

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

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Parish Staff

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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, July 12 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Charles and Helen Yeastedt Mass Intention: Robert Rehatchek
Sunday, July 13 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Christopher Lazur Mass Intention: Catherine and Abe Hawkes & Family
Monday, July 14 8:00AM Mass: SJ	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Forte Family
Tuesday, July 15 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Paul Nester, Ruth Nester, and Paul Nester Jr.
Wednesday, July 16 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Members of the Eternal Remembrance Society
Thursday, July 17 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Robert Allesch Sr.
Friday, July 18 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, July 19 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Sunday, July 20 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Edward Porambo Mass Intention: Martin Galvin

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Moses encourages the people to observe the law of the Lord, telling them it is not too mysterious and remote for them. He assures them that the law is already in their mouths and hearts. In the second reading, Paul proclaims Christ as the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. In response to a question from a scholar of the law on how to inherit eternal life, Jesus tells a parable about a man who fell victim to robbers and the only person who helped him was a Samaritan. Our Gospel challenges us with the question: Who is my neighbor? It is a question with profound implications for how we relate to and treat others in our world. As we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are challenged by Christ to treat all with respect and love, especially the poor, the dispossessed, and the most vulnerable.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 20: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

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 **Minuet from Water Music** by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The postlude is **Rondeau** by Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

The altar flowers are in memory of the deceased members of the Jewells and Forte Families.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich, Selina Coogan, Jennifer DiSanti / David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus,
John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Elba Dannenfelser, Bernadette Nester, Marci Bonner / Roy Paisley,
Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas

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

Edward J. Lucyk

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Theresa Ligenza Crucifix Candle In Memory of Michael Derr	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Sacred Heart All deceased of the Nolan & McElhenny Families St. Richard Healing and Health to all parishioners in these twin parishes
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 CCD/PREP CLASSES: Classes have concluded for the Summer SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts – Sunday, July 20th 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall
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ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Thank you to everyone who participated in our most recent small group series: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." We hope to announce the next series of Adult Small Groups soon.

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 Festival/Parish Cemeteries.

Upcoming collections are...

7/20 ~ Churches in Central/Eastern Europe

7/27 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620

Upcoming Events

July 20	11:30AM Family Mass with Bishop Schlert and picnic at St. Catherine of Siena, Reading – more details on flyer
July 24	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work – we hope you can help
July 30	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn who is the guest Celebrant for both Saturday Masses this weekend.

GOING ONCE... GOING TWICE...

We spent the last week going through closets and clearing out excess flower accessories. There are five tables of “stuff” in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall, as well as several tubs on the floor of things that we are getting rid of. There is a plethora of silk flowers of all shapes and sizes, dozens of glass vases of all shapes and sizes, knick-knacks, bows, and even the items from our Lost and Found that were never claimed. If you see something that you would like, please take it home with you! We need to make room on these tables because more items will be added this coming week as we continue to clear away the clutter!

CHANGES TO THE ATLANTIC CITY TRIP IN AUGUST

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on the Feast of the Assumption, Friday, August 15, for the Wedding of the Sea Festival. The Bishop of Camden will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM in the Ballroom of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Afterwards, he will be joined 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. The bus will leave from Leiby's Restaurant at 5:45AM. Everyone will receive a \$10 Resorts Casino gaming voucher. Departure from Atlantic City will be in the late afternoon to return to Leiby's around 7:30PM. The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets and sign-up sheets are available in the Family Room, or call Marianne at 570-778-0948 or Mary Ann at 570-952-1413.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

The St. John XXIII 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 10%, 15%, or 25% discount on the lowest sale price of most items.

TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning invites you to join us for two exciting upcoming events. A Christmas in July Basket Raffle will take place on Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27 in the St. Ambrose Parish Center. Then, don't miss our Saturday Night Fever Disco on Friday evening, September 6. This special night will kick off our 70th anniversary celebrations with live music by The Boys Upstairs. We hope to see you as we celebrate our mission and the incredible individuals we serve. Questions? Contact Monica Walborn at 570-622-4638.

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.

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.

CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries. It also aids communities throughout the region that affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contributions restore the Church and build the future in this region.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK!

First Round of Winners

7/1 - #678, Patricia Brown, \$25
7/2 - #506, No Winner, \$25
7/3 - #340, Lill & Joe Betz, \$25
7/4 - #403, Mary Brassington, \$100
7/5 - #888, No Winner, \$50
7/6 - #317, Josette Bet, \$25

21ST ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 15th at 8:30AM – meatball making
Monday, July 28th at 8:30AM – boiling cabbage
Tuesday, July 29th at 8:30AM – halupkie making
Thursday, July 31st at 8:30AM – bundukie making

If you are available and able, please consider volunteering. All help is appreciated! Current dates and times are subject to change as event nears.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Our Basket Raffle is Saturday, September 13th. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BOYER’S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing St. Richard fundraiser. It is 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.

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