MASS INTENTIONS –2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 (EASTER VIGIL)
7:00pm    Jack Allen & David Devine
          by family

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (EASTER)
7:30am    Catherine McNamara
          by Catalano/Smith family
10:00am   Phyllis Kristoff - 7th Anniversary
          by family

MONDAY, APRIL 2
RECTORY CLOSED (No Services)

TUESDAY, APRIL 3
9:00am    Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
NO 9:00am DAILY MASS
10:00am   Mass at Sterling Village

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
4:00pm    Jack Galvin by family

SUNDAY, APRIL 8
7:30am    David LeSchander by cousins
10:00am   Carolyn E. Killelea - 25th Anniversary
10:00am   Marilyn Guillette - 1st Anniversary &
          Nelson Guillette - 2nd Anniversary
          by family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
No CCD Assigned Classes
Blessing of Easter Baskets..........................Noon
Easter Vigil........................................5:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (EASTER)
No Sister Village Coffee
No PreK-K or Gr. 9 Assigned Classes

MONDAY, APRIL 2
NO Food Pantry
NO CCD Assigned Classes

TUESDAY, APRIL 3
NO CCD Assigned Classes

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
Food Pantry........................................10:00am-Noon
Nar-Anon..............................................7:15pm
AA Meeting........................................8:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
CCD Assigned Classes...............9:30am-10:45am
Sacrament of Sick after 4:00pm Mass
My Brother’s Keeper Food Collection at all Masses

SUNDAY, APRIL 8
Sister Village Coffee...........................7:30-9:30am
PreK-K Assigned Classes .............9:50am-11:00am
CCD Gr. 9...........................................10:00am Mass-Noon
My Brother’s Keeper Food Collection at all Masses
Family outing sponsored by St. Richard Youth at
    Worcester Railers (DCU Center)..........3:05pm
CCD Registration after all Masses
Altare Dei – Scout Awards.................10:00am Mass

ST. RICHARD SCHOLARSHIP FORMS FOR 2018
GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE
If you are a graduating senior this year, forms are
now available at the rectory office for the St. Rich‐
ard Scholarship. Applications must be returned by
the deadline date of May 1, 2018.

Happy Easter

ST. RICHARD Scholarship
Dear Parishioners,
This past week, the crucifixion of Christ was recounted in churches throughout the world, both on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. The violence done to Jesus profoundly disturbs the world and is meant to disturb us. It is meant to break us out of complacency, false pieties and a sense of righteous.

On Good Friday, we read from Psalm 22...a horrible litany of what human beings do to each other and allow others to experience.

This week was about pain. It teaches us about how to stay “human” when we fall into the hands of those who consider other’s lives expendable or mere commodities to be used or destroyed. It is about pain that people experience with illnesses and as the age process starts to disintegrate the human body. It is about the pain of the soul when we see cruelty in the world and no one helps, even God, so it seems. Be it torture by others, or the life process itself, some will feel they are left with nothing of the past, no material possessions and no dignity.

Yet, we gather today, because there is Hope, the promise of resurrection, the victory of good over evil, the presence of Jesus Himself walking next to us. What can we say, except **ALLELUIA!**

Happy Easter — Keep the Faith!
Father S

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**CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION**
**Director of Religious Education – Susan Gallivan**
s.gallivan@strichardsterling.org Tel: 978-422-8921

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**
- Railsers Game at DCU Center (April 8): 3:05 pm

**WOMEN’S DAY RETREAT...WHERE WOMEN SAVOR TIME WITH GOD**
In response to requests from our Parishioners, we are proud to be holding our first Women’s Day Retreat in the Church Hall on Sunday, April 29th from 11:00am-5:00pm. All women are welcome, regardless of their religious denomination! The Registration Fee is $40 which includes materials and lunch. Registration Forms can be found at all Church Entrances. Space is limited! Make sure to get your Registration Form and payment to the Church office by April 15th to reserve your spot. For more info email Cheryl Roy at: cherylroy@me.com or phone 978-422-6026.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY DRIVE**
Many thanks to those who have sent in their contributions to this annual drive. To date, we have received quite a few gifts but are still short of our goal. If you still haven’t sent in your contribution, please fill out your form and send it to St. Richard. We would like to complete this drive. Again thank you for your generosity!

**CCD REGISTRATION INFORMATION**
CCD Registration for the St. Richard’s Religious Education for the Fall of 2018-2019 will be held on Sunday, April 8th after all Masses; Monday, April 9th and Tuesday, April 10th both at 4:30pm-6:30pm. Registration forms will be mailed out to all presently registered families, but the forms can also be found on the St. Richard Website at: www.strichardsterling.org under Religious Education or you can contact the rectory office at: 978-422-8881.
At all of our Easter Masses, we take the opportunity to renew the Promises made at our Baptism.

St. Paul wrote:
“Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were Baptized into His death? If we have been united with Him through likeness to His death, so shall we be through a like resurrection.” (Romans 6:3-5)

It is not enough to begin with the virtues of Christ’s Resurrection. To be holy, there must also be evidence that our identities bear the marks of Christ’s cross. It is by the way of the cross that we give evidence that we have made a clean break with a pattern of living derived from the spirit of the world. A resurrection of holiness without the discipline of the cross is no more than a mask of holiness.

Let us today, with joy and confidence, reject Satan, reject sin and proclaim our faith in God. Let us bless ourselves with the Holy Water and in the name of the Trinity, ask God once again to be our Lord and Master.