

Welcome

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

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

June 14, 2026

The Eleventh 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

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Parish Staff

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

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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
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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.

<p>Saturday, June 13 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan Jr.</p>
<p>Sunday, June 14 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael and Agnes Soley Mass Intention: Gary Macek</p>
<p>Monday, June 15 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: James and Loretta Bonner</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 16 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Dietrich and Matalavage Families</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 17 9:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Dennis Laul</p>
<p>Thursday, June 18 9:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Charles Tracy</p>
<p>Friday, June 19 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, June 20 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials</p>
<p>Sunday, June 21 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, the Lord says to the Israelites that they shall be to him a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. Saint Paul reminds the Romans that Christ died for us while we were sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus calls for laborers and appoints the Apostles, giving them authority over unclean spirits ... and to cure every disease. The theme of God’s unending love for us, his people, runs through our readings today. Saint Paul points out that Christ died for us while we were still sinners, and Jesus’ heart was moved with pity when he saw the troubled crowd. Let us strive to imitate this great love by obeying Jesus’ instruction in the Gospel: Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give. Let us respond to God’s love with generous hearts.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5: 12-15; Mt 10:26-33

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Mass of Spirit and Grace can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204</p> <p>The prelude is Sheep May Safely Graze by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Nearer My God to Thee by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in honor of Fr. Finlan in gratitude for his five years as pastor of St. John XXIII Church.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

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 / George Koval, Jackie Richardson, Andrew Eremus, Alonzo Borha, Roy Paisley, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quin Derlunas, Pastor Jack Murry, Amy Gurcsik, David Rickert, Dan Rickert

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

Janet Lakitsky

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Farber Family

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Bill Paslawsky

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of my wife Florence M. Nolan
and stepdaughter Jill McElhenny

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES

Classes have concluded for the Summer

We wish all our parish youth a
relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation!

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS

Classes have ended for the Summer

CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Every Sunday from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Relationships are difficult, and it seems like we are losing the skills needed to be able to “relationship” well and love well. These skills have been referred to as “THE ART OF LIVING” and are not being passed down like they used to be. Join us as we explore and discuss Dr. Edward Sri’s videos on The Art of Living and the Freedom to Love. Dr. Sri breaks down each of the four cardinal virtues, the ways we can strengthen our practice of these virtues, and the vices that oppose them. Using real life examples, thoughtful storytelling, and the rich history of the Catholic Church’s saints and theologians, you will be inspired to love others more deeply and authentically. Sign up in the Family Room or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835. Five Tuesdays – June 30 through July 28 from 10:00AM-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 by which adults can complete their Sacraments of Initiation which are 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. New inquirers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

Upcoming collections are...

6/21 ~ Father's Day

6/28 ~ Holy Father Peter's Pence

7/5 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM-3:00PM St. Richard Chicken Dinner (eat in or take out)
Monday	6:00PM Dinner in honor of Fr. Finlan at Basile's Italian Restaurant, Route 309 Hometown
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/Luncheon at Basile's Italian Restaurant, Route 309 Hometown Regularly scheduled 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsals are now done for the summer
Upcoming Events	
June 20	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
June 24	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

YOU'RE INVITED TO BE A CATECHIST

It starts when we say "I believe" with a humble heart that says "yes" to living as a disciple of Jesus. Catechesis is a gift that allows us to formally teach others to do the same. It is a desire to surround people of all ages with a community of believers who love, understand, and practice the faith. It is a willingness to share God's love story for us. If God is calling you to be a catechist, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Melissa Grimminger for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

The St. Vincent de Paul 8th Grade Service Award recipients are Charlie Price and Shawna Hildebrand. Both will be attending Marian High School as Freshmen this Fall.

NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP FOR JUNE/JULY

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NEW BEREAVEMENT CARD SENDING MINISTRY

Something that we all struggle through is grief, in many different ways. To help with this, St. John XXIII and St. Richard parishes began a grief support group for the loss of a loved one, which meets twice a year, with the meeting location alternating between St. John XXIII and St. Richard parishes. Now, we are planning to add another component – a Card Sending Ministry. The first year, especially after the loss of a loved one, is very difficult to get through. Our parishes would like to offer a ministry to support the grieving person during this difficult time by reaching out with a card or other information at meaningful times during that year – such as at a loved one's birthday, an anniversary, holidays, or other special time – and to have someone to contact if the grieving person feels overwhelmed at any point. We will have a meeting for anyone who would like to learn more about this ministry on Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. There is no obligation to participate in the ministry if you come to the meeting. Please contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835 with any questions or to express interest in the meeting or the ministry.

DAILY MASS REMINDER AT ST. RICHARD

The Daily Mass time has been changed to **9:00AM**. This schedule is for Masses celebrated at St. Richard Monday through Thursday. Please note that we are not sure when weekday (Wednesday and Thursday) daily Masses will start at St. John XXIII, so we will continue through the summer months having all daily Masses said at St. Richard. Our hope is that daily Masses at St. John XXIII will start by the end of summer once Fr. Richard gets settled.

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 through 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 amount of space available. Registration is due June 17th. No late registrations or walk-ins can be accepted. For contact information, please refer to the flyers on the bulletin board 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.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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 or use one of the envelopes and make your gift today.

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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for cake and coffee as we wish Fr. Finlan well on this, his last weekend as pastor of St. John XXIII Church. Going forward, Fr. Finlan will only be pastor of St. Richard as well as principal of Marian High School.

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.

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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