

Mass Intentions from Feb 22-28, 2025

Feast : Chair of St. Peter (Apostle)

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| Sat. Feb 22/4:30 p.m. | Ben Skrovaneck | - Mary Skrovaneck |
| Sun. Feb 23/10:00 a.m. | Nick Baird Phil Palucci Carlo & Santa Fiori Eileen Shanahan Franco, Vincenzo & Teresa Bertucci | -Teresa Baird - Joe & Brenda Panunto - Nick Cicchino - Shanahan & Scott family - Sisters |
| | Madeleine & deceased members of Chung family | - Jacqueline & Jeanine Chung |
| Wed. Feb 26/10:00 p.m. | Serena Yvette | - Eli Levy & family |
| Thu. Feb 27/10:00 a.m. | Giuseppe Colafabio Mr. & Mrs. Jovita - Santos Baldesco | - Rosaria Colafabio - Lilia Aida Baldesco |
| Fri. Feb 28/10:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family | - Teresa Baird |

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

“Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.”

First Reading (1Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-25)

The Lord gave you into my hands today,
but I will not raise my hand against you.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

We have borne the image of the one of dust
So let us bear the image of the one of heaven.

Gospel (Luke 6:27-38)

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Reflection:

**Last week we heard the Beatitudes –
this week we are called to put them into action.**

When David had the opportunity to kill his enemy King Saul, he spared rather than speared him. His great victory here was a moral one: he would not harm the Lord's anointed. Through GOD'S Spirit, we can transcend our basic Adam-self and become more like Christ. It is a tough challenge to love our enemies but to do so reflects GOD'S boundless love for us.

So when Jesus instructs us, his disciples, in the gospel, to do great deeds of charity, forgiveness and self-sacrifice, we know it is through the power of the Spirit that such can be achieved. It is our choice whether we go with the instinct to avenge ourselves or answer Christ's call to be bearers of that love that GOD gives to us all.

May you continue to experience the love of GOD and be willing to share it with others, even those with whom you have disagreements.

Blessed are You, LORD GOD of all love. Through Your Goodness we have a share in Your Love. You have blessed us with Your Love in the person and ministry of Jesus, Your Son. Jesus has empowered us, His disciples, to share in that love.

We thank You for sending individuals who have manifested the Good News of Jesus' love to us. As we reflect on how we have passed on the love that we have received, we realize that we have not always been faithful in this task. For our failures to love as You and Your Son have loved us, we seek Your pardon and forgiveness. Through the continued outpouring of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to strive to be as compassionate and loving as Your Son has been. We give You all the praise, glory, and honor, together with Your Son Jesus, Who is Master-Teacher and Savior, and Who demonstrated Your unconditional love for us through His ministry, life, death, and resurrection, and Who is now living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, our One and only GOD for ever and ever. Amen.

Tax Receipt for 2024 is available for pickup at the back arranged in alphabetical order.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Raymond, Ivy & Fabian Edward.

By - Edward family.

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office.

We are here to serve you.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning mass at 10 a.m.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Every Friday 9:30 am followed by EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at 9:50 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation can be heard every Sunday 30 minutes before and after mass.



BRUNCH

Sunday March 16, after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

A family style meal will be served.

Tickets are 25\$ for adults, 10\$ for kids 10 and under.

Tickets are available for purchase at the back of the Church.

Please see Linda Alfonso.

St. Patricks Square please see Patricia Legault.

**Limited seating 150 adults & 50 Children.
Last minute tickets may not be available for purchase.**

BE A VOLUNTEER IN YOUR PARISH!

As St. Richards continues to build parish vitality and stewardship in the parish, Fr. George and all parish committees wish to increase the engagement of every parishioner (regardless of age) in the life of the parish as stewards, and is inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God. If you wish to be a volunteer for activities and entertainments, or have ideas on how to build our parish community, please feel free to fill out the form at the back and drop it in the donation box or hand it over to the usher.

Every helping hand is a way to build up St. Richards to be a Vibrant Parish.

Thank you!

Collection & other income for February 9 : \$897.30
February 16 : \$1008.70

Thank you for your continued support to your parish.