battling this disease as well. I don't think there is anyone alive who doesn't know someone who is facing or has faced this condition. The good news is that miracles happen every day through the power of prayer. So prayer warriors keep them coming and ask St. Peregrine, the patron of cancer victims, to intercede. It's a great New Year's resolution.

Last week, we celebrated the life of one of our past associate priests, Fr. Emil Cudak, who left this world on Christmas Eve. He was ordained in 1974 for the diocese of Częstochowa Poland. He then became a missionary in Africa, serving in Zambia and Cameroon for 20 years before he came to the USA, serving at St. Richard, St. Bruno and Queen of the Universe ministering to Polish, Spanish and English-speaking Catholics. He also spoke French and several African dialects. I remember once when we were traveling by car together to see a dying parishioner to deliver Viaticum, he told me that we should keep Jesus in our conversation, so we said the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It was hard to deny his love for the Holy Eucharist whenever he said mass, especially during the Consecration. People, including yours truly, also sought his wisdom for spiritual direction. The world is truly a better because of his ministry. Thank you God for the life of Fr. Emil.. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.. Amen.*

Traditionally the Feast of 3 Kings is celebrated on Jan. 6th. It marks the conclusion of the 12 days of Christmas. In many traditions, gifts are exchanged today as well as on Christmas day. In the U.S, the feast is moved to the Sunday between Jan 2-8th. In many households, people mark their doorways in chalk with the sign of the Magi 20+C+M+B+15, revealing the kings initials and the year. In the Catholic Book of Blessings, there is a prayer that can also be recited with intercessions.

See you in church? Deacon Larry email: deaconchyba@aol.com



MARIST HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS ENTRANCE EXAM

Marist High School, located at 4200 W. 115th St., will hold its entrance exam for 8th grade students on Saturday, Jan. 10th.

Students should arrive at 8am and enter through gym doors, located on the east end of the school. There is no pre-registration, but test fee is \$25. Students should bring (2) #2 pencils and are asked NOT to bring a calculator. Approximate dismissal time is 11:45am.

The school is also holding a "MEET MARIST" event on Friday, Jan. 9th, from 6:30pm to 8pm. This event offers an abbreviated look at the school, but still includes all the highlights of the campus. Enter at the main office at the west end of the building for this Meet Marist event.

For additional information, contact Alex Brown, Director of Admissions, 773-881-5330.

DE LA SALLE HOLDS ENTRANCE EXAM

De La Salle Institute will be holding its entrance exam on Saturday, Jan. 10th at 8am at its Institute Campus for Young Men at 3434 S. Michigan Av. Both young women and young men who are interested in becoming members of De La Salle's Class of 2019 will take the entrance exam at this location.

The exam fee is \$25 and students are asked to bring two No. 2 pencils. No calculators are allowed for the exam and there is no preregistration required. For more info, contact Director of Admissions, John Brogan, at 312-842-7355 ext. 147 or brogan@dls.org

ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS ENTRANCE EXAM

St. Laurence High School, located at 5556 W. 77th St, Burbank, is holding its entrance exam on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 8am for 8th grade boys planning to pursue their secondary education at St. Laurence. Students who are taking the test should enter at the north end of the building and report to the foyer area. Also, students should bring (2) #2 pencils and \$25 test fee along. No prior registration is required. Testing should conclude around 11am.

More details on the entrance test can be obtained by calling St. Laurence Admissions Office at 708-458-6900, ext. 252.

In addition, information on St. Laurence, its award-winning academic and athletic programs, financial aid and transportation can be obtained by visiting the school's website: www.stlaurence.com

DE LA SALLE HOST "COFFEE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR"

De La Salle Institute is hosting "Coffee with the Administrator" on Jan. 10th at 8:30am. Meetings will begin in the main office at both campus', for young men at 3434 S. Michigan Ave and at the Lourdes Hall Campus for young women at 1040 W. 32nd Pl. Guests will be able to find out what is going on at De La Salle, tour the building, visit classes and have their questions answered. This gathering is designed to provide prospective parents with an up and close look at the school. For more info or reserve a spot, contact John Brogan at 312-842-7355, ext. 114 or ext. 147 or brogan@dls.org.

AROUND THE PARISH



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL OF OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY ESPECIALLY:

Sgt. Daniel Frost - U.S. Army
Armando Murillo - U.S. Marines - Iraq
Edmundo Erestain - U.S. Navy
Raul Madrigal, Jr., Special Forces - U. S. Navy
Pfc. Armando J. Rios - III National Guard - Iraq
Radek Mazur - III National Guard - Afghanistan
Angelica Pacheco - U.S. Air Force - Afghanistan
Juan Carlos Mendoza - U. S. Air Force



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions available for 2015 now for those who would like to request them. Mass intentions can be requested for both living and deceased individuals or for special occasions. Mass intentions can be requested at the parish office.

If you have a mass offered for family/friend and you wish to carry the gifts for that mass, please see one of the ushers BEFORE mass has started.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over (name) who is sick and grant him/her your healing and peace. Amen.

