

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth 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

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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

Saturday, July 26 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Paul Gerard Yacobowsky Mass Intention: Marsha Cusatis
Sunday, July 27 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Solick and Menconi Families Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Monday, July 28 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Dr. George and Patricia Holter
Tuesday, July 29 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Mass Intention: Kate Jamison
Wednesday, July 30 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Fr. Joseph Whalen
Thursday, July 31 8:00AM Mass: SR	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Mass Intention: Elizabeth Tarutis
Friday, August 1 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Saturday, August 2 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Goerge and Florence Polinsky Mass Intention: Bill O'Brien
Sunday, August 3 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Gary Nothstein Mass Intention: Valerie Higgins

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Abraham repeatedly intercedes for the people of Sodom and God says he will not destroy the city if there are even ten innocent people there. In the second reading, Paul writes that our transgressions have been forgiven by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray and tells them to be persistent in prayer. He assures them that the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. All of Scripture tells us of the necessity of prayer, and Jesus exhorts us to be persistent because something powerful happens in repetitive prayer.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 3: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

<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 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 Andantino in G Minor by César Franck (1822-1890) The postlude is Prelude in a Classic Style by Gordon Young (1919-1998)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of James “Pee Wee” McLaughlin.</p>

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, Mary Sloboda, Joseph Holly

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

Jean Vecolitis

Irene Elensky

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Dr. George and Patricia Holter

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Edward Porambo

St. Richard

Blessed Virgin Mary

Healing Prayers for Henry Pinkey

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

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

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SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, August 3rd
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

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 five Parish Cemeteries: SJ / Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR

Upcoming collections are...

8/3 ~ Parish Facility Fund

8/10 ~ Parish Utilities

8/15 ~ Assumption of Mary

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sat./Sun.	Fr. Tony Chakkungal from the Mission Co-Op will speak at all Masses at both parishes
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
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 – many hands make light work – we hope you can help
Saturday	St. Richard Parish Food Festival – 10:00AM until 3:00PM or sellout

Upcoming Events

August 3	6:00PM Summer Celebration Concert – Trinity United Church of Christ, 22 Lafayette Street, Tamaqua
August 4	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:00AM: St. Richard ~ 7:00PM: St. John XXIII

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated the front pews immediately after Mass.

VISITING MISSIONARY PRIEST THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Fr. Tony Chakkungal, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India to our parishes. He will share his missionary experience at all Masses this weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. Your financial support is asked so they may continue their missionary, educational, and charitable activities as well as to train young men studying for the priesthood. Your generosity is appreciated!

GUEST ORGANIST THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Mark O'Hearn to the organ of St. John XXIII. Mark is filling in for our Director of Music who is currently on vacation. Mark is the Director of Music at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield, and we are grateful to have him with us today!

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP ON AUGUST 15th

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on Friday, August 15th. 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.

SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

A special dinner for anyone who volunteers in any way at St. John XXIII is being planned at Basile's Restaurant. Mark your calendar now. More details will be forthcoming in the near future.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Bosco's shopping passes are on sale in the Family Room for \$5 each. The passes are valid for 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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS CLOSED TODAY

Unfortunately, the St. John XXIII Café is closed this weekend. Coffee, cookies, and crumpets will be available next weekend.

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

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! As a parish, we helped to restore the Church and build a future in more than 25 countries.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

Third Week of Winners

7/14 #812, Janice Mayer, \$25

7/15 #846, No Winner, \$25

7/16 #688, No Winner, \$50

7/17 #777, No Winner, \$25

7/18 #576, Helene Richmond, \$25

7/19 #523, Timothy Wuttla, \$50

7/20 #959, No Winner, \$25

21st ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL ~ SAT. AUG 2nd

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Monday, July 28th at 8:30AM – boiling cabbage

Tuesday, July 29th at 8:30AM – halupki making

Thursday, July 31st at 8:30AM – bundukie making

If you are available and able, please consider volunteering. All help is appreciated!

“FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS” AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's annual event shopping passes are here! They are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the small table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope provided.

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.

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.

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. Please make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

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.

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.

no matter how big or small. You can also

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.

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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