

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

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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.

Saturday, June 7 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Charlie Odorizzi Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Priests
Sunday, June 8 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Priests of the Diocese of Allentown Mass Intention: Vocations to the Priesthood
Monday, June 9 8:00AM Mass: SJ	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Mass Intention: James and Loretta Bonner
Tuesday, June 10 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Dr. George Lenyo
Wednesday, June 11 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	St. Barnabas, Apostle Mass Intention: Elizabeth Tarutis
Thursday, June 12 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Steve McCarthy
Friday, June 13 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday, June 14 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Most Holy Trinity Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials Mass Intention: Gary Macek
Sunday, June 15 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Most Holy Trinity Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials Mass Intention: Father's Day Memorials

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples with a powerful sound and upon each one in tongues as of fire. Filled with this Spirit, they begin to speak about God's works in different languages so that visitors to Jerusalem are able to understand them. Paul writes about the way the Holy Spirit animates and unites the members of the Body of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples, blesses them with his peace, and empowers them with the Holy Spirit to forgive and retain sins. The Holy Spirit transformed the disciples into courageous witnesses of the Resurrection of our Lord. It is this same Spirit that we have received at baptism and whose fullness is given to us at confirmation so that, like those first disciples, we might build up the Church. But submitting to the power of the Holy Spirit can be challenging and we can be tempted to resist. Let us ask the Lord to give us hearts that are docile to the work of the Spirit in us.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 15: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

<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 Contemplation on Veni Sancte Spiritus by Charles Callahan (1951-2023) The postlude is Marche Pontificale by Charles Gounod (1818-1893)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Charlie Odorizzi.</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.

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

Patricia Ann Zupko

Jean Ann Perchik

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Bill Paslawsky

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Dr. George Lenyo

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Healing for Amy Gurcsik

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

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 15th
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.

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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

6/15 ~ Father’s Day 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	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass Graduate Acknowledgement at the 10:30AM Mass for all recent graduates of St. Richard Parish 12:00PM-3:00PM BBQ Chicken Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

June 15	Father's Day Tamaqua Summerfest Festival 10:00AM until 4:00PM on West Broad and South Railroad Streets
June 17	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
June 19	11:00AM Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at the Tamaqua Train Station – lunch will follow the meeting
June 21	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
June 25	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

WE WELCOME OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN

We are thrilled to have Bill Sweeney with us at both parishes as a summer seminarian. The following is a message from him: "My name is Bill Sweeney, a seminarian for the Diocese of Allentown. I just finished my first year of formation, so you are my first summer assignment. My home parish is St. Jane Frances de Chantal in Easton, which is where my family has attended Mass all my life. I am the oldest of five children. Before entering formation, I studied Political Science at Villanova University (which now has a rather notable alumnus) where I was an RA and involved in Campus Ministry. After I graduated in 2022, I worked in Villanova's advancement department. In my free time I enjoy watching and playing sports, especially basketball and football, so of course my confirmation saint is St. Sebastian! I'm excited to be spending the next couple of months growing closer to Christ with all of you!"

TODAY MARKS THE END OF THE EASTER SEASON

Today is the fiftieth day of Easter, otherwise known as Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost officially ends the Easter season, but before we go full force into Ordinary Time, there are two solemnities on the following two Sundays: The Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday) on June 15th and The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 22nd. Today we will be singing the same dismissal that we did on Easter Sunday, which can be found on **page 165** in the hymnal.

FINAL WEEKEND FOR THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pentecost brings our Easter Season to a close, so this is the final weekend of us saying The Apostles' Creed at Mass. It can be found on **page 149** in the hymnal. Starting next week, we will go back to saying the Nicene Creed.

FATHER'S DAY MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

Be sure to put your Father's Day envelopes in today's second collection so that we can process them and get them placed on the altar by next weekend. Thank you.

THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign that started on Mother's Day ends on Father's Day weekend. There is a basket in the Family Room for you to return your bottles or you can bring them into the Parish Office. 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.

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.

PLEASE CLAIM YOUR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The Lost and Found shelf in the St. John XXIII Family Room is overflowing. There are over half a dozen pairs of reading glasses, 5 umbrellas, many single earrings and jewelry, etc. Many of these items have been on the shelf for months!

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Our 4th Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner is this Sunday, June 8th from 12:00PM to 3:00PM - dine-in or take-out.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Our Basket Raffle has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 13th. *Please see last week's flyer for details.* 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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have made a commitment or a donation to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small. You can also make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

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

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.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

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.

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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