

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS ~ P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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 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
Monday, September 28 No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday
Tuesday, September 29 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SR	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Mass Intention: Dana Lorah
Wednesday, September 30 9:00AM Mass: SJ	St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Thursday, October 1 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Mary H. Dvorak
Friday, October 2 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday, October 3 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Anthony Perilli Mass Intention: Catherine Peca
Sunday, October 4 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ryan Oravec Mass Intention: Stephen W. Mc Carthy

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks of God's justice and says the Lord will save the person who turns away from sin. In the second reading, Saint Paul pleads with the Christians of Philippi for unity and humility and recounts a hymn praising the humble Jesus, who is Lord of all. In the gospel, the parable of the two sons reveals that in God's kingdom the repentant sinner will receive their reward. One must be a disciple of Christ to enter the Lord's kingdom. A disciple is one who has turned away from sin, repented, and through God's grace, eagerly strives to follow his ways. No matter one's past, anyone can enter the kingdom of God by turning to the Lord and offering his or her sincere "yes" to God in word and in deed.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 4: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

<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 Enter His Courts With Praise by Shirley Porter (1928-2017) The postlude is Fugue in C Major by Wilhelm Volckmar (1812-1887)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of both Frank Mocciola and Mary Carroll.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Paul Goida, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Danenfesler, Jack Praskac, Marc Lesniak, Rev. Gregory Karpyn, Frank Creazzo, Pattie Radocha, Frank Riotta / Amy DeBenedict Behler, Jan McCole, George Koval, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gursik, Maureen Moe, Ronan Malarkey, Sue Takio, John Gallagher, Barb Houser, William Fell, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Cheryl Keifer, Mikayla Wyrwas, Jane Weston

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

Frank Mocchiola

Mary Carroll

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Maureen Morgan

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Christopher Lazur

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Edith Rhoades

St. Joseph

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

All classes will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM

September 20- Grades 2-8 Sacramental Prep and Family of Faith

September 27- NO YOUTH FORMATION

October 4- Family Mass Grades 2-8 Circle of Grace
(St. Jerome's students do not need to attend)

October 11- Grades 2, 7 & 8 Sacramental Prep
Parent Meeting in Conference Room

October 18- Grades 2-8 Sacramental Prep and Family of Faith

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, 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 MEETINGS

October 4th, October 11th, October 18th

*Meetings held on Sundays at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall.

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 (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process used by the Catholic Church to welcome new members and help baptized Catholics complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). This process is available year-round. For more information, please contact either Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Churches of Latin America.

Upcoming collections are...

10/4 ~ Parish Facility Fund

10/11 ~ Parish Utilities

10/18 ~ World Mission Sunday

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday	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
Thursday	Monthly Rosary for Peace at St. John XXIII immediately after the 9:00AM Mass in the courtyard 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
October 4	St. Francis of Assisi feast day Blessing of Animals – 12:00PM at St Richard's church parking lot
October 11	6:00PM St. John XXIII feast day Holy Hour, Solemn Vespers, and Benediction – cake and coffee afterwards
October 12	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
October 18	12:00PM-2:00PM St. Richard Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the Parish Hall

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE THIS THURSDAY

The October Rosary for Peace will be held in the parish courtyard immediately following daily Mass and Adoration on Thursday, October 1st at approximately 10:00AM. You may access the courtyard through the double doors on the left side of the church or go to the left side of the parish office and follow the driveway.

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. Afterwards, all are invited to the Parish Hall for cake and coffee.

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](http://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. If you have any questions, please speak to Dan Odorizzi.

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Mass for deceased members of the St. John XXIII St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place this 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).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your pets to be blessed Sunday, October 4th at 12:00PM. The blessing of animals will be held rain or shine in St. Richard's church parking lot.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us on Sunday, October 18th from 12:00PM-2:00 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. Any 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.

M&J BIG BAND CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 1st

Mark your calendars and plan to attend an All Saint's Day concert here in our Parish Hall at 3:00PM. Tickets are \$10.

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.

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.

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