



St. Richard of Chichester Church

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MASS INTENTIONS –2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:00pm **Gordon Wright– 6th Anniversary**
by the Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30am **Members of the McNamara Family**
by Paul and Mary Ellen Kroll

10:00am **May & Buck Delsignore**
by the Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Rectory Closed (Labor Day)
NO Communion Service / Quiet Time

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM **Daily Mass**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

NO 9:00 AM Daily Mass
NO Mass at Sterling Village

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:00pm **Rita C. D’Amico -**
by the Mathews family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30am **Tracey Greenwood**
by Parish Staff

10:00am **Robert A. Racine -**
6th mo. Anniversary
by Parish Staff

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Sacrament of Sick at 4:00pm Mass
My Brother’s Keeper Food Collection at Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

NO Sister Village Breakfast.....(Labor Day Holiday)
My Brother’s Keeper Food Collection at all Masses

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 (Labor Day)

Rectory Closed
NO Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

No Yoga and NO Pilates until further notice
NO Mass at Sterling Village

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Food Pantry.....10:00am-1:00pm
Nar-Anon.....7:15pm
AA Meeting.....8:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

NO Sister Village Breakfast (Sterling Fair weekend)

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (MATTHEW 16:26) St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.



DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR RELIEF EFFORTS IN TEXAS AND LOUISIANA

Dear Parishioners,
 Since the evening of Friday, August 25th, we have watched in horror as the people of Texas and Louisiana were inundated by the devastation of life and property by Hurricane Harvey.



In order to assist in the humanitarian and recovery efforts through Catholic Charities and the many parishes in the affected areas, Bishop McManus is asking that pastors take up a collection for relief efforts. Our Diocese will join efforts with many thousands of Catholics around the country who are being asked to demonstrate that those impacted by the storm are not forgotten.

Here at St. Richard, we will place a basket in the front of the altar over the weekends of September 2/3 and 9/10 for those who wish to contribute to the humanitarian and recovery effort. The money collected will then be sent to Bishop McManus and added to the initial contribution of \$10,000 to be made by the Diocese of Worcester toward the relief efforts for the people of the Gulf Coast.

We are called by faith to bring hope to those in need. This is an immediate opportunity to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us by sharing our blessings with others less fortunate.

Please keep the people of the Gulf Coast in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead as we ask God to extend comfort and hope to those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, and those whose lives have been shattered by this storm.

Keep the Faith, Father S.

DATES FOR ALPHA AT ST. RICHARD'S

Meet at 6:00pm for a light supper, followed by a 25 minute lesson and group discussion.

September 17	Special sessions on: Saturday & Sunday November 11 & 12 4:00pm-9:00pm	November 19
September 24		December 3
October 1		December 10
October 22		December 17
November 5		

CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION

Director of Religious Education – Susan Gallivan
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **September 10th through October 1st– Mrs. Gallivan will be away and out of the country. If you haven't registered for CCD, please contact her before September 8th.**
- **CCD begins :**
 September 30 - Grade 1
 October 1 - PreK-K, Grade 9
 October 2 - Grades 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10
 October 3 - Grades 3-4-5-6-7-8-10
(Please see the website or bulletin for class schedules and times.)

- **Saturday, October 14th – 9:30 am**
 Blessing of the Pets. All pets welcome!



HOLDEN GRANGE HARVEST DINNER AND AUCTION

The Holden Grange will be holding a Harvest Dinner and Auction on September 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Holden Senior Center. The menu will include: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, bread and homemade apple crisp with ice cream. The cost is \$10.00 per person and the proceeds of the dinner and auction will benefit the Wachusett Food Pantry. To make reservations call: 508-829-6293.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM OUR PARISH

The Parish is grateful to the family of Constance Beland, (RIP 8/17/17), for requesting in her obituary at the time of her passing, that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Richard Parish. May she rest in Peace!

FYI: DAILY MASS NEWS

In October, the 9:00am Daily Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be celebrated in the church, not in the downstairs chapel!. This is due to the heavy CCD use of all the facilities this semester. Start your day with Mass. Come join us!