

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth 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

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

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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, 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: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Monday, August 4 8:00AM Mass: SJ	St. John Vianney, Priest Mass Intention: David Sweeney
Tuesday, August 5 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Wednesday, August 6 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	The Transfiguration of the Lord Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Burke Family
Thursday, August 7 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Patrick David Bowe
Friday, August 8 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday, August 9 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Bernard Heller
Sunday, August 10 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza Mass Intention: Mike and Kaye

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the author of Ecclesiastes speaks of vanity and the toil of life. In today's second reading Paul exhorts the Colossians to leave behind earthly ways and pursue what is from above. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the crowd to take care against all greed and then tells a parable of a rich man who stored up all his goods but died before being able to enjoy them. Much of life is spent in toil, working to earn what we need to support ourselves and our families. Though this pursuit is necessary and good, the Lord reminds us not to fall into the trap of allowing work to become the sole foundation of our lives, particularly not to the extent that it leads us to forgo or delay building a life of discipleship.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 10: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1,12,18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48

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 Air from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The postlude is Psalm 56 by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672) The altar flowers are in memory of Charlie Odorizzi.
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

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 / Magnolia Pavlovich,

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

Joseph W. Reardon Jr.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Charlie Odorizzi Crucifix Candle In Memory of Anna D. Williams	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention St. Joseph Peace in the whole world
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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, August 10th 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 Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

8/10 ~ Parish Utilities

8/15 ~ Assumption of Mary

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	6:00PM Summer Celebration Concert – Trinity United Church of Christ, 22 Lafayette Street, Tamaqua
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

August 10	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:00AM: St. Richard ~ 7:00PM: St. John XXIII Atlantic City Bus Trip – Please see the flyer or the write-up below for more information
August 19	6:00PM St. Richard 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall

THIS IS OUR SEMINARIAN'S LAST WEEKEND

Bill Sweeney's time with us has come to an end. It was a pleasure to get to know him, and he really managed to be involved with many aspects of both our parishes in the short time that he was with us. We wish you all the best and godspeed on your journey to becoming a priest!

HELPERS NEEDED TO PLANT SOME HOSTAS

A parishioner is revising their landscaping and has offered us hostas to plant in our church courtyard. If you can help transplant some hostas this week, please speak to Dale Bonenberger or call the Parish Office. Our hope is to do this on Monday and/or Tuesday, weather permitting of course.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP ONLY 11 SEATS AVAILABLE

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.

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

We apologize for being closed last weekend, but the St. John XXIII Café is now open. Please join us after Mass today in the Parish Hall for coffee, cookies, and fellowship!

FOOD FESTIVAL 2025 IS IN THE BOOKS

St. Richard would like to express a sincere THANK YOU to all who volunteered, donated, and patronized our Annual Food Festival! Our parish could not have done it without our parishioners, the volunteers, business sponsors and our community. God Bless every one of you! Check next week's bulletin for all the final numbers and winners!

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

Last Week's Winners

7/21 #811, No Winner, \$25
7/22 #607, Carol Blue, \$25
7/23 #126, No Winner, \$25
7/24 #036, No Winner, \$25
7/25 #372, Jim Mikovich, \$25
7/26 #507, No Winner, \$50
7/27 #564, Ann Palmer, \$50

“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! 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.

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

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 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.

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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