Joseph Adamek
Jose Francisco Aguilera
Jeff Alter
Cora Ambriz
Diane Barahona
Salvador Beltran
Shanen Beltran
Patricia Burke
Joan Cada
Dennis Diamond
Frank Dzielak
Jesse Elizondo
Maria Elizondo
John Fitzgerald
Katie Frederick
Mary Gessert
Ronald Getches
Rudy Gonzalez
Sophie Gumber
Wilma Gumber
Robert Janik
Bernice Jedrysiak
Stella Jeziorney
Helen Kacprowski
Pat King
Charlene Kowalczyk

Shirl Kucik
Pat Kujuwa
Marcy Leno
Ann Marcis
Steve Marfise
Frank Matusewick
Josephine May
Eileen Morrissey
Irene Norushis
Rosalie O'Sullivan
Joann Pilarski
Julia Plude
Cathy Pilny
Ross Quevedo
Florence Rybski
Diane Sal
Hector Salazar
Vince Samaska
Frank Skowron
Helen Slomiany
Jennifer Smith
Jerry Suski
Charlotte Wentz
Helen Wolniak
Marilynn Wolski
Joanna Zieba



Saint Richard Parish 25 Days of Christmas Raffle

Each Sunday During Advent	\$ 150.00
Every Weekday Through December 23	\$ 50.00
Christmas Eve	\$ 250.00
Christmas Day	\$1000.00

WINNERS!

Sat Dec 20	Steve Chmelovsky	\$ 50
Sun Dec 21	Robert Chmelovsky	\$ 150
Mon Dec 22	Cindy Zarach	\$ 50
Tue Dec 23	Yolanda Bedia	\$ 50
Wed Dec 24	Chris Hushka	\$ 250
Thu Dec 25	Pearl Goworowski	\$1000

Congratulations to All our Winners!



REST IN PEACE

As a parish family we pray for those who have been called from this life to eternal life in Christ.

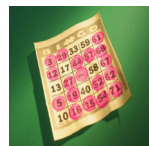
Dorothy Biskoski



ADORATION

COME VISIT JESUS IN THE CHAPEL

Continuing on Thursday we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. The chapel will be open every Thursday for all of us to say the rosary, a litany, the Stations of the Cross, or just to get closer to Jesus. "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. We will end the day with Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 PM.



SUPER BINGO/RAFFLE

Our next super bingo/raffle will be held on Sat., Jan. 10th, 2015. Doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 6:30pm.

Advance tickets are available at the parish office for \$20 or at the door \$25.



TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS OF ST. RICHARD

Once again, thank you, thank you, thank you for not only donating all the warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, etc. but also many have continued to bring in toys for CCW's toy drive. This week will be our final trip to deliver everything you have so graciously donated to Holy Cross Immaculate Heart of Mary/Casa Catalina. The toys will be given to the parents that frequent Casa Catalina to give to their children on Three Kings Day, January 6th.

And again, thanks for making a Merrier Christmas at Casa Catalina and St. Coletta's. Our parish family is outstanding.



ST. RICHARD SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FOR THEIR FAMILIES !

2014



Infant Baptisms

All arrangements should be made at least one month in advance by calling the Parish Office. Baptisms take place normally on the 1st (English) & 2nd (Polish) Sundays of the month. In preparation of the child's baptism, parents must attend a mandatory Parent Preparation Session which both parents must attend. These preparation sessions are held once a month. Families must be registered parishioners of the parish for at least six months prior to the baptism.

Weddings

Weddings are celebrated at 1:00PM and 2:30PM on Saturday afternoons. No arrangements should be made before first meeting with the parish priest. Arrangements should be made by calling the Parish Office for an appointment with one of the priests. According to Archdiocesan policy, arrangements are begun at least six months in advance.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We ask that you please help us remain informed about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home.

Our Ministers of Care will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is sick or homebound at a time that is convenient for you. If you would like to receive Communion at home, please call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

Religious Education Program/C.C.D.

Our Religious Education/C.C.D. Program enhances and supports the Christian values taught and lived within the family. We provide formal religious education and sacramental preparation classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Saint Richard School

Saint Richard School is a vital Catholic School which provides an excellent Catholic education for the children of the community.

St. Richard School is an integral part of our parish community. We provide an environment for 3 year old preschool through grade 8 that encourages

each child to learn to the best of his or her ability. We are committed to educating the whole person - through an excellent academic curriculum and the practice and teaching of Christian values. The education of the children is also done in conjunction with parents, who are the primary educators of their children.

Saint Richard School also offers a before and after school program from 6:30AM until 6PM. to meet the needs of working parents. For more information about our school, please call the school office at 773-582-8083.

