

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor
Deacon Edward J. Girard

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

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Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

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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 additional 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
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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.

SJ = St. John XXIII

SR = St. Richard

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| Saturday, February 10 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR | Vigil to The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Brian Caroll Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz Missing you on our 60th Wedding Anniversary |
| Sunday, February 11 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR | The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bill Paslawsky Mass Intention: Joseph H. Bones Sr. |
| Monday, February 12 8:00AM Mass: SJ | Weekday Mass Intention: John Leipold |
| Tuesday, February 13 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM – 9:30AM Adoration & Benediction: SJ | Weekday Mass Intention: Violet LaBella |
| Wednesday, February 14 8:00AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes: SR 12:10PM Liturgy of Word/Distribution of Ashes: SJ 7:00PM Liturgy of Word/Distribution of Ashes: SJ | Ash Wednesday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests |
| Thursday, February 15 8:00AM Mass: SR | Thursday after Ash Wednesday Mass Intention: Patrick Kotula |
| Friday, February 16 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i> | Friday after Ash Wednesday |
| Saturday, February 17 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR | Vigil to The First Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Paul Nester Sr., Ruth Nester, and Paul Nester Jr. Mass Intention: Gary Macek |
| Sunday, February 18 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR | The First Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Pat Skelson |

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading regulates procedures for dealing with people with skin disease. They are denounced unclean and must live alone. Paul calls the Corinthians to give glory to God in everything they do. In the Gospel, Jesus is moved with pity for a man with leprosy. Jesus touches the man, and he is made clean. "Do everything for the glory of God." Paul's words are both commanding and encouraging. As Christians, whatever we do ought to reflect who we are: children of the Most High God, adopted sons and daughters of the Lord. We are brothers and sisters of Christ, and our very identity should permeate all we say and do. We are encouraged in this endeavor, and aided by grace, so that we can glorify God for his sake, and for the sake of the world's salvation.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

St. John XXIII

The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.

The Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages:

Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **Andante Sostenuto in F Major** by Pietro Mascagni (1865-1945)

The postlude is **Prince of Denmark's March (Trumpet Voluntary)** by Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

The altar flowers are in memory of Sandra McGlinchey.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Marge Coassolo, TJ Dombrowski, Dee Harvan, Valerie Higgins, Margaret Kufrovich, Kathy Sanchez, Joe Shustack Sr., Barbara Houser, Rich Campbell, David Rickert, Craig Goida, Bernard Hasara, Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Bill Savage, Sue Taiko, Paul Setlock, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Ben Shellhamer, Lou Ann Knittle, John Crammond, /Jean Perez

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

Sandra McGlinchey

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of Violet LaBella

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Bill Paslawsky

**St. Richard
Blessed Virgin Mary**

In Memory of my niece Jayme Ann Grimaldi

Sacred Heart

In Memory of Mizzer & Rajkowski Families

St. Francis

Special Intention

St. Joseph

In Memory of Robert Rehatchek

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

**AFTER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL
DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Sunday, February 11 – Family Day Mass Grades 1-8
Pancake Breakfast after Mass in Hall – 9:30AM-10:30AM

ALL ARE INVITED FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Just come to the Parish Hall immediately after Mass on

Sunday, February 11th

Cost: \$10 per person

Kids are free!

Sunday, February 18 – Youth Formation Grades 1-8

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 11th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 18th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 25th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00PM
in the Parish Hall

Boy Scouts – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM
in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.

RCIA: RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If there is an adult who wishes to become Roman Catholic and receive their Sacraments of Initiation, this is the process to make that happen. Adult Christians who have been attending Mass for several years may complete their Catholic initiation through a period of instruction; then Reconciliation, Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Reception into Full Communion which often occurs during the Vigil of Easter but can also occur at other times of the year. Adults may be Baptized also in an extended process as well. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Parish Utilities.

Upcoming second collections are...

