

Welcome

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

**Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor
Deacon Edward J. Girard**

*January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator
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Patricia Radocha, Business Manager
Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
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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
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209
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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.

SJ = St. John XXIII**SR = St. Richard**

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
Monday, January 19 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Gail Starr
Tuesday, January 20 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Andy Bugdanavage
Wednesday, January 21 7:00AM Mass: SR	St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: E.J. Lucyk
Thursday, January 22 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children
Friday, January 23 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, January 24 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Daniel Lazur Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst
Sunday, January 25 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Patricia Kulha Mass Intention: Blessings for our Catholic School Teachers and Students

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies that Israel will be gathered to the Lord. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians of their call to be holy. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus, calling him the Lamb of God, and testifies to what he saw at the baptism of Jesus. The servants of God are lights to the world. There is no way to serve God without bringing light to others. Isaiah and John the Baptist were both called lights. Jesus is, of course, the light of the world, but he also desires that his followers bring his true light to the world.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 25: Is 8:23–9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

St. John XXIII

The **Order of Mass** can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.

The **Heritage Mass** can be found on the following pages:

Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **Pastorale on the hymn tune “Picardy”** by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

The postlude is **Raise Now Your Song on High from “Christmas Oratorio”** by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

The Christmas poinsettias remain at the altar in honor of the extended Christmas season, which lasts until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on February 2nd.

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, Linda Wertman, Shelley Lazarchick

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

Frederick Cannon Sr.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Dolores Erbe Crucifix Candle In Memory of Margaret Mary Frisbie	St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp All Deceased of the Nolan and McElhenny Families Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 <i>All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM</i> Sunday, January 18 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8 Grade 1 (9:30AM-10:15AM) Sunday, January 25 – No Youth Formation <i>Grade 1 Sacramental Prep registration forms are in the Parish Hall – Registration \$30 Classes begin today, January 18th</i>	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES: Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 18th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 25th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 1st at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 8th at 9:30AM <i>*All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted. Any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433</i> SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall
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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 Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

1/25 ~ Catholic Relief Services

2/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund

2/8 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony

Upcoming Events

January 24-25	Culture of Life Celebration / Food Sale / Bake Sale – in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after weekend Masses
January 25	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass School Open House: St. Jerome Regional 11:00AM to 1:00PM; Marian Catholic 1:00PM to 3:00PM
January 28	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
February 2	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
February 20	7:00PM Piano Concert featuring Boston-based musician Andrew Sheranian at St. John XXIII Church

CULTURE OF LIFE FOOD SALE & BAKE SALE

On Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25 immediately after the 3:30PM Mass and the 8:30AM Mass, we will gather in St. John XXIII Parish Hall to celebrate our gift of life and learn how to promote a Culture of Life. This year we will have a Meatball Mania FOOD SALE and a BAKE SALE – take out or eat together in the hall. Choose between five varieties of meatballs, along with a small side and a dinner roll – for \$7.00. The choices are: Italian Meatballs + side of ziti; Swedish Meatballs + side of noodles; Ham Balls w/Brown Sugar Glaze + side of noodles; Buffalo Chicken Meatballs + side of potato salad; and Grape Jelly / Chili Sauce Meatballs + side of potato salad. PLEASE PRE-ORDER by January 19 by signing up in the St. John XXIII Family Room or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835. If anyone would like to donate a baked good for the Bake Sale, please contact Cheryl.

OPEN HOUSE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Jerome Regional School: Sunday, January 25th from 11:00AM until 1:00PM.

Marian Catholic High School: Sunday, January 25th from 1:00PM until 3:00PM.

ADULT SMALL GROUP

Join us for a Lenten discussion group: *The Way of Beatitude: Living Radical Hope in a World of Division and Despair*. The group will meet on Tuesday mornings starting February 10 through March 31 from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. We will be using The Way of Beatitude book, written by Father Casey Cole, OFM to explore different perspectives on using the Beatitudes in our world today, how we can be agents of peace in our polarized world, and how to try to prevent discouragement and despair. To sign up and order a book, use the sign-up sheet in the family room or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

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 are on sale in the St. John XXIII Family Room. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert in the Parish Hall.

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

Given the cost of postage, the giving statements for 2025 will be mailed to only those with total annual contributions over \$250. Any questions can be addressed to Lisa in the Parish Office. The statements will be mailed at the end of the month.

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 Second Round of January Winners

- 1/4 #980, No Winner, \$25
- 1/5 #600, Kay McGarth, \$25
- 1/6 #757, No Winner, \$25
- 1/7 #263, Janet Gazdick, \$50
- 1/8 #574, Joe Bickleman, \$50
- 1/9 #014, No Winner, \$25
- 1/10 #017, Marty Finlan, \$50

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, February 20th is our Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner from 3:00PM-5:00PM in the Parish Hall. The dinner tickets and 50/50 chances are currently in the Vestibule. Please pick up your envelope and return your tickets and chances in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked "Fundraising" on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 or the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

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 as well as the balcony.

FOR JANUARY 25

CANDLEMAS WEEKEND AT BOTH PARISHES

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is celebrated on February 2nd each year and traditionally concludes the extended Christmas season. On Candlemas, the faithful take their candles to church, where they are blessed and brought home to be used for the rest of the year. Candlemas candles are available this weekend for a suggested offering of \$5 per box. Each box contains two candles. Please use the basket provided for your offering.

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.

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.