

# Welcome

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

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

*January 4, 2026  
The Epiphany of the Lord*



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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  
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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](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

**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.

<b>Saturday, January 3</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 Epiphany of the Lord</b>  Mass Intention: Joseph Leskosky  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
<b>Sunday, January 4</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Mass Intention: Mary Wagner  Mass Intention: Mary Helen Rehatchek
<b>Monday, January 5</b> 7:00AM Mass: SJ ( <i>held at St. Richard</i> )	<b>St. John Neumann, Bishop (USA)</b> Mass Intention: Lester Rhubright
<b>Tuesday, January 6</b> 7:00AM Mass: SJ ( <i>held at St. Richard</i> ) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Mass Intention: William F. Barrett
<b>Wednesday, January 7</b> 7:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
<b>Thursday, January 8</b> 7:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
<b>Friday, January 9</b> <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b>
<b>Saturday, January 10</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 Baptism of the Lord</b>  Mass Intention: Dr. George Lenyo  Mass Intention: Jacqueline Riotto
<b>Sunday, January 11</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Mass Intention: Marge Romano  Mass Intention: Margaret Kufrovich

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah promises that Jerusalem will be a light for all nations. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul explains the revelation that the Gentiles are members of the same body of Christ. In the Gospel, magi from the east look for the newborn king, finally finding the child with his mother, Mary. We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately. Instead, we must receive Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. And as we heard in the first reading: Then you shall be radiant... your heart shall throb and overflow. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 11:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

#### **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:

Gloria – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **The Three Kings** by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

The postlude is **March of the Three Kings** – 13th Century Carol from Provence, France

The Christmas flowers are in memory of all the people listed in the Christmas Memorials that are placed upon the altar.

## 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

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

Adele Lech

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<b>St. John XXIII</b> <b>Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Dr. George Lenyo <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Leonard Zoba Jr.	<b>St. Richard</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> My Special Intention <b>Sacred Heart</b> Special Intention <b>St. Richard</b> In Memory of Francis "Buddy" Trackim
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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 4</b> – Kids Small Groups Grades 3-6  <i>We wish all our parish youth and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We also thank all the children who participated in the Christmas pageant and everyone who came out to support them. It was such a nice evening.</i>	<b>St. Richard</b> <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b>  <b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b> Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 4th at 9:00AM 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 <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

**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 Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

1/11 ~ Parish Utilities

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

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

### This Week

Monday	9:00AM both Parish Offices reopen 6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	Holy Name Meeting at 2:00PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – please note the different time St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal cancelled this week – regular rehearsals resume next week

### Upcoming Events

January 11	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
January 13	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall

### CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so beautiful. Many elves helped decorate and prepare, so much goes on behind the scenes to get everything ready. We also thank the choir for surprising us with that beautiful traditional Lithuanian and Polish carol. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

### 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.

### GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you for all the unwrapped gifts, gift cards, and monetary donations for both Birthright and Catholic Charities.

### 2025 DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL GIVING

To receive accurate credit for 2025, your 2025 Collection Envelopes must have been received by this past Wednesday.

### 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@mariancatholichs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org).

### 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.

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

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

### PARISH OFFICES REOPEN

Both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parish Offices reopen Monday, January 5th at 9:00AM.

### REMINDER

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

### WINTER LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

Next Round December Lottery Winners

- 12/21** #085, No Winner, \$25
- 12/22** #672, No Winner, \$25
- 12/23** #594, No Winner, \$25
- 12/24** #597, No Winner, 100
- 12/25** #598, Barb Kenesky, \$100
- 12/26** #994, Krystal Kane, \$25
- 12/27** #065, No Winner, \$50

### “WARM YOUR HEART” AT ST. RICHARDS

We are preparing for our Annual Warm Your Heart Soup Sale! We would appreciate donations of soups! 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 bulletin insert, Vestibule, and the Parish Facebook page.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AT ST. RICHARD

We currently have a few vacant seats in the Parish Pastoral Council. If interested, please contact the office during business hours or email [strichardadmin@ptd.net](mailto:strichardadmin@ptd.net).

### 2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

All requests will only be accepted through the 2026 Revised Mass Intention Form (found in church or online), 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.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes follow Mahanoy Area School District. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be NO weekday Mass.

### COMMUNION

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

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## **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).