

Welcome

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

June 21, 2026

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Reverend Monsignor William F. Glosser, Canonical Pastor

Very Reverend Eugene P. Ritz, Weekend Assistance

Reverend Richard Kwaku Boateng, Weekday Assistance

Deacon Edward J. Girard, Parish Life Collaborator

Dale F. Bonenberger, Director of Music

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Office Hours

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9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

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

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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.

Saturday, June 20 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials
Sunday, June 21 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials
Monday, June 22 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Claudette Zarra
Tuesday, June 23 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Anne Pedron
Wednesday, June 24 9:00AM Mass: SR	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Mass Intention: Anna Marie Grossman
Thursday, June 25 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Friday, June 26 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, June 27 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Franklin Rother Mass Intention: Jacqueline S. Riotto
Sunday, June 28 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Craig Goida Mass Intention: Francis Trackim

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading proclaims Jeremiah's confidence in the Lord despite the plotting of his enemies. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes that death came through Adam, but grace through Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples not to fear, for they are of more value than the sparrows, and promises to acknowledge those who acknowledge him. The Gospel calls us to acknowledge Christ without fear. It might seem that there is good reason to be afraid, but God is on our side as a mighty champion. Protected by his almighty power, we have no cause for fear. His providence covers all things, from the little birds we hear about in today's Gospel to the grand sweep of salvation history outlined in the second reading.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28: 2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, Mt 10:37-42

St. John XXIII The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal. 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 The prelude is Reflection on Faith of Our Fathers by Charles Callahan (1951-2023) The postlude is Voluntary in C Major by John Zundel (1815-1882) The altar flowers are in memory of Catherine Price.

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, Amy Gurcsik, David Rickert, Dan Rickert, Maureen Moe, Stacy Lora, Sue Taiko, Barbara Delay

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

Catherine Price

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Deceased Members of the Kane and Vaccaro Families Crucifix Candle In Memory of Deceased Members of the Freeh, Shatusky, and Ritsick Families	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention
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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 Scouts have ended for the Summer
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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 Father’s Day.

Upcoming collections are...

6/28 ~ Holy Father Peter’s Pence

7/5 ~ Parish Facility Fund

7/12 ~ Parish Festival:SR

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	8:30AM Church cleaning at St. John XXIII – new helpers are always welcome

Upcoming Events

June 28	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
July 1	9:00AM monthly Rosary for Peace outside by the statue of Mary – bring a chair

YOU ARE 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. If God is calling you to be a catechist, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Melissa Grimminger for more information.

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

Our confessional remodel is finally finished. We thank the parishioner who generously funded this project and wishes to remain anonymous. The original scope of this project did not include anything regarding the window, but now with the confessional looking so beautiful and the window so prominent, another generous parishioner has come forward and has offered to pay for a stained-glass window to me made for the confessional. We have been in touch with the Baut Studio, and they have informed us that it will take six months for a custom window to be made. We very well may now have the nicest confessional in the Diocese! Thank you for your generosity!

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.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the charitable work of the Holy See. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

ST. RICHARD RECENT DINNER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to our volunteers and those who purchased our Chicken Dinner & 50/50 chances. The profit for this fundraiser was \$1,889 and Congratulations to our 50/50 winner Dr. James E. Crossen for \$531!

IT’S LOTTERY TIME AT ST. RICHARD

The mailing has been sent. You will be receiving the Lottery Calendars for July, hoping we can count on you to purchase or sell them. **Each ticket costs \$10.00.** If you cannot, no worries, 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 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!

22ND ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL – AUGUST 1ST

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 7th at 9:30AM – meatball pierogies
Thursday, Jul 16th at 9:30AM – making meatballs
Monday, July 27th at 9:30AM – boiling cabbage
Tuesday, July 28th at 9:30AM – making halupki
Thursday, July 30th at 9:30AM – making bundukies
Friday, July 31st (time TBD) - setting up tent and hall
If you are able and available, please consider volunteering. All help is appreciated! Current dates and times are subject to change as event nears.

MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Mass dates for both weekdays and weekends are still available. Also available is 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.

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 welcome Fr. Ritz.

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.

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.

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.

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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