

Welcome

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

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

*February 15, 2026
Sixth 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
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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.

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| <p>Saturday, February 14 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Vigil to the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: The Gerhard and Gazdick Families Mass Intention: Ray and Charlotte Paisley</p> |
| <p>Sunday, February 15 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bill Paslawsky Mass Intention: Jack Lebby</p> |
| <p>Monday, February 16 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p> | <p>Weekday Mass Intention: Paul Nester Sr., Ruth Nester, and Paul Nester Jr.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, February 17 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ</p> | <p>St. Scholastica, Virgin Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, February 18 7:00AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes: SR 12:10PM Liturgy of Word/Distribution of Ashes: SJ 7:00PM Liturgy of Word/Distribution of Ashes: SJ</p> | <p>Ash Wednesday Mass Intention: E.J. Lucyk</p> |
| <p>Thursday, February 19 7:00AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Weekday Mass Intention: Joseph Klatka</p> |
| <p>Friday, February 20 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p> | <p>Weekday</p> |
| <p>Saturday, February 21 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Vigil to the First Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Michael P. Pogwist Mass Intention: Francis Keiser</p> |
| <p>Sunday, February 22 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>The First Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Carmen Castagna Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst</p> |

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the reading from Sirach, the author writes: Immense is the wisdom of the Lord. In the First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes God’s wisdom as mysterious, hidden. In the Gospel Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches on the law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths. As disciples, we strive to follow God’s wisdom, and yet we are presented with so many other competing claims of “wisdom” in our world. Our readings today enlighten us on what God’s wisdom is and what it is not. May Jesus’ wise teachings in the Sermon on the Mount help us grow closer to God and seek God’s wisdom and follow his commandments.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 22: Gn 2:7-9, - 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-44

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| <p>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: Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude (<i>Saturday Mass</i>) is Passacaglia by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) arranged by Johan Halvorsen (1864-1935) The prelude (<i>Sunday Mass</i>) is Felitsa by Yiannis “Yanni” Chryssomallis (b.1954) The postlude is Ein’ Feste Burg - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arranged by Frederick Swann (1931-2022)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Romaine Karnish.</p> |
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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 Krukus / 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, Joan Manos, Fred Holman, Kevin Druckenmiller, Marc Lesniak, Michael Dannenfesler, Amy DeBenedict Behler

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

Michelle Becker

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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| <p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Sallie Zakarosky</p> <p>Crucifix Candle In Memory of John Marcin</p> | <p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p> |
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

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| <p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</p> <p><i>All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM</i></p> <p>Sunday, February 15 – Sacramental Prep Grades 1, 2, 7, 8</p> <p>Sunday, February 22 – No Youth Formation</p> <p>Sunday, March 1 – Kids Small Groups Grades 3-6 and Family Mass</p> <p><i>Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for preparing and serving brunch to our 8th Grade Confirmands and their families last Sunday after the retreat!</i></p> | <p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES: Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 15th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 22nd at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 1st at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 8th at 9:30AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>Any questions, please contact Krissey Wonsock at 732-687-0433</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall</p> |
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ADULT FORMATION

Lenten 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 Monday mornings from 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, contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

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 Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

2/22 ~ Black and Indian Missions 3/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund 3/8 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

| This Week | |
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| Sunday | 7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room |
| Monday | 10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall (meeting includes both parishes) |
| Tuesday | 6:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall |
| Wednesday | Ash Wednesday – 7:00AM Mass SR; 12:10PM and 7:00PM Liturgy of the Word with Ash Distribution SJ |
| Thursday | 10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal is cancelled for this week – rehearsals resume next Thursday |
| Friday | 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 |
| Upcoming Events | |
| February 21 | 9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620 |
| February 22 | Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass |
| February 25 | 12:00PM-1:30PM Catholic Charities Cafe Food Truck in the St. John XXIII parking lot |

PIANO PRELUDES BY PARISH YOUTH

Two of the Grimminger children are playing the piano for the prelude at Masses this weekend. Isabella will play “Passacaglia” at the Saturday Mass and Nathaniel will play “Felitsa” at the Sunday Mass. Both children are currently taking piano lessons. If anyone, adult or child, would like to play a piano prelude at Mass, please speak to the Director of Music.

CONFESSIONAL REMODEL IN PROGRESS

The Diocese of Allentown is requiring all churches that have face-to-face confessionals like ours to be rebuilt. Our current confessional has been demolished, and a new one is being built in its place. The new confessional will be ADA compliant and have a chair, but there will no longer be the face-to-face option. This project is expected to last three weeks. During this time, Saturday confessions will take place in the Family Room.

FUNDRAISING NEWS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Our fundraising committee normally meets at 6:30PM on the 1st Monday of each month in the Parish Hall. New members (and old ones) are ALWAYS welcome! It is only with the help and dedication of our volunteers that we are able to sponsor a variety of projects that really help supplement our Parish's income. We would like to thank all our dedicated volunteers. No matter how much time you are able to contribute, your contribution is most appreciated! On Friday, February 20th, we could really use a few extra hands for the Piano Concert. Volunteers are needed to help work the door and assist with ticket sales. Please arrive no later than 5:45PM. Doors open at 6:00PM for the 7:00PM concert. We also need help with the reception afterwards in the Parish Hall.

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.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our December and January Lottery Calendars and CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

This Friday, February 20th is our Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner from 3:00PM-5:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please return your tickets and chances by February 16th. Any questions, contact Joann 570-640-1034 or the Parish Office 570-467-2315.

DIOCESAN FAMILY EVENT

Join us on February 28th from 1:30PM-5:30PM at Bethlehem Catholic High School for “Shaping Saints”, an event designed to help parents and children discover and nurture their God-given gifts. Enjoy live music, a meaningful talk for parents and children (grades 5 and up) and conclude the afternoon with a 4:30PM Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert. Activities will be provided for children in 5th grade and under. Registration is free, but you need to register, contact zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org.

UPCOMING LENTEN RETREATS

The *Bishop's Commission for Women* will host their annual Lenten retreat at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown on March 7th from 8:00AM until 3:00PM. The retreat is entitled: Love Hope and Holiness – The Antidote for the Attack on Our Family and Faith. The full day retreat will consist of talks, music, lunch, Adoration and Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. To register, please contact Mary Ann Guman at allentowndiocesecfw@gmail.com.

Men Alive in Christ invites you to explore authentic masculinity through the lens of St. John Paul II's “Theology of the Body.” The day will include Mass, coffee, and donuts, and presentations by Hannah Shafer, Assistance Director of Programs and Fr. Nikolai Brelinsky, Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. The event will take place on March 14th from 8:00AM-12:00PM at Marian Catholic High School. Any questions, please contact Glenn Mummey at gmummey@gmail.com.

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.

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

All requests must include the 2026 revised Mass Intention Form along with the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend and be placed in any collection, dropped at the office, or mailed. Since there is a limit of three Masses, please consider having a weekday Mass, remembrance through the many Devotional Candles (including the Sanctuary Lamp) or the Eternal Remembrance Society.

REMINDER

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

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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