

Welcome

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

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

February 1, 2026

Fourth 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
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator
Patricia Radocha, Business Manager
Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



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Parish Staff
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
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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.

Saturday, January 31 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary A. Pavlovich Mass Intention: Helen Hurita
Sunday, February 1 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Colleen Agosti Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy
Monday, February 2 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	The Presentation of the Lord Mass Intention: Merrill Koenig
Tuesday, February 3 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Mary Rose Schock
Wednesday, February 4 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Thursday, February 5 7:00AM Mass: SR	St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Gerald Burke
Friday, February 6 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday, February 7 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kathleen Osenbach Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz
Sunday, February 8 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Gary Nothstein Mass Intention: Martin and Susan Kovich

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, through the prophet Zephaniah, the Lord informs his people that he will guard and care for the humble and those who take refuge in his holy name. In the second reading, Paul writes that the Lord chooses to call those who seem foolish, weak, and despised in the eyes of the world. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proclaims the beatitudes to the crowds. By proclaiming the beatitudes, Jesus turns the world's values and expectations upside down. He tells us that the poor, the meek, and the hungry are at the center of God's kingdom, not the wealthy or powerful. God's ways are not our ways, and Jesus' words invite us to live by a different set of standards than the world offers. Those who hunger for God's ways will be satisfied.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 8: Is 58: 7-10; Ps 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Mt 5: 13-16

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 choral prelude is **Nunc Dimittis – The Song of Simeon** by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The postlude is **Fanfare on “Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn”** by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

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...

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 / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish

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

Janet Martinaitis

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Albert and Josephine Klimas Crucifix Candle In Memory of Adolph and Sophie Bonenberger	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary My Special Intention Sacred Heart 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, February 1 – Kids Small Groups Grades 3-6 Sunday, February 8 – 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>	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES: Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 1st at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 8th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 15th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 22nd 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 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

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 the Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

2/8 ~ Parish Utilities 2/15 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ 2/18 ~ Ash Wednesday

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Rosary for Peace immediately after the 8:30AM Mass – please sit in the front pews School Open Houses: St. Jerome Regional (see details below); Marian Catholic 1:00PM until 2:30PM
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	2:00PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal in the balcony

Upcoming Events

February 10	6:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
February 16	6:00PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall (meeting includes both parishes)
February 19	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
February 20	3:00PM-5:00PM St. Richard Lenten Seafood Dinner in the Parish Hall (Eat in or Take Out) 7:00PM Piano Concert featuring Boston-based musician Andrew Sheranian at St. John XXIII Church
February 21	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620

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. Blessed Candlemas candles are available for a suggested offering of \$5 per box. Each box contains two candles. Please use the basket provided for your offering. In honor of this feast day, which of course occurs on Monday, the choir at St. John XXIII will sing the Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) as a choral prelude and the opening hymn will be a hymn in honor of the Presentation of the Lord.

CULTURE OF LIFE FOOD & BAKE SALE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who participated in the Meatball Mania and Bake Sale last weekend and especially for the generosity of those who donated. Our food, unfortunately, sold out early, but we raised \$627. We were able to provide meals to the needy through Hope & Coffee and funds raised will be used towards future projects and activities such as a movie at the Advent Celebration and the cemetery Prayer Garden.

ADULT SMALL GROUP DATE CHANGE – MONDAY

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 Monday mornings starting February 9 through March 30 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/cheese/cake/coffee reception will follow the concert in the Parish Hall. This concert is sponsored, in part, by the Boyle and Odorizzi families, and the reception is sponsored by Basile's Restaurant and the Parish Choir. We are grateful for our sponsor's generosity.

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.

WITH GRATITUDE AND BLESSINGS

Fr. Finlan, St. Richard, and St. John XXIII parishioners recently received a letter of gratitude from Andrea Kochan Neagle, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, for our recent donations. A copy of the letter for you to read is located on the bulletin board in the Vestibule at St. Richard as well as the bulletin board in the Family Room at St. John XXIII.

WINTER LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

Due to the recent winter storm, the new winners list was not available at the time of printing. Please refer to next week's bulletin for the winners.

OPEN HOUSES UPDATE

Please contact the Admissions Office at 570-668-2757 to schedule an appointment.

Marian Catholic High School: Sunday, February 1st from 1:00PM until 2:30PM.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, February 20th is our Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner from 3:00PM-5:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please return your tickets and chances to 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 on February 16th at 6:00PM. If interested, please contact the office.

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Requests will only be accepted through the 2026 Revised Mass Form along with the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend. There is a limit of three Masses, so please consider having a weekday Mass or remembrance through the many Devotional Candles 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.