

# Welcome

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

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

*March 1, 2026*

*The Second Sunday of Lent*



**Church of St. John XXIII**

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**Email:** secretary@sj23tamaqua.org

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**Facebook:** Parish of St John XXIII Tamaqua

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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



**Church of St. Richard**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

**Phone:** 570-467-2315 ~ **Fax:** 570-467-2462

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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@allentowndioocese.org

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
victimsassistance@allentowndioocese.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.

<p><b>Saturday, February 28</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Second Sunday of Lent</b>                   Mass Intention: Charles Gillot</p> <p>Mass Intention: Setlock and Falls Families</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 1</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>                  Mass Intention: Mary Ann Grabowski</p> <p>Mass Intention: Elizabeth Tarutis</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 2</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Elizabeth Murphy</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ                  9:00AM Stations/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Jean Hunsinger</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 4</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR                  6:30PM Lenten Confessions: SR                  7:00PM Exposition/Stations/Benediction: SR</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Leonard, Anna, Ellen Navitsky</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 5</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Kathleen Webb</p>
<p><b>Friday, March 6</b>  <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 7</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Third Sunday of Lent</b>                   Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII                  and St. Richard Parishes</p> <p>Mass Intention: Tommy Peca</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 8</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b>                  Mass Intention: Colleen Agosti</p> <p>Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, God calls Abram from his homeland and promises to make of him a great nation. The reading from the Second Letter of Timothy explains that God calls us to holiness through the grace of Christ. In the Gospel Peter, James, and John see Jesus transfigured and speaking with Moses and Elijah. As they descended from the mountain, Jesus tells them not to tell anyone of the vision. The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we can be transformed, leading the holy lives to which he calls us. Filled with his light and goodness, we will shine with his glory in this life and in the world to come.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAR 8:** Ex 17: 3-7; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p>The <b>Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The <b>Latin Chant Mass</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>There are no preludes for the duration of Lent.                  The postlude is <b>Largo in C Minor (Opus 28, No.20)</b> by Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)</p> <p>There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

**Please remember in your prayers...**

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, Marc Lesniak, Kevin Druckenmiller, Michael Dannenfesler, Amy DeBenedict Behler, Bernard Bruni, Amy Gurcsik / David Rickert, Mildred Cara, Sandy Mehalko, Anna Marie Grossman, Tom Fredericks, Andrew Eremus

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

Carole A. Garber      Florence Inama      Joseph Ghall      Nancy Pasho

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Dennis, Daniel, and David Dannenfesler</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Mary Rose Schock</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary</b> My Special Intention</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sacred Heart</b> Special Intention</p>
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## YOUTH FORMATION

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM</i></p> <p><b>Sunday, March 1</b> – Kids Small Groups Grades 3-6 and Family Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 8</b> – Sacramental Prep Grades 1, 2, 7, &amp; 8</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 15</b> – Sacramental Prep Grades 1, 2, 7, &amp; 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b> Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 8th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 15th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 29th at 9:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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</p>
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## ADULT FORMATION

<p><b>Lenten Adult Small Group:</b> Join us for a Lenten discussion group: <i>The Way of Beatitude: Living Radical Hope in a World of Division and Despair</i>. The group will meet on Monday mornings through March 30 from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the 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.</p> <p><b>Bible Study:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>, 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.</p>
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## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...  
3/8 ~ Parish Utilities      3/15 ~ Easter Flowers      3/22 ~ Parish Utilities

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

This Week	
Sunday	Rosary for Peace immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday	10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 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 – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
March 8	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
March 10	6:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
March 15	7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room

### MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE IS THIS SUNDAY

The Rosary for Peace group is open to anyone who wants to learn to pray the rosary, as well as those who pray the rosary daily individually. Our main purpose is to pray for peace in our world, nation, local communities, schools, places of work and worship, and in our families. We gather on the first of every month in a small group as a witness to our faith, and we pray outdoors, when possible, to share that faith with our community. Our mission is dual focused on evangelization, and petitioning God for mercy and peace. We will be praying the rosary immediately after the 8:30AM Mass this weekend and we invite you to join us.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS REMINDER

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction are every week during Lent: Tuesdays at 9:00AM at St. John XXIII Church and Wednesdays at 7:00PM at St. Richard Church.

### MASON DERR EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Mason's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony will take place here at our church on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00PM. A reception/luncheon will take place in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after the ceremony. Anyone who has contributed in any way to the courtyard project is cordially invited to attend. Please RSVP to Cindy Klein at 570-952-4336 by Thursday, March 5th.

### 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. During this construction project, Saturday confessions will take place in the Family Room.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The next meeting of the Fundraising Committee is this Monday, March 2nd at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. New members (and old ones) are ALWAYS welcome! Tickets for our May 3rd BINGO at the West Penn Township Fire Company are on sale in the Family Room. Tickets are \$25.

### 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.

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

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

### 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 Stations at St. John XXIII, we will follow the Tamaqua Area School District.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS AT ST. RICHARD

THANK YOU to all our volunteers and those who purchased our Lenten Seafood Dinner. Please refer to next week's bulletin for our recorded profit and 50/50 winner.

### 2nd LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, March 20th from 3:00PM - 5:00PM in the Parish Hall. The mailing envelopes are currently in the Vestibule for pickup and include the dinner tickets, 50/50 chances, and a Paska Bread Order Form. Please return your tickets, chances and order form by Monday, March 16th in any collection or drop them in the "Fundraising" box" on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

### 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.

### FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation announces the Institution of Acolytes at Vespers this Sunday, March 1st (Second Sunday of Lent) at 4:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. One of the candidates is Glenn L. Mummey, III a parishioner of St. Richard Parish. For more information, see the bulletin board in the Vestibule.

### COMMUNION

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

**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 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 Mass Intention Form and the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend fee. Since there is a limit of three Masses, please consider having a weekday Mass, or through the many Devotional Candles (including the Sanctuary Lamp) or the Eternal Remembrance Society.

**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 at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

**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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