

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 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
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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, 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
Monday, October 5 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Tuesday, October 6 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ No 9:00AM Mass today: SR	Weekday
Wednesday, October 7 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass Intention: Craig Alan Goida
Thursday, October 8 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Paul Nester, Ruth Nester, and Paul Nester Jr.
Friday, October 9 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, October 10 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Gazdick and Krull Families
Sunday, October 11 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Russell Triano Mass Intention: Frank and Gladie Syzdek

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah describes a vineyard that produces bad grapes; he explains that the vineyard is the house of Israel. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Philippians to find the peace of God by contemplating the good. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable in which the tenants ignore the landowner's agents when they try to collect the produce and even kill the landowner's son. Paul says to have no anxiety but rather to think about what is true, honorable, and just; what is pure, lovely, and gracious; and anything excellent and worthy of praise. When we contemplate the good around us instead of dwelling on the negative, we are reminded that life is a gift, and that we play a role in God's plan to redeem the world.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 11: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

<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 Renewal can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184</p> <p>The prelude is Für Elise by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) The postlude is Larghetto in F Major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Katherine Miller.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Danenfesler, 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, Sue Takio, John Gallagher, Barb Houser, William Fell, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Cheryl Keifer, Mikayla Wyrwas, Jane Weston / David Rickert, 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, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz

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

Ann Frommer

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Ryan Oravec Crucifix Candle In Memory of Katherine Miller	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Sacred Heart Jimmy Tracy and Jerome Tracy St. Joseph Special Intention
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 <i>All classes will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM</i> October 4- Family Mass Grades 2-8 Circle of Grace (<i>St. Jerome's students do not need to attend</i>) 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 any questions, 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 <u>unless</u> noted. CUB SCOUT MEETINGS October 4th, October 11th, October 18th *Meetings held on Sundays at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall.
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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 Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

10/11 ~ Parish Utilities

10/18 ~ World Mission Sunday

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	12:00PM St. Francis of Assisi feast day – Blessing of Animals held in St. Richard church parking lot
Thursday	St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal is cancelled this week due to wedding rehearsal in the church
Saturday	12:00PM Outdoor Rosary in Tamaqua Depot Square Park near gazebo

Upcoming Events

October 11	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass 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 17	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle – 4:30PM-7:30PM – Parish Hall – Hot food items available and bake sale
October 18	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle – 9:30AM-1:00PM – Parish Hall – Hot food items available and bake sale 12:00PM-2:00PM St. Richard Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall

TWO WORDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the cleaning team for cleaning St. John XXIII Church this past Friday. Also, thank you to Nathaniel Grimminger for playing the piano for Sunday's prelude. If anyone (child or adult) would like to play a piano prelude at Mass, please speak to the Director of Music.

OUTDOOR ROSARY IN TAMAQUA THIS SATURDAY

Fatima Rosary to be held at noon on Saturday, October 10th in Depot Square Park. Meet near the gazebo. Please bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on.

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

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.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 18th from 12:00PM-2:00PM is 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 have been mailed. 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.

M&J BIG BAND CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 1st

Mark your calendars and plan to attend an All Saint's Day concert here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall at 3:00PM on Sunday, November 1st. Tickets are only \$10 and are available in the Family Room before and after Mass or in the Parish Office during regular office hours.

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.

BULLETIN REMINDER

Bulletin announcements, including flyers, must be submitted no later than Tuesday at noon to the Parish Office.

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