

# Welcome

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

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

*May 31, 2026*

*The Most Holy Trinity*



**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



**Church of St. Richard**

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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, May 30</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 Most Holy Trinity</b>                   Mass Intention: Victor and Claudia Gogal 50th Wedding Anniversary                   Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 31</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>                  Mass Intention: McGlinchey and Lutwin Families                   Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy</p>
<p><b>Monday, June 1</b>                  No 7:00AM Mass today</p>	<p><b>St. Justin, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 2</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Mary Ann Grabowski</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 3</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p><b>Thursday, June 4</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: John Goshiney</p>
<p><b>Friday, June 5</b>  <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p><b>St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, June 6</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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>                   Mass Intention: Daniel and Catherine Tracy                   Mass Intention: William and Marianne Burke</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 7</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>                  Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Priests                   Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Priests</p>

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading from Exodus, Moses goes up Mount Sinai with the two stone tablets to meet the Lord. Moses asks God to accompany his people. In the second reading, Saint Paul says to live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. In the Gospel, John summarizes God's love for us: He gave us his only Son for our salvation. As Christians, we believe that God is love. This love is essentially love in relationship. Saint Augustine described the Holy Trinity as God the Lover, God the Beloved, and the Love between them. May we recognize God's triune presence all around us, particularly in the experience of the loving relationships in our own lives. God, the Holy Trinity, is perfect Love.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Glory and praise forever!

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

<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>Heritage Mass</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The choral prelude is <b>Hail Mary: Gentle Woman</b> by Carey Landry (b.1944)                  The postlude is <b>Voluntary on Hail Holy Queen</b> by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Victor and Claudia Gogal.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

David Rickert, Mildred Cara, Sandy Mehalko, Tom Fredericks, Andrew Eremus, Rita Klekamp, Anthony Vevasis, Joan Strause, Regina Pavlovich, John Gallagher /Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Pastor Jack Murry / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Jack Praskac, Amy Gurcsik, Marc Lesniak

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

Angelina Puccio

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Anna Marie Grossman</p> <p><b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Leo Pedron Sr.</p>	<p><b>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp</b> Healing Prayers for Amy Gurcsik</p> <p><b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> For prayers received</p> <p><b>Sacred Heart</b> Special Intention</p> <p><b>St. Richard</b> Kristin Derlunas</p>
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## YOUTH FORMATION

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

<p><b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, June 7 - 8:30AM Graduate Recognition Mass</b></p> <p>All high school, college, trade school, and military graduates are invited to attend.</p> <p>Everyone is invited to celebrate with our graduates at a Reception in the Parish Hall following the 8:30AM Mass.</p>	<p><b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b></p> <p><b>CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS</b> Classes have ended for the Summer</p> <p><b>GRADUATE RECOGNITION MASS</b> Sunday, June 7th at the 10:30AM Mass</p> <p><b>CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> Every Sunday from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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## ADULT FORMATION

**Adult Small Group:** Do you feel overwhelmed by the bible or guilty for not knowing it better? John Bergsma provides an easy-to-understand and fresh walk-through salvation history with insights to help you to see how God's love story unfolds in scripture in his book: Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History (Expanded Edition). Join us for small group discussion as we explore this book and gain a deeper understanding of salvation history and ourselves. Call Cheryl at 484-866-3835 with any questions. Tuesdays from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

**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. Mystagogoy (living the mystery) to Pentecost. New inquirers are welcome.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Stained-Glass Windows Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ.

Upcoming collections are...

