

# Welcome

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

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

*January 25, 2026  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**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



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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  
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**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
[victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimsassistance@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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

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

<b>Saturday, January 24</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Mass Intention: Daniel Lazur  Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst
<b>Sunday, January 25</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass Intention: Patricia Kulha  Mass Intention: Blessings for our Catholic School Teachers and Students
<b>Monday, January 26</b> 7:00AM Mass: SJ ( <i>held at St. Richard</i> )	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Frank Shamonsky
<b>Tuesday, January 27</b> 7:00AM Mass: SJ ( <i>held at St. Richard</i> )  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
<b>Wednesday, January 28</b> 7:00AM Mass: SR	<b>St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</b> Mass Intention: Francis Keiser
<b>Thursday, January 29</b> 7:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Joseph Klatka
<b>Friday, January 30</b> <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Saturday, January 31</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Mass Intention: Mary A. Pavlovich  Mass Intention: Helen Hurita
<b>Sunday, February 1</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass Intention: Colleen Agosti  Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah declares that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. God has restored their joy and smashed the rod of their taskmaster. Paul urges the Christian community at Corinth not to fall into factions but to be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples who respond to his invitation and follow him. Their response is immediate and total – they leave everything behind and accept his invitation. We gather today to celebrate this Eucharist because we, too, have been called to follow Christ in intentional and faithful discipleship. Today we ponder that call and renew our response.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBR 1:** Zep 2:3;3:12-13; Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**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 **Fuga sopra: Durch Adams fall ist Ganz Verderbt – BWV 705** by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
The postlude is **Noël Suisse** by Claude Louis Daquin (1694-1772)

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...**

Janet Martinaitis

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<b>St. John XXIII</b> <b>Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Leo Ankiewicz <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Tony Maff	<b>St. Richard</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention
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## YOUTH FORMATION

### Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<b>St. John XXIII</b> <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b>  <i>All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM</i>  <b>Sunday, January 25</b> – No Youth Formation  <b>Sunday, February 1</b> – Kids Small Groups Grades 3-6  <b>Sunday, February 8</b> – Sacramental Prep Grades 1, 2, & 7 Confirmation Retreat Grade 8  <i>Grade 1 Sacramental Prep registration forms are in the Parish Hall – Registration \$30</i>	<b>St. Richard</b> <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b>  <b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b> 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  *All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.  Any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433  <b>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> <b>Cub Scouts</b> Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall
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## ADULT FORMATION

**Lenten Adult Small Group:** Please see detailed write-up on the next page.

**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 Catholic Relief Services.

Upcoming collections are...

2/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund    2/8 ~ Parish Utilities    2/15 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

## ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

### This Week

Saturday-Sun	Culture of Life Celebration / Food Sale / Bake Sale – in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after weekend Masses
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass School Open Houses: St. Jerome Regional 11:00AM to 1:00PM; Marian Catholic 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal in the balcony

### Upcoming Events

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

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

### CULTURE OF LIFE FOOD SALE & BAKE SALE

Immediately after the 3:30PM and 8:30AM Masses this weekend 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.

### OPEN HOUSES 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.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ AFTER MASS IN THE HALL

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

### COMMUNION

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

### 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

#### Next Round of January Winners

- 1/11 #232, No Winner, \$25
- 1/12 #055, Donna Kamenas, \$25
- 1/13 #790, Knecht, \$25
- 1/14 #055, Donna Kamenas, \$25
- 1/15 #385, No Winner, \$50
- 1/16 #439, No Winner, \$25
- 1/17 #396, Fred Lahovski, \$50

### 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 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.

### 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

Still looking to fill a few vacant seats in the Parish Pastoral Council. The first meeting of 2026 will be in February. If interested, please contact the office.

### 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. There is a limit of three Masses, so please consider having a weekday Mass or remembrance through the many Devotional Candles (including the Sanctuary Lamp) or the Eternal Remembrance Society.

## **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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).