

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth 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, 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
Monday, October 27 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Mark Corcoran
Tuesday, October 28 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Mass Intention: Paul Nester Sr., Ruth Nester, Paul Nester Jr.
Wednesday, October 29 No Mass: SR <i>(No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession)</i>	Weekday
Thursday, October 30 No Mass: SR	Weekday
Friday, October 31 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, November 1 8:00AM Mass: SR 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	All Saints (<i>not a Holy Day of Obligation this year</i>) Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests Vigil to The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Mass Intention: John Longhi Mass Intention: All Souls Memorials
Sunday, November 2 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Mass Intention: All Souls Memorials Mass Intention: All Souls Memorials

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Sirach speaks of the Lord as a God of justice. He hears the cry of the oppressed and the petitions of the lowly. In the second reading, with the end of his earthly life nearing, Paul expresses continued trust in the Lord's help and eternal reward. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses those who were convinced of their own righteousness with a parable of a Pharisee and tax collector praying in the temple area. In the spiritual life, it is tempting to look at others' motivations and behaviors and compare them to ourselves. We may even comfort ourselves with the thought that at least we are "not like them." The Lord reminds us that our focus should be on examining our own actions, recognizing our own sins, and humbly repenting for these, seeking God's mercy.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 2: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

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 **Andante in F Major** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

The postlude is **Largamente in B-flat Major** by Leon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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, Sue Mannello, Dr. Walter Setlock, Christine Lawrence, Sean McGeehan, Donald Weaver

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

Mary Helen Rehatchek

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Dino Perricone

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Charlie Odorizzi

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

For the Founding Fathers of St. Richard Parish

Blessed Virgin Mary

In Memory of Mary Helen Rehatchek

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

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 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

Sunday, November 16 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 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

Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 2nd at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 9th 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 – Start date to be announced

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 Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

11/1 ~ All Saints

11/2 ~ All Souls / Parish Facility Fund

11/9 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 7:00PM Men's Group meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome

Upcoming Events

November 1	All Saints (not obligatory) 8:00AM Mass at St. Richard followed by the monthly Rosary for Peace
November 2	All Souls – regular Saturday/Sunday Mass schedule at both parishes

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP THIS WEEK – OCTOBER 26th

The Fall clean-up in all five parish cemeteries will take place this week starting on 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 TODAY. Clean-up starts tomorrow!

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.

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE ON NOVEMBER 1st

Our monthly Rosary for Peace will be prayed at St. Richard this month, immediately following the All Saints Day 8:00AM Mass on Saturday, November 1st.

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 Souls 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.

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus will be delivering a complete turkey dinner to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal this Thanksgiving Day. You must reserve your meal by November 20th. Please either call or email 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or KofC431@yahoo.com Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals starting at 8:00AM.

ST. JOHN XXIII BASKET RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who made our Basket Raffle, Food and Bake Sale this past weekend such a success. Many wonderful prizes were won and we will have a total profit amount to report next weekend once all the receipts are tallied. Again, thank you!

TAMAQUA HUNGER CAMPAIGN SOUP SALE

We hosted the soup pick-up this year in our Parish Hall and it went very well. Thank you to Dan Odorizzi and everyone else who helped in any way with the soup sale.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the 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.

SINCERE THANK YOU

On behalf of Fr. Finlan and the St. Richard Parish we would like to express gratitude to everyone who attended the 75th Anniversary celebration this past Sunday. A special thank you to His Excellency Bishop Schlert for beginning the celebration at the 10:30AM Mass and to our distinguished clergy: Rev. Eugene Ritz, Msgr. Francis Schoenauer, Rev. Eric Tolentino, Deacon John Setlock, Deacon Edward Girard, and Deacon Jeffrey Tomczyk. Additional thank you to St. Richard Choir, the Anniversary Committee members, and the entire staff at Capriotti's Catering. We are truly blessed and please continue to pray as we grow together in Faith and Family!

2nd ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT AT ST. RICHARD

Come and join all the ghosts and goblins at our inaugural Halloween Trunk or Treat Scavenger Hunt **this Friday, October 31st from 5:00PM until 8:00PM** on parish grounds. The event is sponsored by the Ryan Township Board of Supervisors.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLES

St. Richard Church is again offering memorial candles in remembrance of your loved ones. It is a 5-day candle and will be personalized with your loved one's name and/or message. Cards to write your request and envelopes are in the St. Richard vestibule. It is \$5 per candle. Please print clearly and remember that space on the candle is limited.

WARM THEIR HEARTS COAT DRIVE

Once again, there will be a winter coat drive for kids. It will benefit students within the local community. We are accepting all sizes for new or gently used coats, hats, and gloves. This collection will end on November 30th. A drop-off box has been placed in the vestibule of St. Richard and the Narthex of St. John XXIII. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

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

Please confirm that your information on the census form is correct, make any necessary corrections, and return the form to the respective Parish Office. REMEMBER: 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.

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.

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.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

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

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