

# Welcome

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

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

*March 8, 2026*

*The Third Sunday of Lent*



**Church of St. John XXIII**

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**YouTube:** St John XXIII Catholic Church Tamaqua

**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  
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**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, March 7</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   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                   Mass Intention: Tommy Peca</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 8</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b>                  Mass Intention: Colleen Agosti                   Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 9</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 10</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: Rose Kosch</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 11</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR                  6:30PM Lenten Confessions: SR                  7:00PM Exposition/Stations/Benediction</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Edward Bleyzgis</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 12</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: E.J. Lucyk</p>
<p><b>Friday, March 13</b>  <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 14</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>                   Mass Intention: Stephen W. Minko                   Mass Intention: Elizabeth Tarutis</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 15</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>                  Mass Intention: Dominic and Ida Totani                   Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** The first reading recounts how the Israelites, in their thirst, grumbled against Moses and God provided water from the rock. In the second reading, Paul writes to the Romans that they have been justified by faith and that hope does not disappoint. In the Gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and invites her to receive living water. In the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to acknowledge our thirst and our need for God. Let us not mask it or hide it with distractions or goods which cannot ultimately satisfy. We are invited instead to bring our thirst to God and, like the Samaritan woman, simply ask: Lord, give me this water, the water which will make us never thirst again.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAR 15:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

<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>Moderato in A Minor</b> by Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846)</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, Linda Wertman, Shelley Lazarchick / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Joan Manos, Fred Holman, Kevin Druckenmiller, Marc Lesniak, Michael Dannenfelser, Bernard Bruni, Amy Gursesik / 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...**

Lois A. Disabella Jr.

Edward Gardner

Kathleen Sherwood

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b>  <b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>                  In Memory of Dominic and Ida Totani  <b>Crucifix Candle</b>                  In Memory of Roc Rogers</p>	<p><b>St. Richard</b>  <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                  Special Intention</p>
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## YOUTH FORMATION

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

<p><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></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><b>Sunday, March 22</b> – All Grades 1-8                  Lenten Adoration &amp; Confession                  6:00PM-8:00PM St. John XXIII</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 29</b> – No Youth Formation (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)</p>	<p><b>St. Richard</b>  <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b>  <b>CCD/PREP CLASSES - UPCOMING EVENTS</b>                  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                  *All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p><b>Confirmation-</b> Monday, April 13th, 4:30PM                  at All Saints in McAdoo  <b>Make-up Class (Grades 1- 7)</b> Sunday, April 19th                  from 5:00PM-7:30PM                  Any questions, contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433</p> <p><b>CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b>                  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 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.

**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...

3/15 ~ Easter Flowers    3/22 ~ Parish Utilities    3/29 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

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

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 2:00PM Mason Derr Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony at St. John XXIII Church
Monday	10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	6:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
March 15	7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
March 20	3:00PM-5:00PM St. Richard Lenten Seafood Dinner in the Parish Hall (see details/prep schedule below)
March 22	6:00PM-8:00PM Lenten Adoration and Confession at St. John XXIII Church

### 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.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

We recently received checks from the local grocery stores. It's free money! All you have to do is shop for your groceries. We want to thank everyone who participates in these programs. Boyer's sends checks out semi-annually. The most recent check was for \$844.92 - just a little less than last time. Please don't forget to scan your fobs when shopping at Boyer's! If you need any extra fobs, there is a supply of them in the Family Room and on the table in the Parish Hall. Feel free to take extras for family and friends who would use them. Redner's sends checks upon remittance of Save-A-Tapes totaling \$5,000.00 or more in purchases. Most recently, they sent us a check for \$50.70. For Redner's, you need to register at one of their stores, scan your card or fob when shopping, and then drop your register receipts into the Redner's box in the Family Room.

### CONFESSIONAL REMODEL UPDATE

Our old confessional at St. John XXIII has been demolished, and a new one is being built in its place, however there is a delay. The roof directly above the confessional has developed a leak, and the roof in this section is at the end of its estimated life. We plan to put a new roof on this section of the building and until that happens, construction is halted for fear of more water infiltration. During this time, we will hold confessions in the actual confessional space, but please be aware that it's stripped down to the studs and concrete.

### TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be an organ concert on Friday, April 24th at 7:00PM. The concert flyer with more information will be in next week's bulletin, but please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Tickets for the concert will go on sale soon. And on Sunday, May 3rd we will host a BINGO at the West Penn Township Fire Company. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale in the Family Room before and after weekend Masses.

### 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, we will follow the Tamaqua Area School District.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS AT ST. RICHARD

THANK YOU once again to all those who purchased dinners, our volunteers, and of course all those behind the scenes. Our recorded profit was \$2,529! Also, CONGRATULATIONS to our 50/50 winner, Anna Patalano, of \$639.50!

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

Friday, March 20th from 3:00PM-5:00PM in the Parish Hall. The remaining envelopes have been mailed. Please return your tickets, chances and Paska order by Monday, March 16th in any collection or in the "Fundraising" box" on the rectory porch. Call Joann at 570-640-1034 for questions.

#### Dinner Prep Schedule

All prep days begin at 8:30AM in the Parish Hall  
 Tuesday, March 17th – making crab cakes  
 Wednesday, March 18th – baking rolls  
 Thursday, March 19th – icing cakes, packaging rolls/cakes

### LENTEN RETREAT AT MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Men Alive in Christ** - The retreat will take place this coming Saturday, March 14th from 8:00AM until 12:00PM at Marian Catholic High School and includes Mass, coffee/ donuts, with presentations by Hannah Shafer and Fr. Nikolai Brelinsky. Any questions, please contact Glenn Mummey at gmummey@gmail.com.

### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter egg hunt will be held on Sunday March 29th, (rain or shine), starting at 12:00PM. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is imperative to sign up so that we can prepare for the children accordingly. Prizes and a visit from our special guest will be inside the Parish Hall. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes and donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. To sign up and if you are able to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

### BOY SCOUTS PACK #725 AT ST. RICHARD

The scouts are selling meat sticks. They come in various flavors and are \$2 each. Please grab 1 or 2 and support our Scouts. They are 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 as well as the choir balcony.

**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 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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