

# Welcome

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

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

*June 15, 2025*

*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

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**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  
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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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<b>Saturday, June 14</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Most Holy Trinity</b>  Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials  Mass Intention: Gary Macek
<b>Sunday, June 15</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b> Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials  Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials
<b>Monday, June 16</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Fred Sweeney
<b>Tuesday, June 17</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: James “Jimmer” Young Jr.
<b>Wednesday, June 18</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
<b>Thursday, June 19</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst
<b>Friday, June 20</b> <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Saturday, June 21</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>  Mass Intention: Daniel and Catherine Tracy  Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Derlunas and Gusavage Families
<b>Sunday, June 22</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b> Mass Intention: George and Helena Handy  Mass Intention: Francis Trackim

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the wisdom of God speaks of being present when the Lord established the heavens, beside him as his craftsman. In the Epistle Paul writes, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and that the Holy Spirit has been given to us. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit of truth will guide them to all truth, declaring to them everything that is his. The Church invites us to explore the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity and to grapple with the truths of this fundamental insight into the essence of God’s being. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – are one, but are distinct from each other. Thus, we can say they are in relationship with one another – an eternal communion of love. Confronted with this mystery, let us contemplate with wonder and awe the beauty of God.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 22:** Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1,2,3,4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p><b>The Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p><b>The 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 prelude is <b>Reflection on Faith of Our Fathers</b> by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)                  The postlude is <b>Präludium in F Major (BWV556)</b> by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of John Malarkey.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas, Carol Reigel / Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich, Selina Coogan, Ellen Kemmerer, Jennifer DiSanti / David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello

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

John Malarkey

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Dennis Sr., David, and Daniel Dannenfelser

### Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Michelle Lakitsky

### St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

All Deceased of the Nolan & McElhenny Families

### Blessed Virgin Mary

In Memory of my wife Florence M. Nolan

### Sacred Heart

Special Intention

### St. Joseph

Heavenly Anniversary to my husband Bob Rehatchek

## YOUTH FORMATION

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

### St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

**Thursday, June 19 – 6:00PM**  
**Altar Servers Night Out at Heisler's**

This night of miniature golf and ice cream is open to all altar servers of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes.

### St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

### CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Classes have concluded for the Summer  
\*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

### SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

**Cub Scouts** – Sunday, June 22nd  
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

## ADULT FORMATION

**Adult Small Group:** Did you know that the greeting at the start of Mass “The Lord be with you, and with your spirit” is not just a general greeting saying “good morning, and good morning to you.” Come to our Adult Small Group to find out its real meaning, and the deep and Biblical meanings of the rest of the Mass. Discovering the spiritual and biblical significance of the Mass will help you to go deeper in union with God and reap more of God’s grace from this union. Join us as we explore “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” with Dr. Edward Sri’s video series and learn how to apply this to our lives for a more meaningful relationship with God. Group will be five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on June 3 through July 1, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign up in St. John XXIII Narthex or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

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

**OCLIA (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 Father's Day.

Upcoming collections are...

6/22 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR/Parish Cemeteries: SJ

6/29 ~ Holy Father /Peter's Pence

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

### This Week

Sunday	Father's Day Tamaqua Summerfest Festival 10:00AM until 4:00PM on West Broad and South Railroad Streets
Tuesday	8:30AM Pierogi Making in St. Richard Parish Hall – come “pinch” with us! 6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	11:00AM Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at the Tamaqua Train Station – lunch will follow the meeting 6:00PM Altar Servers Night Out at Heisler's – miniature golf and ice cream open to all servers at both parishes
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620

### Upcoming Events

June 22	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
June 25	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
June 26	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work – we hope you can help
July 7	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
July 8	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall

### TODAY'S PRELUDE IN HONOR OF FATHER'S DAY

The prelude today concludes with the singing of Verses **1** and **4** of the hymn “Faith of Our Fathers.” Please join in the singing! It can be found on **page 667** in the hymnal.

### BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY ON AUGUST 15

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on the Feast of the Assumption, Friday, August 15, 2025 for the Wedding of the Sea Festival. The Bishop of Camden will celebrate Mass at noon in the Seminole Ballroom of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Afterwards, he will be joined in a lifeboat by the Mayor of Atlantic City for the tossing of a wreath into the Atlantic Ocean, symbolizing an act of thanksgiving for the blessings of the sea and to request another year of such blessings. The bus will leave Tamaqua at 7:30AM. It will depart from Atlantic City at 6:30PM. The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets and sign-up sheets are available in the Family Room, or you may call Marianne at 570-778-0948 or Mary Ann at 570-952-1413. Please see the flyer in this week's church bulletin for more details.

### BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES GO ON SALE TODAY

Our Fundraising Committee is selling Boscov's Shopping passes in the Family Room for \$5 each. The passes are valid for in-store or online purchases all day on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 only. The pass entitles the buyer to a 25% discount on the lowest sale price of most items, and a 10% to 15% discounts on others. Some exclusions apply.

### THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign that started on Mother's Day ends this weekend. There is a basket in the Family Room for you to return your bottles, or you can bring it into the Parish Office, or you can give it directly to Cheryl. Thank you for your generosity.

### CONGRATULATIONS

The St. Vincent de Paul 8th Grade Service Award recipients are Reagan LeClair and Andrew Mummey. Both will be attending Marian High School as Freshmen this Fall.

### CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION AT CATHEDRAL

Everyone, especially our Altar Servers, are invited to the Cathedral in Allentown next Sunday, June 22nd. Confessions and Adoration from 2:00PM until 3:00PM followed by a Prayer Service at 3:00PM with the Rev. Frank Desiano, preacher. It concludes with Eucharistic Procession and Benediction with Bishop Schlert. More details are on the flyer in the Family Room.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

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

### ST. RICHARD RECENT DINNER FUNDRAISER

MANY THANKS to our parish crew of volunteers and all those who purchased our Chicken Dinner this past weekend & 50/50 chances. The profit numbers for this fundraiser are still being tallied so we ask for your patience, but CONGRATULATIONS to Kathleen Reed for being the 50/50 winner of \$657.50!

### IT'S LOTTERY TIME AT ST. RICHARD

The mailing has been sent. You will be receiving two (2) Lottery Calendars for July, hoping we can count on you to purchase or sell them. Each ticket cost \$5.00. If you cannot, no worries just please return them. If you choose to purchase them, return the bottom portion with payment. All tickets may be placed in any collection, dropped off in the 'Fundraising' secure box on the Rectory porch, or sent by mail. Interested in selling? Please contact Joann/St Stanley at 570-640-1034. Remember...every five tickets you sell you receive a free one! All tickets must be returned by June 30th. Thank You for your continued support and Good Luck!

### ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Our Basket Raffle has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 13th. Also, we are accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. To donate, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 or the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

### BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing St. Richard fundraiser. It's quick and easy! No register tapes are needed, just have the cashier scan your St. Richard key tag at checkout. Boyer's key tags can be found at both entrances of the church.

### 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, no matter how big or small. You can also make your gift today at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025 at the 10:30AM Mass, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish.

### COMMUNION

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

**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.

**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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