

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026



Church of St. John XXIII

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Parish Clergy

Deacon Edward J. Girard, Parish Life Collaborator
Reverend Monsignor William F. Glosser, Canonical Pastor
Very Reverend Eugene P. Ritz, Weekend Assistance
Reverend Richard Kwaku Boateng, Weekday Assistance

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

Monday-Thursday ~ 7:00AM-4:00PM

Friday ~ Closed

Saturday ~ 2:30PM-5:30PM

Sunday ~ 7:30AM-10:30AM

Parish Staff

Dale F. Bonenberger, Director of Music
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator
Patricia Radocha, Business Manager
Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education
Cheryl Keifer, Ministry/Safe Environment Coordinator
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

Mass & Confession Schedule

Wednesday Mass ~ 9:00AM

Thursday Mass ~ 9:00AM

Thursday Confession ~ 9:30AM-9:45AM

Saturday Confession ~ 3:00PM-3:45PM

Saturday Mass ~ 4:00PM

Sunday Mass ~ 9:00AM

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

Church of St. Richard

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

Phone: 570-467-2315 ~ **Email:** strichardadmin@ptd.net ~ **Website:** www.strichard.org

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 the 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

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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, September 19 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Rose and Peter Stricek Mass Intention: John Dunleavy Sr.
Sunday, September 20 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Anna Krizin Mass Intention: Charles McAndrew
Monday, September 21 9:00AM Mass: SR	St. Matthew, Apostle, and Evangelist Mass Intention: Michele and Robert Burns and Family
Tuesday, September 22 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Wednesday, September 23 9:00AM Mass: SJ	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Mass Intention: The Porambo and Moyer Families
Thursday, September 24 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Ann Marie Grossman
Friday, September 25 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, September 26 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Catherine Koenig Mass Intention: Brian Firkal and Paul Yurick
Sunday, September 27 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Helen Grier Mass Intention: Thaddeus and David Joseph Oliva

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today’s first reading, Isaiah proclaims that God is merciful and that his ways are above our ways. In the second reading, Paul is torn between his desire to be in heaven with Christ and the responsibility of his ministry on earth. In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, a landowner pays all the workers equally, despite varying hours of labor. It is hard not to relate to the worker who toiled all day and then was jealous of the worker who was paid equally for his one hour of work. But if we unite ourselves to the heart of Christ, we can understand God’s pleasure in the conversion of all souls, whether they were faithful their whole lives or came to him right before death. Thank God for the mercy shown to each of us.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 27: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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 **O Rest in the Lord from “Elijah”** by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The postlude is **Marcia Religiosa from “Alceste”** by Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)

The altar flowers are in memory of Emilio Sfarra.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Pastor Jack Murray, Paul Goida, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Danenfelser, Jack Praskac, Marc Lesniak, Rev. Gregory Karpyn, Frank Creazzo, Pattie Radocha, Frank Riotto / Amy DeBenedict Behler, Jan McCole, George Koval, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gurcsik, Maureen Moe, Ronan Malarkey, Tracy Fabian, Debbie Bruce, Sue Takio, John Gallagher, Barb Houser

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

Emilio Sfarra

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Porambo and Moyer Families

Crucifix Candle Philip Bonenberger

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Joseph

For Peace in Ukraine, Middle East, and Israel

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Classes have begun. Please scan the QR code to register.

First Reconciliation & First Communion ~ Grades 1 & 2



Family of Faith ~ Grades 3-6



Confirmation ~ Grades 7 & 8



St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS

Registration is open.

If you have not received an email or would like to enroll your child(ren), please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

CCD/PREP UPCOMING CLASSES

New for 2026-2027 - ALL grades are on the same weeks

Sunday, September 27th

Sunday, October 11th

Sunday, October 25th

Grades 1-4 at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8 at 9:00AM

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

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Sunday, September 20th at 5:00PM

Scout enrollment meeting

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. This is an open invitation to all from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes.

