

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth 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

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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
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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.

SR = St. Richard

Saturday, October 18 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza Mass Intention: Gary Macek
Sunday, October 19 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael Hosak Mass Intention: In Thanksgiving to God for 75 Years as a Parish Community
Monday, October 20 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Tuesday, October 21 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Dietrich and Matalavage Families
Wednesday, October 22 7:00AM Mass: SR <i>(No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession)</i>	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
Thursday, October 23 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Ruth Kerrick
Friday, October 24 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, October 25 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Joseph Romano Mass Intention: Bill O'Brien
Sunday, October 26 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Angelo Jr. Mass Intention: William and Marianne Burke

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, when Joshua went into battle, as long as Moses kept his hands raised, Joshua had the better of the fight. In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to remain faithful to what he has learned and believed. He tells him to proclaim the word... whether it is convenient or inconvenient. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. The word of God is the basis for all truth and the foundation for every good thing. The Lord has provided us with all that is necessary to keep his Word; let us ask him in prayer to help us answer his call.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 26: Sir 35: 12-14,16-18; Ps 34: 2-3,17-18,19,23; 2 Tm 4: 6-8,16-18; Lk 18: 9-14

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

The postlude is **Voluntary in C Major** by John Zundel (1815-1882)

The altar flowers are in memory of Michael Thomas Hosak.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

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 /
Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez,
Quinn Derlunas, Mary Helen Rehatchek

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

Dorothy A. Schmerfeld

Michael J. Badamo

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Pollack and Rudy Families

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Jean Hunsinger

St. Richard

Sanctuary Lamp

Praise and Thanksgiving to God for 75 years

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

Sacred Heart

For all you've given me and for Fr. Finlan

St. Joseph

For the Founding Fathers of St. Richard Parish

St. Richard

For the Living and Deceased Parishioners

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

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

Sunday, November 2 – No Youth Formation

Sunday, November 9 – Circle of Grace
Grades 2, 3-6, 7 & 8

Please contact Melissa Grimminger at 814-330-6819
should you have any questions.

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, October 19th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 26th at 9:00AM

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

Questions or registration information,
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 World Mission Sunday.

Upcoming collections are...

10/26 - Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ 11/1 ~ All Saints 11/2 ~ All Souls

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	10:30AM St. Richard 75th Anniversary Mass followed by a catered dinner St. John XXIII Basket Raffle & Bake Sale – 9:30AM until 1:00PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall Last day to purchase soup for the Tamaqua Community Soup Sale – go to www.tamaquahunger.tacp.info
Thursday	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – won't you come and lend a hand and help keep our church tidy 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome
Saturday	8:30AM-11:00AM Tamaqua Community Soup Sale pick-up in our Parish Hall for all who ordered soup

Upcoming Events

October 26	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 7:00PM Men's Group meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
October 29	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

ST. JOHN XXIII BASKET RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE

Our Basket Raffle is this weekend **Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th**. We will be open for bidding and browsing Saturday from 4:30PM until 7:30PM and 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. Also, for sale in the Parish Hall, in addition to food and baked goods, will be our January Raffle tickets as well as Boscov's shopping passes that are valid for discounts on purchases this Wednesday, October 22nd. Be sure to stop into the Parish Hall today after Mass today!

PUMPKINS, GOURDS, MUMS, AND INDIAN CORN

We will once again have a Fall Harvest display in front of the altar at St. John XXIII for the month of November. The display will be assembled after All Soul's Day. Please bring in pumpkins, gourds, mums, and Indian corn by November 2nd to be used in the display. You can place them in the box in the Parish Hall.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP WEEK OF OCTOBER 26th

The Fall clean-up in all five parish cemeteries will take place during the week of October 26th. Items, including Christmas decorations, may be put on graves after November 3rd. Any items currently on graves now that you wish to keep must be removed before October 26th.

ALL SAINTS DAY/ALL SOULS DAY INFORMATION

Because of the way the calendar falls this year, All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. But we will still have an All Saints Day Mass on Saturday morning, November 1st at 8:00AM at St. Richard. Our regular weekend Masses (including the Saturday 3:30PM and 5:30PM Masses) will all be for All Souls Day. In addition, our annual Bereavement Mass with reading of the names of parishioners who died this past year, will take place during the Sunday morning 8:30AM Mass.

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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Because of the Basket Raffle in our Parish Hall this weekend, our normal after-church café isn't happening, but please come into the Hall and join us for the bake sale and basket raffle. Coffee, soft drinks, and hot dogs/haluski/pulled pork are available too!

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Our late Holy Father, Pope Francis called the clergy to be "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," bringing Christ's love and mercy to the world's most vulnerable communities. It is a call that deeply resonates with our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru, serving communities in the Andean highlands and rural villages, always with humility, joy, and pastoral closeness. The World Mission collection supports 1,124 mission territories—places where the Church is young, growing, poor, persecuted, and in need of support and funds the formation of seminarians, catechists, and religious sisters, builds churches and schools, and sustains healthcare and social outreach programs. In his message for the World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis urged the community of the baptized to "participate actively in the common evangelizing mission of the Church by your witness of life and prayer, by your sacrifices and your generosity." Today, Pope Leo XIV, echoes that call and we hope that you will be generous with today's second collection.

75th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

This Sunday, October 19th St. Richard Parish will celebrate its 75th Anniversary! The milestone celebration will begin at 10:30AM Mass with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. Please continue to pray for our parish as we grow together in faith and family.

MAHANOEY AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 25th at 9:00AM. This year it will be held at the St. Paul's First United Methodist Church, Mahanoy City. Donation is \$10, deadline is Sunday, November 9th. Tickets are available in the St. Richard Parish Office.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was mailed to all active parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes. Please confirm that all your information on the census form is correct, 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.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

If anyone would like to be added to our Home Visitation/Communion Call List, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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