

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second 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
victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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 30 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Stan Karnish Mass Intention: Curtis J. Keefer
Sunday, August 31 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Betty Tarutis Mass Intention: Steve McCarthy
Monday, September 1 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday (<i>Labor Day</i>) Mass Intention: Michael J. Bubel Jr.
Tuesday, September 2 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Wednesday, September 3 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	St. Gregory the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Joe Reardon
Thursday, September 4 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: E.J. Lucyk
Friday, September 5 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, September 6 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Carmen Castagna Mass Intention: Kevin and Linda
Sunday, September 7 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kathryn Boyle Mass Intention: Pamela McTiernan

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Sirach encourages his child to conduct all his affairs with humility. In the second reading, the author writes, *You have not approached that which could be touched...no, you have approached Mount Zion*. In the Gospel, while dining at the home of a Pharisee, Jesus tells a parable about a wedding banquet. He says that the one who humbles himself by taking the lowest place will be exalted. Humility helps us to see ourselves clearly and not to grasp at what is beyond our strength. Both the reading from Sirach and Luke's Gospel tell us that those who humble themselves will find favor with God. They also point to a connection between humility and service. Those who give alms – who give without expecting repayment – will receive their reward in heaven.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 7: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90: 4,5-6,12-13,14 & 17; Phlm 9-10,12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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 **Saint Anthony Chorale** by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

The postlude is **Ora Labora – Come Labor On** by T. Tertius Nobel (1867-1953)

The altar flowers and the flowers by Mary are in memory of both Michael Pogwist and Mary Rose Schock.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Marci Bonner / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Mary Sloboda, Joseph Holly / Magnolia Pavlovich, Craig Goida, Joe McDonald, Lou Ann Knittle, Cheryl Keifer

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

Michael Pogwist

Mary Rose Schock

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Edward Porambo

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Milot and Boner Families

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

Registration forms are available in the Parish Hall.

Grade 1 (Classes will begin in January!)

Grade 2 Registration- \$70

Blessed First Reconciliation/ First Communion

Grade 3-6 Registration- \$70

A Family of Faith

Grades 7 & 8 (Confirmation) Registration- \$70

Chosen

*All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms
after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM*

Sunday, Sept. 14 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8
(Registered families can pick up their books starting 8/30/25)

Sunday, Sept. 21 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8
(Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting in the Conference Room)

Sunday, Sept. 28 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, September 7th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, September 14th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in the Parish Hall unless noted.

Need registration information or have questions, please
contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, September 7th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

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...

9/7 ~ Archdiocese for Military Service

9/14 ~ St. Vincent de Paul

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	The monthly Rosary for Peace will be prayed after today's 8:30AM Mass and Anointing of the Sick
Monday	Labor Day – both Parish Offices closed

Upcoming Events

September 7	12:00PM-3:00PM St. Richard Halupki Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall
September 8	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
September 11/12	St. Richard Basket Raffle in the Parish Hall: 4:00PM – 7:00PM Shop/Drop
September 13	St. Richard Basket Raffle in the Parish Hall: 9:30AM – 12:30PM Last Call ~ 1:00PM Drawings begin 1:00PM Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion in the Prayer Garden of the St. Jerome (New) Cemetery
September 14	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
September 18	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall Thank You Dinner at Basile's for anyone who volunteers in any way at St. John XXIII – see write-up below
September 20	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

ROSARY FOR PEACE IS THIS WEEKEND

Families and individuals are warmly invited to join in this intercessory prayer for peace after the Sunday 8:30AM Mass and Anointing of the Sick today. Complimentary rosaries are available should you need one.

WE ARE SLOWLY GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

We are still finding electronic components that were damaged in the devastating lightning strike that hit our church two and a half weeks ago, but the good news is that we are slowly getting the damaged items replaced. Live streaming of Masses will return starting this weekend and the sound system hopefully will be working. Because we had to get new equipment and control boards, we have lost all our settings, both for the video cameras and the sound system, so it will be a work in progress for the coming weeks as we set balances and various settings. Thank you Joe Manjack for all the time you have given to this endeavor to get us back to normal. Your efforts are certainly appreciated!

ST. JOHN XXIII VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER

A special dinner for anyone who volunteers in any way at St. John XXIII is being planned at Basile's Restaurant on Thursday, September 18th. Mark your calendar now! It will be a buffet dinner starting at 6:00PM with a cash bar. A sign-up sheet is located in the Family Room at St. John XXIII. Spouses are invited as well. To help us manage the RSVP count, please indicate the correct number in your party.

ST. JOHN XXIII BASKET RAFFLE

Information and sign-up sheets for the St. John XXIII Basket Raffle in October are in the Family Room.

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 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.

HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us on Sunday, September 7th from 12:00PM-3:00PM. Dine in or take out. Cost is \$15 per dinner and includes two Halupki, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, a Roll and choice of Chocolate or Vanilla Cake. The dinner envelopes have been mailed. Please return the dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by August 31st. Any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

Dinner Prep Schedule UPDATE

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 4:00PM – boiling cabbage
Thursday, Sept. 4th at 8:30AM – “Halupki Party”
Saturday, Sept. 6th at 8:30AM – packaging rolls, icing/packaging cakes, peeling potatoes, and hall set up

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Our Basket Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th which is two weeks away! Please consider donating to this fundraiser in which all proceeds go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. To donate, contact the Parish Office at 570-467-2315 or one of the Fundraising Committee members.

PRE-SALE TICKETS will be sold before and after all Masses the weekends of August 31st and September 7th. Cost is \$20 for five sheets.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at either parish, or know someone who is, please reach out to Deacon Ed, Krissy Wonsock, or Melissa Grimminger to schedule your training!

MEMORIAL FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Join us on September 14th at 1:00 PM at the St. Jerome Cemetery Prayer Garden to participate in a beautiful memorial service for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Call Cheryl with any questions at 484-866-3835.

MARCH FOR LIFE HARRISBURG

This year's March for Life in Harrisburg is on Monday, September 22nd. St. Ambrose in Schuylkill Haven is working on getting a bus, if there's enough interest. The cost will be dependent on how many people sign up. If interested, contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835. Check out the March for Life website at <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania> for the schedule.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

A Special Mass will be held in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta on Friday, September 5th at 12:00PM in St. Teresa Church, 600 W. Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City.

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.

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.

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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