

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

February 8, 2026

Fifth 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

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, 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
Monday, February 9 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Josephine and Fred Andreas
Tuesday, February 10 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	St. Scholastica, Virgin Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Wednesday, February 11 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Pam Concar
Thursday, February 12 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
Friday, February 13 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, February 14 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: The Gerhard and Gazdick Families Mass Intention: Ray and Charolotte Paisley
Sunday, February 15 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bill Paslawsky Mass Intention: Jack Lebby

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah exhorts the people to address the needs of the downtrodden, for it is then that the Lord will answer when they call. Paul writes to the Corinthians that he resolved to know nothing, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. At our baptism, we receive the light of Christ. While this light of faith certainly illumines our path, it is also meant to be shared with others. Through our good works, the light of Christ shines forth, helping others to recognize the work of God in our lives and drawing them to give him thanks and praise.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 15: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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 **Voluntary in C Major** by John Stanley (1713-1786)

The postlude is **Marcia Religiosa from Alceste** by Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)

The altar flowers are in memory of Marion A. Boyle.

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, Joan Manos, Fred Holman, Kevin Druckenmiller, Marc Lesniak, Michael Dannenfelter

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

Curtis J. Bailey

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Georgeann Knowles Crucifix Candle In Memory of Sue Ackleys	St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp Peace & Health for all parishioners in 2026 Blessed Virgin Mary My 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 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: 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 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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

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	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	6:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal in the balcony

Upcoming Events

February 16	6:00PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall (meeting includes both parishes)
February 18	Ash Wednesday – 7:00AM Mass SR; 12:10PM and 7:00PM Liturgy of the Word with Ash Distribution SJ
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

CONFESSIONAL REMODEL STARTS TOMORROW

The Diocese of Allentown is requiring all churches that have face-to-face confessionals like ours to be rebuilt. Our current confessional is going to be demolished, and a new one 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

Thanks to your support, we realized a net profit of \$3,739.02 on our 2025 Yearly Lottery Calendars, and our January 2026 Lottery Calendars generated a net profit of \$765.21. So far in 2026, we have paid \$6,400.00 for a new AC/heat unit by the altar that will be installed on February 13th and \$1,013.74 for a new 85 inch TV which will be installed on the wall in the Parish Hall in the near future – for a total of \$7,413.74. The new TV replaced the one that broke on Christmas Eve. In 2025, we paid a total of \$17,666.81, including \$750 for the Conference Room heater, \$5,700 for organ repairs, \$8,500 for the Courtyard concrete, \$1,900 for lightning strike repairs, \$761 for the paper folding machine, and \$155.81 for a filing cabinet. Our current projects include the Piano Concert on February 20th and the Kowalonek Kielbasy Sale which concludes this Friday. Orders for Kowalonek's are being taken in the Family Room and cost \$20. Pick up date is February 21st from 4:30-6:30PM in the Parish Hall. We want to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supports our efforts. It really helps our Parish!

POINSETTIAS ARE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME

Extra poinsettias are available on a table in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to take some home after Mass.

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.

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

January Lottery Winners – 2 Weeks

1/18 #461, No Winner, \$25
1/19 #030, No Winner, \$50
1/20 #242, Regina Zoba, \$25
1/21 #816, Mary Ann Liscusky, \$25
1/22 #406, No Winner, \$25
1/23 #845, No Winner, \$25
1/24 #932, No Winner, \$50
1/25 #322, No Winner, \$25
1/26 #873, Jerry Kilker, \$25
1/27 #423, Janet Mettler, \$25
1/28 #033, Patty Weber, \$50
1/29 #378, Cherise Kuzma, \$25
1/30 #374, Nancy Burke, \$25
1/31 #265, No Winner, \$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. Please return your tickets and chances by February 16th in any Mass collection or 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.

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.

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.

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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