The Rite of Christian Initiation-Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which those who are not baptized, those who are baptized into a Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic, and those Catholic who were baptized as infants but have not celebrated either Confirmation or First Eucharist are invited to complete their adult Christian initiation. The program begins in September and runs through April. The RCIA is an engaging, dynamic, respectful, challenging and enjoyable journey. If you are interested in registering for this program, or if you know someone who is interested in this program please call the Parish Office at (773) 585-1221.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:15PM or by appointment whenever desired. Contact the Parish Office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Richard's Parish. Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to learn, to pray, to join in social activity and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith.

To become a registered member of our parish family we ask that you please come to the Parish Office to register. Registration can also be taken over the phone if that would be more convenient. Please call the Parish Office at 773-585-1221.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Krzysztof (Kris) Janczak , Pastor
Larry Chyba, Deacon
Sr. Mary Francine Lagocki, CSSF
Pastoral Minister
Mrs. Mary Kathryn Warco, Principal
Robert Neal , Music Director
Sister Eunice Olbrantz, CSSF
Director of Catechesis
Kim Osowiec, Business Manager
Sharon Skala, Bulletin Editor

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY at 4:30 PM (English)

SUNDAY

**6:45, 9:30 & 11:00AM (English),
8:00 AM (Polish)**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8AM in English - Monday - Saturday

Weekday Mass is celebrated in the Chapel
located off the Kostner Avenue Lobby

PARISH OFFICE:

5030 S. Kostner Ave
773-585-1221— Fax 773-585-4959
strichardparish.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday. 9AM-8PM
Saturday 9AM-3:30PM

SCHOOL

5025 S. Kenneth Avenue
773-582-8083

strichard.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

773-582-8083x23

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

773-582-8083x22

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 5th - January 11th

Monday, January 5, 2015
 8:00 AM † Remy Sanciango (Edith Kubas)
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
 8:00 AM - God's Healing Love for Terry Glyda (CCW)
Wednesday, January 7, 2015
 8:00 AM † Dorothy Biskoski (St. Richard CCW)
Thursday, January 8, 2015
 8:00 AM † Thomas Dusza (Mary Ann)
 8:30 AM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN CHAPEL**
 7:00 PM **BENEDICTION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Friday, January 9, 2015
 8:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Richard
Saturday, January 10, 2015
 8:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Richard
 4:30 PM - In Loving Memory of Fran Gilewski (Sharon)

Sunday, January 11, 2015
 6:45 AM † John & Irene Zdziarski (Family)
 8:00 AM † Danuta Japedowska Intencia Tessiowej
 9:30 AM † Charlotte & Leonard Kaprowski (M. Wolski)
 - God's Healing Love for Dorothy Skucek (Family)
 † In Memory of Dorothy Biskoski
 (Archer Heights Civic Assn.)
 11:00 AM † Gene Burke, Sr. (Burke Family)

Liturgical Ministers for January 10th - January 11th

4:30PM	Fr. Tom McQuaid	J. Poineau	S. Moy, R. Sinnott, C. Zarach, T. Poineau, J. Poineau	T. Glyda	Erien L., Arianna L., Michael Sanchez
6:45AM	Fr. Kris	P. Goworowski	L. Quevedo, E. Sauleiko, B. Mrozek, F. Gatan, K. Drozd	R. Ordzowialy	Marissa A., Jocelyn C., Gladys Martinez
8:00AM	Fr. Jan Wachala		K. Macias, A. Bobak		
9:30AM	Fr. Kris	A. Cervantes	M. Peterson, Sr. Eunice, D. Dzielak, J. Gorz, A. Cervantes, L. Martinez	V. Munoz	Robert K., Alex K., Jacob Kogut
11:00AM	Fr. Kris	M. Chyba	M. Chyba, B. Dziennik, G. Burke, J. Adamek, W. Kucik, L. Bejar	D. Gonzalez	Monserate M., Omar Fernandez, Angelica Fernandez



In Loving Memory of Joan Mancari (Fred)
In Loving Memory of Mark Minonne
(Minonne Family)

God's Healing Love for Pat Burke
(Burke, Pratl & Valkenburg Families)

In Loving Memory of Lucille Skowron
(Frank, Frank, Jr., Dan)

In Loving Memory of Bernice Vescovi (George)
God's Blessings for Joanna Bernas

God's Healing Love & Blessings on Frank (Diana)

In Loving Memory of Stephanie & Wally Trzesniewski (Family)

In Loving Memory for Ray Jedrysiak (Bernice)
In Loving Memory of Josephine Jarosik
(Jerry, Char & Family)

Have you ever wondered what a Tabernacle Lamp is?
 Tabernacle Lamps are the candles that are lit weekly and
 placed near the stained glass windows in our church.
 Theses candles are lit for a special intention of either
 a living or deceased individual.

Sharing of our Time, Talents and Treasure

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Actual Sunday Gifts—Envelopes	\$ 5,073.50
Loose	\$ 714.00
Children	\$ 135.00
Total	\$ 5,922.50

Epiphany of the Lord

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened
 their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,
 and myrrh..." - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they
 knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they
 presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to
 pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never
 know what God may be asking us to share!

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