

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

September 28, 2025

Twenty-Sixth 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
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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, September 27 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: 50th Anniversary of the Marian High School Class of 1975 Mass Intention: Brian Firkal and Paul Yurick
Sunday, September 28 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Robert Zaraca Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Monday, September 29 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. John XXIII Church
Tuesday, September 30 No 7:00AM Mass today 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Wednesday, October 1 No 7:00AM Mass today (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	Weekday
Thursday, October 2 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Friday, October 3 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, October 4 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM 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: Josephine Honus
Sunday, October 5 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Catherine Peca

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God issues a warning through Amos to complacent and self-serving Israelites. In the second reading, Paul charges Timothy to live up to his call as a man of God until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man received what was good during his lifetime while ignoring Lazarus' suffering. In death, their situations are reversed. Blessed is he who secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The word of God teaches us to pursue righteousness rather than selfishness. When we ourselves suffer, as Jesus did for us, we grow in humility and empathy toward others. We learn to re-evaluate our priorities and place love for God and our neighbor above pleasure, power, and wealth.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 5: Hb 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10

St. John XXIII The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal. The Mass of Renewal can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184 The prelude is Sonatina in C Major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) The postlude is Chant de la Creuse by César Franck (1822-1890) The altar flowers are in memory of Sean McHale.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

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 / David Rickert, Andrew Eremus, George Koval, Marci Bonner, Arabella & Magnolia (*infant twins*), Tracey Miller, Gregory Slivka

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

Phyllis Joan Paisley

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Robert Zaraca

Crucifix Candle

In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Marian High School
Class of 1975

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

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

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

Sunday, October 5 – No Youth Formation

Sunday, October 12 – Family Mass
Kids Small Groups Grades 3, 4, 5, 6

Sunday, October 19 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8
and Parent Meeting

Sunday, October 26 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, September 28th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, October 5th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 12th 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 – Enrollment has begun
Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM
in the St. Richard 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), 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 Churches of Latin America and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Upcoming collections are...

10/5 ~ Parish Facility Fund

10/12 ~ Parish Utilities

10/19 ~ World Mission Sunday

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome

Upcoming Events

October 5	12:00PM Blessing of the Animals in the St. Richard parking lot rain or shine – open to both parishes
October 7	Bus trip to Diocesan Pilgrimage in Washington D.C. – details in write-up below
October 8	RSVP deadline for St. Richard 75th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner
October 18	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle & Bake Sale – 4:30PM until 7:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
October 19	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle & Bake Sale – 9:30AM until 1:00PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

DAN ODORIZZI NEEDS HELP MAKING SOUP

The annual Tamaqua Hunger Campaign Soup Sale is only a month away and we need some helpers to make 20 quarts of soup. St. John XXIII is hosting the sale this year in our Parish Hall, and we need to make a minimum of 20 quarts of the same type of soup for the sale. Dan Odorizzi is the point person for this project. Please call him at 570-401-2540 if you can assist in making soup or can help on the day of the soup sale, Saturday October 25th, in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. JOHN XXIII IN OCTOBER

Our Basket Raffle – one of our two most profitable events – 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 18th, and Sunday October 19th**. 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. This event takes a lot of effort to put together, so we are asking also that you drop off your basket donations by September 30th this year. That will be a huge help! We also want to let you know that YOUR GENEROSITY in supporting our fundraising efforts has allowed us to contribute \$3500 for the concrete work in the courtyard!

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. ON OCTOBER 7th

Please join us on Tuesday, October 7th for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The bus will depart from St. John the Baptist Church in Pottsville at 6:00AM. The Pilgrimage program begins at 10:00AM with arrivals and guided tours, followed by time to visit the over 80 chapels and oratories contained within the Basilica. Throughout the day, there will be guest speakers and confession available. The Rosary will be said before Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at 3:00PM. You can either pack a lunch or purchase one in the Basilica's cafeteria. On the way home, we will stop at the Broadway Diner in Baltimore for dinner. Please bring cash since the diner has requested that there be one check for our group and everyone will just pay cash for what they order. The cost for the trip is \$50 which includes bus transportation, driver tip, and a donation to the Basilica. To register call 570-622-5470 or email stjbp@comcast.net

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.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION WEEKEND

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the surrounding areas has reached a critical point. Pope Leo XIV has noted with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Catholics and people of good will in the United States to assist in addressing this humanitarian crisis. In the Diocese of Allentown, parishes are asked to take up a collection for this crisis. The funds will then be forwarded to support the continued work in Gaza and the surrounding areas and administered through the Catholic Near East Association and Catholic Relief Services. **The collection for both St. Richard and St. John XXIII parishes will be taken up this weekend, (9/27 & 9/28).** This will be a cash collection; no special envelope will be provided.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was recently mailed to all active parishioners of St. Richard Parish. The mailing to parishioners of St. John XXIII went out this past week and should be arriving in everyone's mailboxes this week. Please confirm that all your information on the census form is correct and make any necessary corrections or updates and return the form to the respective Parish Office. If there are no corrections or updates, the form does not need to be returned.

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

The Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner have been mailed. The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th from 12:00PM until 3:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. See details on flyer in the vestibule.

Dinner Prep Schedule

Saturday, October 4 at 9:00AM - packaging rolls, cutting and packaging cakes.

75th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

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. The invitations have been sent. Please return your RSVP, with payment if attending, to the Parish Office either by mail or the secure drop box on the Rectory porch. **RSVP deadline is October 8th.**

COOKS WITH COLLARS 2025 - HALFWAY THERE

Fr. Finlan is back! The deadline to determine the Diocese of Allentown's top Cooks with Collars is September 30! With less than one week away, it's time to stir the pot, turn up the heat, and get out the vote! Remember that all voting proceeds benefit the parish of your favorite hardworking Cooks with Collars, so all the money raised for Fr. Finlan stays with either St. Richard Parish or St. John XXIII Parish. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com today!

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Boscov'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.

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Boscov's shopping passes are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It is an easy way to earn money for our parish. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances.

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.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Please consider signing up for one Saturday a month, where servers are most needed. 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!

no matter how big or small. You can also

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

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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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