

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator

Patricia Radocha, Business Manager

Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



Church of St. Richard

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

Teri Howerter, Office Administrator

Mary Soberick, Business Manager

Krissy Wonsock, Director of Religious Education

Catholic Schools

St. Jerome Regional School ~ 50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua PA ~ 570-668-2757 ~ Grades PreK-8

Marian Catholic High School ~ 166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua PA ~ 570-467-3335 ~ Grades 9-12

St. Joseph's Center for Special Learning ~ 302 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven PA ~ 570-622-4638 ~ Children & Adults

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on a Sunday afternoon. Parents need to be registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic and obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish.

Sponsor Eligibility

Certificates of Eligibility for Baptism and Confirmation require the sponsor to be a registered and active member of the parish, and if married, in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to begin pre-nuptial instructions before making any arrangements. Please call the parish office for more information and to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

Parish Prayer List

To be placed on the Parish Prayer List or to be removed when appropriate, please call either Parish Office and someone will be happy to assist you. Names placed on the Prayer List are automatically removed after three months.

Diocesan Secretary for Office of Safe Environment

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS ~ P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209
victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Saturday, January 10 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Baptism of the Lord Mass Intention: Dr. George Lenyo Mass Intention: Jacqueline Riotto
Sunday, January 11 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Baptism of the Lord Mass Intention: Marge Romano Mass Intention: Margaret Kufrovich
Monday, January 12 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Tuesday, January 13 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Annie, Derek, and Mason Leib
Wednesday, January 14 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Bill Fazio
Thursday, January 15 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Michael F. Pogwist
Friday, January 16 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, January 17 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Sam Lazarchick Mass Intention: Pat Skelson
Sunday, January 18 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mildred Ceci Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies about the servant who will bring justice without breaking a bruised reed. In the second reading, Peter proclaims Jesus as the Lord of all, recounting the story of his baptism and ministry. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan, and the heavens were opened for him. The prophet Isaiah says that God's chosen one is called to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. When the Spirit descended upon Christ at his baptism, these promises were fulfilled. But these promises aren't only for Jesus; we, too, are called to be signs and instruments of God's presence in the world.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 18: Is 49: 3, 5-6; Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1: 1-3; Jn 1: 29-34

<p style="text-align: center;">St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages: Gloria – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Noël by Claude Louis Daquin (1694-1772)</p> <p>The Christmas flowers are in memory of all the people listed in the Christmas Memorials that are placed upon the altar.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Regina Zoba, Jeff Zoba, Joan Manos, Kiersten Guers, Fred Holman, Ron Kelly, Eileen Wolfinger, Romaine Karnish / David Rickert, Andrew Eremus, George Koval, Marci Bonner, Mary Sloboda, Jack Praskac, Mildred Cara, Anne Krukas / Jerry Christensen, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Sue Mannello, Dr. Walter Setlock, Barbara Houser, Mischa Rush, John Hechler

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...

Adele Lech

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of George Cope

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Frances Karp

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Blessed Virgin Mary

Healing Prayers for Amy Gurcsik

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

*All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms
after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM*

Sunday, January 11 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

Sunday, January 18 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8
Grade 1 (9:30AM-10:15AM)

Sunday, January 25 – No Youth Formation

*Grade 1 Sacramental Prep registration forms
will be in the Parish Hall starting this weekend.
Registration \$30 – Classes begin January 18th.*

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 11th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 18th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 25th at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in the Parish Hall unless noted.

Any questions, please contact
Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts

Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM
in the St. Richard Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. This is an open invitation to all from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

1/18 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

1/25 ~ Catholic Relief Services

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony
Friday	5:00PM-7:00PM St. Richard "Warm Your Heart" Soup and Haluski Sale in the St. Richard Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

January 17	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
January 28	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING STARTS TODAY

Today marks the official end of the Christmas season, even though the former end of the season was the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd and we will keep some of our poinsettias until then. After Mass on Sunday, we will start to remove the Christmas trees and put items away in the storage room. If you can lend a hand, your assistance would be greatly appreciated... just come out to the Parish Hall after Mass.

OPEN HOUSE AT MARIAN CATHOLIC

Marian Catholic High School will be hosting their Annual Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. Come meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover the programs that make our school so special. RSVP to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, at 570-467-3335 ext. 116 or mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org.

PIANO CONCERT – FEBRUARY 20th AT 7:00PM

Andrew Sheranian, a concert pianist and organist from Boston, will give a concert on our new grand piano on Friday evening, February 20th at 7:00PM. Tickets are only \$10 and will go on sale starting next weekend. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert in the Parish Hall.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

There is a limit of two Masses (one weekday, one weekend), one Sanctuary Lamp, and one Crucifix Candle. All requests must include the 2026 updated form along with a \$10 stipend per request. Forms are in the Parish Office and the Parish Hall. Requests must be made in person. Questions may be directed to Lisa in the Parish Office.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

We need three people to present the offertory gifts at each weekend Mass; children are welcome to participate. The individual or family (the Mass donor) who requested the Mass intention obviously takes precedence, but often they are not available for the offertory procession. This is when we offer the honor of taking up the gifts to any parishioner present at Mass. If there is a date that you know you want to take up the gifts during the offertory procession, please call Joan Marie Roth at 570-599-9809 and leave your name, phone number, and the date of the Mass you request.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances of St. Richard Church and also on the table in the Family Room and in the Parish Hall of St. John XXIII Church.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ AFTER MASS IN THE HALL

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship.

REMINDER

Bulletin announcements including flyers must be emailed or called in no later than Tuesday at noon to the Parish Office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes follow the Mahanoy Area School District for weekday Masses. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be NO weekday Mass. For Tuesday morning Holy Hour and Adoration at St. John XXIII, we will follow the Tamaqua Area School District.

WINTER LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

Final December Lottery Winners

12/28 #422, No Winner, \$25

12/29 #462, Linda Light, \$25

12/30 #173, No Winner, \$100

12/31 #221, Theresa McManus, \$100

First Winners of 2026

1/1 #328, Peg Schaediger, \$100

1/2 #360, No Winner, \$25

1/3 #909, No Winner, \$50

"WARM YOUR HEART" AT ST. RICHARD

We are preparing for our Annual Warm Your Heart Soup Sale! The event will consist of homemade soups and haluski and will be held on Friday, January 16th from 5:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 if you are able to donate soups or soup ingredients. Our current list of donated soups includes Pasta Fagioli, Beef Vegetable, Split Pea, Chicken Potpie, Stuffed Pepper, and Italian Wedding soup. Please refer to the order form in the Vestibule and on the Parish Facebook page.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AT ST. RICHARD

We still have a few vacant seats in the Parish Pastoral Council. The first meeting of 2026 will be in February. If interested, please contact the office during business hours or email strichardadmin@ptd.net.

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

All requests will only be accepted through the 2026 Revised Mass Intention Form along with the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend and may be placed in the collection or dropped at the office. To try and accommodate the intentions (*which also includes reserved dates*), there is a limit of three Masses. Please also consider having a weekday Mass or remembrance through the many Devotional Candles (including the Sanctuary Lamp) or the Eternal Remembrance Society.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to the front pews of St. Richard and the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church.

MORE ATTEMPTS AT FRAUD

Over the past few weeks, someone has been impersonating Fr. Finlan and sending text messages and emails to parishioners from fake accounts pretending to be Fr. Finlan. None of these messages are legitimate. Fr. Finlan will never text or email requests for help or money or gift cards. If you do receive one of these fraudulent messages, just delete it and do not reply, but please let your respective Parish Office know.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember that every gift counts. Please make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

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