

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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, November 8 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Setlock and Falls Families
Sunday, November 9 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass Intention: Bill Paslawsky Mass Intention: Leonard P. Hanlon
Monday, November 10 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Susan Brennan
Tuesday, November 11 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Mass Intention: All Veterans of the US Military
Wednesday, November 12 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr Mass Intention: Joe Reardon
Thursday, November 13 7:00 Mass: SR	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (USA) Mass Intention: Stephen McCarthy
Friday, November 14 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, November 15 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Christine Huegel Mass Intention: William and Fannie Neverosky
Sunday, November 16 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Rose Schock Mass Intention: Tom Flaherty

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading describes Ezekiel's vision of life-giving water flowing from the threshold of the temple. The water flows into the sea, where it makes the salt waters fresh. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that they are God's temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in them. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money-changers and merchants out of the temple. Only after the Resurrection do his disciples realize that he was speaking of his body when he said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." In baptism, we became temples where the Spirit of God came to dwell. He remains in us so long as we do not drive him out by mortal sin; his presence influences our lives and transforms our hearts more when we put no obstacles in the way of his action. Just as Jesus drove the money-changers out of the Jerusalem temple, so we should ask him to drive out of our hearts all selfish desires so we can live fully for the glory of God and the service of others.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 16: Mal 3:1-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

<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 Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages: Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is Andante in E-flat Major by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924) The postlude is Mosso Moderato in F Major by Wilhelm Volckmar (1812-1887)</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>

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

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

Lester Rhubright

Robert Toth Sr.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Leona Marcovich

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Sally Best-Haas

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

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

Sunday, November 16 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

Saturday, November 22 – First Reconciliation 10:00AM

Sunday, November 23 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

*And don't forget about the Eucharistic Adoration and
Holy Hour that the Knights of Columbus are hosting this
Thursday, November 13th at 7:00PM here in the church.*

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

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

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts

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 11/9 ~ Parish Utilities

Upcoming collections are...

11/16 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ 11/23 ~ Poverty Relief

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	St. John XXIII weekly Parish Choir Rehearsal is cancelled this week and will resume next Thursday 7:00PM until 8:00PM – Holy Hour by the Knights of Columbus at St. John XXIII Church – All are invited
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620

Upcoming Events

November 20	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
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, Mahanoy City
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

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.

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.

THREE UNFORTUNATE OMISSIONS

Three names were unfortunately omitted last week at Mass during the reading of the names of parishioners who died in the past year. The three names are Ellen Kemmerer, Jeremy Lawson, and Lester Rhubright.

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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

LAST CALL FOR THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

The Annual Mahanoy Area Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 25th at 9:00AM. It will be held at the St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Mahanoy City. The donation is \$10. Tickets are available in the St. Richard Parish Office.

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. The Parish Calendars have not been delivered. Please use the appropriate envelopes provided and place either in the collection or in the office secure box on the Rectory porch. The 2026 St Joseph Sunday Missals will be available in the St. John XXIII Family Room starting next week.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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