OCIA is an ongoing process designed especially for people who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church. It is also for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation by celebrating the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. 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 Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

9/27 ~ Churches of Latin America

10/4 ~ Parish Facility Fund

10/11 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Monday	9:30AM–3:30PM March for Life in Harrisburg – more information is listed below
Friday	6:00PM Daniel Brondel Organ Concert at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield

Upcoming Events

September 27	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass
September 28	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
September 30	Deceased Members of SVdP Society – 8:30AM Rosary; 9:00AM Mass; Breakfast at Hometown Diner after Mass Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
October 1	9:00AM Monthly Rosary for Peace at St. John XXIII
October 12	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall

MARCH FOR LIFE IN HARRISBURG

This year's March for Life in Harrisburg is on September 21st from 9:30AM until 3:00PM. For more information, go to <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/> or the Diocese of Harrisburg's website for information on Mass and Adoration at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/pa-march-for-life/>.

AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering mailing has been mailed to all active parishioners. If you did not receive one in the mail this past week, please speak to Lisa in the Parish Office. Please note that parish census forms were not included in the mailing this year.

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. JOHN XXIII IN OCTOBER

Our Basket Raffle is coming up fast! We really need volunteers to work this event as well as bakers and basket donations. It will be held on **Saturday, October 17th** and **Sunday, October 18th**. We will be open for bidding and browsing that Saturday from 4:30PM until 7:30PM and on Sunday from 9:30AM until 1:00PM. Prizes will be called on Sunday starting at 1:00PM and you do not need to be present to win. There are sign-up sheets in the Family Room for volunteers, baked goods, and basket donations so that you can let us know if you can help in any way.

TAMAQUA HUNGER CAMPAIGN SOUP SALE

St. John XXIII Church is participating in the October Soup Sale. Orders for soup can be placed from October 5th until October 25th via the website www.Tamaquahunger.tacp.info. Soup pick-up is here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00AM until 11:00AM.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE

Bosco's Shopping Passes are available in the Family Room before and after weekend Masses. For a \$5 donation, you receive a 25% discount off their Lowest Sale Prices for one day only – Wednesday, October 21, 2026. It's a great way to save money, and our Parish keeps 100% of the proceeds from these donations.

ALL ARE INVITED TO DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

As part of the Diocese of Allentown's 65th Anniversary Jubilee Year, all are invited to celebrate faith, family, and community at the Diocese's Family Festival at 12:00PM on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield. Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration featuring Mass with Bishop Schlert, live music, food, bingo, a petting zoo, activities, and games, an All Saints Trunk-or-Treat, and more. This rain-or-shine event promises fun for all ages and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 65 years of faith together.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship.

ST. JOHN XXIII HOLY HOUR AND VESPERS

Sunday, October 11th is the feast day of St. John XXIII, our patron saint. We will celebrate the feast with a Holy Hour at 6:00PM which will include Solemn Vespers and Benediction. After Benediction all are invited to the Parish Hall for cake and coffee.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Mass for deceased members of the St. John XXIII St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place on Wednesday, September 30th at 9:00AM. There will be a rosary at 8:30AM before the Mass and after Mass, there will be breakfast at the Hometown Diner (former Beacon Diner).

ST. RICHARD RECENT DINNER NEWS

MANY THANKS to our parish crew of volunteers and all those who purchased our Halupki Dinner this past weekend & 50/50 chances. The profit for this fundraiser was \$3,511! Also, CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Hercek for winning \$713.50 on the 50/50!

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us on Sunday, October 18th from 12:00PM-2:00PM for our annual Fall Dinner - Dine in or take out. Cost is \$15 per platter and consists of Roasted Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, Apple Sauce, Roll, and Choice of Cake. The dinner envelopes are currently in the Vestibule for pickup. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by October 12th. Please disregard the return date in the letter. If you have questions, please call Joann at 570-640-1034.

SHOWER OF ROSES FESTIVAL

October 4, 2026, at the Shrine of St. Therese, 15 E. Garibaldi Avenue, Nesquehoning. 1:00PM Mass Celebrant Rev. Thomas Osei Gyau; 2:00PM Exposition/Adoration; 3:30PM Recital of the Rosary; 4:00PM Novena/Benediction and Rose Distribution. Ethnic foods, Spaghetti Dinner, and Raffle Tickets will be also available. For more information, contact St. Joseph's Rectory at 570-645-2664 or visit website www.shrineofsainttherese.com.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. RICHARD

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, or know someone who is, please reach out to Krissy Wonsock to schedule your training. In addition to serving at Mass, it is a way of receiving community service hours for Confirmation and various school programs.

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.

