

# Welcome

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

**Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor**

**Deacon Edward J. Girard**

*November 16, 2025*

*The Thirty-Third 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**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

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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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<b>Saturday, November 15</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Mass Intention: Christine Huegel  Mass Intention: William and Fannie Neverosky
<b>Sunday, November 16</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass Intention: Mary Rose Schock  Mass Intention: Tom Flaherty
<b>Monday, November 17</b> 7:00AM Mass: SR ( <i>held at St. Richard Church</i> )	<b>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</b> Mass Intention: Mia Everly Bonner
<b>Tuesday, November 18</b> 7:00AM Mass: SR ( <i>held at St. Richard Church</i> ) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Jean Vecolitis
<b>Wednesday, November 19</b> No 7:00AM Mass: SR ( <i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i> )	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Thursday, November 20</b> No 7:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Friday, November 21</b> <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Saturday, November 22</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>  Mass Intention: Michael J. Bubel Jr.  Mass Intention: Clara and John Ogrodnick
<b>Sunday, November 23</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes  Mass Intention: Alfred Peca

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Malachi says the day is coming when all evildoers will be stubble, for that day will set them on fire. Those who fear the Lord, however, will see the sun of justice rise. Paul instructs the Thessalonians to work quietly and eat their own food. In the Gospel, Jesus predicts the fall of the temple and persecution for his disciples, but he assures them that perseverance will secure their lives. As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in heaven. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice. If we persevere in faith, we can anticipate this coming with joy.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 23:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p>The <b>Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The <b>Mass of Renewal</b> 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 <b>Fantasy in A Minor</b> by Edward Broughton (1934-2015)                  The postlude is <b>Give Thanks Unto God</b> by Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930)</p> <p>The harvest display at the altar is in thanksgiving for all God's blessings to our parish.                  (<i>Thank you to everyone who brought in pumpkins, gourds, mums, and Indian corn to make this beautiful harvest display.</i>)</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

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 / Magnolia Pavlovich, Regina Zoba, Jeff Zoba, Joan Manos, Kiersten Guers, Craig Goida, Fred Holman, Jane Grier

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

Jeremy Lawson

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Mia Everly Bonner <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Michael J. Bubel Jr.	<b>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention
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## YOUTH FORMATION

### Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b> <i>All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM</i> <b>Sunday, November 16</b> – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8 <b>Saturday, November 22</b> – First Reconciliation 10:00AM <b>Sunday, November 23</b> – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8  <i>And don't forget about Advent Wreath Making on Saturday, November 29th at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. This is a great event for the whole family. Sign-up sheets are in the Family Room and the Parish Hall.</i>	<b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b> <b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b> Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 16th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 23rd at 9:00AM Sunday, November 30th – No Classes Thanksgiving Weekend  *All classes are held in the Parish Hall unless noted.  Any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433  <b>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> <b>Cub Scouts</b> Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM in the St. Richard 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)**, 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 Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

11/23 ~ Poverty Relief

11/27 ~ Thanksgiving

11/30 ~ Christmas Flowers

## ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

### This Week

Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome
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### Upcoming Events

November 23	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
November 24	6:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall (meeting includes members from St. John XXIII)
November 25	9:00AM Mahanoy Area Ministerial Association Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast at St. Paul's UCC 7:00PM Tamaqua Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Trinity UCC, 22 Lafayette Street, Tamaqua
November 26	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot 7:00PM Thanksgiving Day Vigil Mass at St. Richard Church
November 27	Thanksgiving Day – No Mass at either Church – both Parish Offices closed Thursday and Friday
November 29	9:00AM until 11:00AM Advent Wreath Making in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – More details on flyer
December 2	6:30PM Welcoming Advent Event in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – More details on flyer

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS & ST. JOSEPH MISSALS

The workbooks for the new liturgical year are in the sacristy. Lectors, please pick up yours before or after Mass today. Also, the 2026 Sunday Missals are on the table in the Family Room. They are \$5 each, please use the envelopes provided.

### WELCOMING ADVENT EVENT ON DECEMBER 2nd

The busyness of the holiday season makes it difficult to focus on God like we should. Join us on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30PM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall for a night of celebration to start Advent off with the right heart and help us keep the focus on God. The night includes a relaxing environment, light refreshments, candlelit Scripture and prayer, and Christmas songs. There is no charge for this night, only an open heart – Limited seating – A sign-up sheet is located in the St. John XXIII Narthex or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835. More information about the event is on the flyer.

### GIVING TREE IN THE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH HALL

Starting on the First Sunday in Advent, we will have a Giving Tree for both BIRTHRIGHT and Catholic Charities in our Parish Hall. BIRTHRIGHT only accepts gift cards or monetary donations, while Catholic Charities accepts: diapers size 3 and up, baby wipes, infant/toddler clothing, bottles, and small infant-safe toys. Gift cards/monetary donations for BIRTHRIGHT can be placed in the offering box or sent to the St. John XXIII Parish Office (make sure it is clearly marked for BIRTHRIGHT). Items for Catholic Charities can be placed under the Giving Tree in the Parish Hall. **Please do not wrap the items.** Thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate during this holiday season.

### 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.

### 2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book will officially open Wednesday, December 10th at 10:00AM. No intention requests will be taken until that date. Please refer to the weekly bulletin for updates and specific guidelines for each parish.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and fellowship.

### WINTER LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

Need a gift for that hard to buy person or a stocking stuffer? - look no further. December 2025/January 2026 Lottery calendars are on sale now! **The 2-sided lottery calendars are \$10 for both months!** That's over 50 chances to win. Please return all tickets as soon as possible either in the collection basket or the "Fundraising" box on the rectory porch. December tickets must be returned by November 30th. **Seller's bonus** – if you sell 5 tickets you get 1 free! To become a seller, call/text Joann at 570-640-1034.

### 75th ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENTS

For those who did not attend the Anniversary Dinner, we are offering a 75th Anniversary Keepsake ornament. They are \$10 each and would make great gifts too! If you are interested, please contact the St. Richard Parish Office.

### ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

2026 St. Joseph Missals and Christmas Wafers are in St. Richard Vestibule. Suggested donations for Missals \$5 each, Christmas Wafers \$4 per packet. Please use the appropriate envelopes provided and place them in the collection or the secure box on the Rectory porch. The 2026 St Joseph Sunday Missals are also available in the St. John XXIII Family Room.

### GIVING TREE AT ST. RICHARD

Starting Sunday, November 30th, there will be a Giving Tree in the church vestibule for both BIRTHRIGHT and Catholic Charities. BIRTHRIGHT only accepts monetary donations or gift cards however; Catholic Charities also accepts certain items. A list of suggested items is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. BIRTHRIGHT donations can be placed in the collection basket or in the secure box on the Rectory porch. Catholic Charities donations (please do not wrap) may be placed under the tree. Thank you for helping these organizations as they help others in the Season of Giving!

### WARM THEIR HEARTS COAT DRIVE

We are participating in a winter coat drive for children 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.

### 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.

**JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDARS FOR SALE NOW**

They are only \$5 each and make great stocking stuffers. They are available in the St. John XXIII Family room before and after weekend Masses.

**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.

**MORE ATTEMPTS AT FRAUD**

Over the past few weeks, someone has been impersonating Fr. Finlan and sending text messages and emails to parishioners from fake accounts pretending to be Fr. Finlan. None of these messages are legitimate. Fr. Finlan will never text or email requests for help or money or gift cards. If you do receive one of these fraudulent messages, just delete it and do not reply, but please let your respective Parish Office know.

**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.

**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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

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