6/7 ~Parish Facility Fund      6/14 ~ Stained- Glass Windows Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ      6/21 ~ Father's Day

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

This Week	
Sunday	7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	No 7:00AM Mass at St. Richard today 9:00AM Rosary for Peace in the St. John XXIII parking lot near the Mary statue (please bring a chair) 6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday	3:30PM-6:00PM Freckled Moose order pick-up in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony
Upcoming Events	
June 7	Graduate Recognition at both Sunday Masses
June 9	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
June 11	No 7:00AM Mass at St. Richard today
June 14	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM-3:00PM St. Richard Chicken Dinner (eat in or take out)
June 15	6:00PM Dinner in honor of Fr. Finlan at Basile's Italian Restaurant – tickets after Mass or at Parish Office

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION - JUNE 7 - BOTH MASSES

Next Sunday, June 7th at both the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses, all 2026 graduates (high school/trade school/college/military) will be recognized and honored. Also, after the 8:30AM Mass, everyone is invited to the St. John XXIII Parish Hall for donuts compliments of the Holy Name Society.

### TODAY'S PRELUDE

The month of May has traditionally included special devotions to the Blessed Mother. On this final day of May, the choir will sing "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman" as a choral prelude before Mass. The congregation is warmly invited to join in the singing. It can be found on page 481 in the hymnal.

### ROSARY FOR PEACE – JUNE 1st AT 9:00AM

Our monthly Rosary for Peace will be prayed tomorrow, Monday, June 1st at 9:00AM. The Rosary will be prayed outside near the statue of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Please bring a chair. Families are encouraged to join.

### MARIAN BLUE & GOLD CLUB GOLF CLASSIC

The Marian High School Blue & Gold Club is sponsoring a golf outing this Friday, June 5th at the Sand Springs Country Club in Drums, PA. Registration is at 9:00AM with a 10:00AM Shotgun Start. Dinner with raffles and prizes to follow. The cost is \$100 per player. To register, please contact Leadership Gift Officer, Julian Cerullo at 570-467-3335 extension 123 or jcerullo@mariancatholics.org or Head Basketball Coach, John Petriyak at phillypilsey@gmail.com

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

A table is set up on the stage in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall, and the instructions and policies are available to read and sign. If you volunteer at St. John XXIII, please visit the table after Mass to pick up your packet. Several packets have never been picked up. Contact Cheryl with any questions – 484-866-3835.

### PLEASE CLAIM YOUR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The Lost and Found shelf in the St. John XXIII Family Room is overflowing. There are reading glasses, umbrellas, many single earrings, jewelry, and lots of miscellaneous items. All unclaimed items will be donated or discarded in the near future, many of these items have been on the shelf for months.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

### CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, June 14, 2025, St. Richard's will be hosting our annual BBQ Chicken Dinner. The mailing has been sent and consists of a fundraising letter, dinner tickets, and 50/50 chances. Please return tickets and chances by the June 8th deadline.

### DISCERNMENT RETREAT 2026

The Office of Vocations will be holding its annual Quo Vadis (for young men) and Fiat Days (for young women) Vocation Retreat Campus from June 28th-July 1st on the Kutztown University campus. Camps are open to young men and women age 14-18, including the newly graduated. There is a limited number of space available. Registration is due June 17th (early bird discount deadline June 5th). No late registrations or walk-ins can be accepted. For contact information, please refer to the flyers in the Vestibule.

### MASS BOOK UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

Mass dates are still available. Please also consider the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests must include the 2026 Intention Form and the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend fee. The requests may be mailed, placed in collection, or dropped at the office.

### COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the front pews of St. Richard Church as well as the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church and the balcony.

### REMINDER

Bulletin announcements, including flyers, must be submitted no later than Tuesday at noon to the Parish Office.

### BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Please visit [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org) or use one of the envelopes and make your gift today.

**CONFESSIONAL REMODEL UPDATE**

The roof directly above the confessional has developed a leak, and we plan to put a new roof on this section of the building. Until that happens, construction is halted. 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.

**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.

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

If you are able to help deliver meals in the Tamaqua area, please contact Samantha Gibbons at 570-449-8271.

**BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER**

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Key fobs are located at both entrances of St. Richard Church and on the table in the Family Room and Parish Hall 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 Stations, we will follow the Tamaqua Area School District.

**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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