

Welcome

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

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

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



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

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
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Krissey 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

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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.

Saturday, May 3 2:45PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Third Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Mary Frances Dunleavy
Sunday, May 4 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Third Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Forte Family Mass Intention: Ann Santa Cecilia
Monday, May 5 No Daily Mass	Easter Weekday
Tuesday, May 6 No Daily Mass	Easter Weekday
Wednesday, May 7 No Daily Mass	Easter Weekday
Thursday, May 8 8:00AM Mass: SR	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Friday, May 9 No Daily Mass	Easter Weekday
Saturday, May 10 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Mother’s Day Memorials Mass Intention: Mother's Day Memorials
Sunday, May 11 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Mother’s Day Memorials Mass Intention: Mother's Day Memorials

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Peter and the Apostles are questioned and ordered by the Sanhedrin to stop teaching in Jesus’ name. In the second reading, John has a vision of countless angels, living creatures, and elders crying out in praise to the Lamb of God. In the Gospel, Jesus appears at the sea to Peter and other disciples. Jesus instructs them to cast their net over the right side, and they have a great catch of fish. Then he serves them breakfast, asks Peter three times if he loves him, and instructs Peter to feed his sheep and follow him. In order to move forward, we need to look back. We need to remember, to be ready for what is to come. In the Mass, we are reminded of how Jesus offered himself for us; how he cares for and nourishes us; and how he guides us. With this remembrance, we can move forward in love to follow and serve him.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

<p style="text-align: center;">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: Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is Voluntary on “This Joyful Eastertide” by Charles Callahan (1951-2023) The postlude is Overture from Music for the Royal Fireworks by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Jean Hunsinger.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage, Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfelser / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas, Carol Reigel, Steve McCarthy / Craig Goida

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

Jean Hunsinger

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Michael Bright

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of George Polinsky

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS
TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM

Sunday, May 4 – Family Mass & Family Day Grades 1-7

Saturday, May 10 – First Holy Communion – 12:00PM

Sunday, May 11 – May Crowning at the 8:30PM Mass

Please pray for the children from the parishes of
St. John XXIII and St. Richard who are preparing
to receive First Holy Communion on May 10th.

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, May 4th at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, May 8th at 6:00PM - 1st Penance

Saturday, May 10th at 10:00AM - 1st Holy Communion

Sunday, May 11th at 10:30AM – May Crowning

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, May 4th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. All are invited to attend.

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 Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

5/11 ~ Mother's Day

5/18 ~ Parish Utilities

5/25 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	10:30AM Anointing of the Sick Mass with Bishop Schlert – St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven PA
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM First Penance at St. Richard Parish / 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal at St. John XXIII 7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
Saturday	First Holy Communion at both parishes – 10:00AM: St. Richard / 12:00PM: St. John XXIII

Upcoming Events

May 11	May Crowning of the Blessed Mother / Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
May 12	6:00PM St. John XXIII Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
May 13	Mass of Remembrance for anyone who has lost a child of any age – Rosary at 7:00PM, Mass immediately follows 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
May 19	6:00PM St. Richard Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
May 27	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall

PROFESSION OF FAITH/THE APOSTLES' CREED

During the fifty days of Eastertide, at Mass instead of saying the Nicene Creed as we usually do, we will be saying the Apostles' Creed. It can be found on **page 149** in the hymnal.

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

We will be singing the Lord's Prayer throughout the Easter season. The music can be found on **page 157** in the green Journeysongs hymnal. The season of Easter (Eastertide) is a total of fifty days which concludes with the feast of Pentecost. This year, Pentecost falls on June 8th.

FUNDRAISING UPDATES FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

We received a check from Redner's for \$51.22 and want to thank everyone who saves their receipts! Also, don't forget to scan your fobs when shopping at Boyer's. Boyer's sends out checks semi-annually in January and July. Our last check from Boyers was \$1008.54! If you need a fob for Boyer's, they are on the table in our Family Room. This year, our Bingo netted a profit of \$6327.83. Palm Weaving - while not organized as a for-profit activity – did render a profit of \$191.12. The Organ Concert that just took place this past Friday also netted a profit, but we do not have the final figures at this time since the event just happened yesterday. Our lottery calendar project will be ongoing until the end of the year. We are still selling tickets for our Mother's Day and Father's Day raffles. Those tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available in the Family Room. With money raised from fundraising, so far this year we paid for the installation of a heater in the Conference Room at a cost of \$750. This is huge money-saver because previously the only way to heat the Conference Room was to turn on the heat in the Parish Hall and heat the entire building. We also recently made a down payment of \$1000 for some much-needed organ maintenance and repairs. Over the past two years, fundraising profits have paid for new computers for the entire Parish Office, a new phone system, carpeting, electrical work, and the sidewalk. We could not have done any of this without your help and support. Thank you all so very, very much!

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and fellowship.

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.

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn who is the guest Celebrant for all weekend Masses at both parishes. Just a reminder there will be NO weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of this week (5/5-5/7).

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE ~ PLEASE READ

Due to the fundraiser for Parker Brode and his family, our Spring Basket Raffle has been postponed. The event is being rescheduled to a date in the future. Once a date has been finalized, it will be announced in the weekly bulletin and the parish Facebook page. We are still accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. In the meantime, please keep Parker and the Brode Family in your prayers.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

The 2025 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! 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. You can make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The celebration begins with Mass at 10:30AM with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. More details in the upcoming bulletins.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

We are currently updating our Home Visitation/Communion Call List. If anyone would like to be added, please contact the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

Bulletin announcements and inserts may be emailed or called in no later than Tuesday at noon.

2025 MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Daily Mass dates are still available. Please also consider the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests may be mailed, placed in the collection basket, or dropped at the office. You may also come to the office during business hours; whichever is more convenient.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of bad weather of snow or ice, St. Richard will follow Mahanoy Area School District and St. John XXIII will follow Tamaqua Area School District. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be no weekday Mass.

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