

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh 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



Church of St. Richard

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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, 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
Monday, October 6 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Erica Dolan
Tuesday, October 7 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass Intention: Joseph Zelinsky
Wednesday, October 8 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Stephen McCarthy
Thursday, October 9 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Jacqueline Riotto
Friday, October 10 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, October 11 10:00AM St. John XXIII Feast Day: SJ 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Adoration, Holy Hour, Morning Prayer, Benediction, and Reception Mass Intention: Mark T. Boyle Mass Intention: Francis M. and Mary Senglar
Sunday, October 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Zoey Chwojka Mass Intention: David Joseph Oliva

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Habakkuk asks how long he must look upon destruction and violence. The Lord answers that the vision will be fulfilled, and it will not disappoint. Paul tells Timothy to stir into flame the gift of God he has received and to bear his share of hardship for the Gospel with the help of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, the Apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Faith is a gift that God gives freely, but this precious gift can be rejected by us and lost through our failure to nurture it and grow in it. Today's Scriptures encourage us to persevere in faith until the end, remembering that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. With the gift of faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do great things for God.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 12: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

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 Sheep May Safely Graze by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Fugue in C Major by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726) The altar flowers are given in gratitude of three beautiful grandchildren.
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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

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

Judy Yanes

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Mary Wagner

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Mark T. Boyle

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Joseph

Francis Trackim

St. Richard

In Honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Parish

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 5 – No Youth Formation

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

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

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

Need registration information or have questions, please
contact Melissa Grimminger at 814-330-6819.

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

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

Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 12th at 9:00AM

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.

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.

OCLIA (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 Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

10/12 ~ Parish Utilities

10/19 ~ World Mission Sunday

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	12:00PM Blessing of the Animals in the St. Richard parking lot rain or shine – open to both parishes 12:00PM-3:00PM St. Richard Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the Parish Hall
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	Bus trip to Diocesan Pilgrimage in Washington D.C. – details in write-up below
Wednesday	RSVP deadline for St. Richard 75th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome 7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Saturday	10:00AM St. John XXIII Feast Day Adoration, Holy Hour, Morning Prayer, Benediction, and Cake/Coffee

Upcoming Events

October 12	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
October 14	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall
October 18	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle & Bake Sale – 4:30PM until 7:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
October 19	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

ST. JOHN XXIII FEAST DAY IS THIS SATURDAY

The feast day of our Patron Saint is **Saturday, October 11th**. Starting at 10:00AM we will have Adoration, Holy Hour, Morning Prayer, and Benediction in the church. That should last until roughly 11:00AM then we will have a cake and coffee reception in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. We hope that you will join us. After you finish your cake and coffee, there is also an outdoor Rosary starting at noon at Kennedy Park in Lansford (*bring your own chair*) should you wish to pray the Rosary that day.

ST. JOHN XXIII BASKET RAFFLE – OCTOBER 18 & 19

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.

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. THIS TUESDAY

Please join us this 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@parish@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.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER FINLAN

Fr. Finlan would like to express his gratitude to everyone who watched and enjoyed the video, the kind words, and the donations to the “Cooks with Collars” Diocesan annual fundraiser. Please refer to the weekly bulletin for the final tally submitted by the Diocese.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was recently 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 and make any necessary corrections or updates 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.

75th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

What seems like only yesterday we announced the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The milestone celebration is to take place on Sunday, October 19th beginning 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.** Any questions please contact the parish office during business hours or email strichardadmin@ptd.net.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES

Bosco's shopping passes are on sale in the Family Room at St. John XXIII and the vestibule at St. Richard 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.

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.

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.

BOSCOV’S SHOPPING PASSES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

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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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