2/14 ~ Ash Wednesday

2/18 ~ Black and Indian Missions

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

| This Week | |
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| Sunday | Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 9:30AM-10:30AM Pancake Breakfast in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall |
| Wednesday | Ash Wednesday – 8:00AM Mass SR; 12:10PM and 7:00PM Liturgy of the Word with Ash Distribution SJ |
| Thursday | 10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall The regularly scheduled St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal is canceled this week, it resumes next week |
| Saturday | 9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620 |
| Upcoming Events | |
| February 16 | 3:00pm-5:00PM Lenten Seafood Dinner at St. Richard Parish Hall |
| February 18 | 7:00PM Men's Group St. Richard Meeting Room |

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We will participate in Operation Rice Bowl this year. At St. John XXIII, the “Rice Bowls” are on a table in front of the baptismal font, please take one. Extra “Rice Bowls” will be located on the table in the Family Room. At St. Richard, the “Rice Bowls” are in the vestibule. Since its inception in 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has provided more than \$330 million to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. At the conclusion of Lent, the Rice Bowls will be collected. We ask participants to convert Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to the parish for easier counting. We will then combine all the gifts and send one check to the Diocese.

PLEASE SILENCE/TURN OFF CELL PHONES

When you enter our church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God” however, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile phone. We thank you in advance for turning off your phones when you attend Mass.

THE INTROIT & COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Some people were curious about the two pieces of music that the cantor sings both at the start of Mass before the Entrance Hymn and at the start of Communion before the Communion Hymn. These are the Entrance Antiphon (commonly referred to as the Introit) and the Communion Antiphon and both have been part of the Mass for millennia. (*At weekday Mass we even sing a third antiphon at the Offertory.*) These sung antiphons were mostly written in the 6th and 7th Centuries, but some are even older, having been written as early as the 4th Century. Pope Gregory the First, after whom Gregorian Chant is named, also composed several of these Entrance Antiphons. These antiphons often tie in directly to the readings that we hear on a given day.

MASSES AND CANDLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

We still have open slots for 2024 Masses, the Sanctuary Lamp, and the Crucifix Candle. Just stop into the Parish Office during regular office hours and we will be happy to process your request.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Anyone wanting to receive a copy of their 2023 Contribution Statement for tax preparation please call the respective Parish Office during business hours. Please note that there may be a discrepancy with your statement if you use BOTH paper envelopes and online giving. Should you have any questions or want further clarification, especially if you give both online and with envelopes, please just call the Parish Office.

THE ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY UPDATE

All parishes in the Diocese will be participating in a parish wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! Please participate in the survey which will be from February 12th to March 27th. Paper surveys will be included in next week's bulletin. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are kept confidential. This information will also be invaluable to Fr. Finlan and our various ministries as we strive to be the best disciples. We will then share a summary of the survey with the parishes. You may drop off your completed survey at the Parish Office or in any collection.

LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners and THANK YOU to all who supported our December and January Lottery Calendars. Our profit for this fundraiser was \$3,959!

COOKS WITH COLLARS DEADLINE FEBRUARY 12

WE'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH! Donations can be made through the site or dropped in the parish collection at Mass. (Please mark the envelope “St. Richard” OR “St. John”). To donate online, go to www.cookswithcollars.org and click on Fr. Finlan's picture and it will take you to the full video. From there click on the brown colored box (“Support...”). This is where you will be able to donate and write in your personal message. Get your last votes in for OUR Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit the parishes.

LENTEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

This Friday, February 16th is our Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner from 3:00PM-5:00PM. Please return your tickets and chances **as soon as possible** in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked “Fundraising” on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

Dinner Prep Schedule

Wed. February 14th at 9:00AM; making crab cakes and peeling potatoes

Thurs. February 15th at 9:00AM; packing cole slaw and rolls, icing/packing cakes, and hall set up.

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule if you are able and would like to volunteer preparing the dinner &/or serving the day of the dinner.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of snow or ice, St. Richard will follow Mahanoy Area School District and St. John XXIII will follow Tamaqua Area School District. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be NO weekday Mass.

