

Welcome

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

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

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

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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

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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**

Saturday, February 17 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confession: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confession: 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
Monday, February 19 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Gary Nothstein
Tuesday, February 20 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Morris and Agnes Vaccaro
Wednesday, February 21 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 6:30PM – 7:00PM Confession: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Leonard and Anna Navitsky
Thursday, February 22 8:00AM Mass: SR	The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle Mass Intention: Joseph Klatka
Friday, February 23 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Lenten Weekday
Saturday, February 24 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confession: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confession: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Tom Gerhard Mass Intention: Len Brylewski
Sunday, February 25 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Carmen Castagna Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God makes a covenant with Noah. In the second reading, Peter reflects on how the waters of the flood prefigured baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus is driven into the desert for forty days and forty nights before beginning to preach: The kingdom of God is hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. To repent means to feel regret and sorrow and to change, or "turn from" what is evil. Gospel is a word meaning "good news."

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31B-34; Mk 9:2-10

St. John XXIII

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

The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages:

Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Lamb of God – 174

There are no preludes for the duration of Lent.

The postlude is **Maestoso in A Minor** by Frederic Heyer (1793-1873)

There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.

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...

Marie Kupetz

Robert Zeplin

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Leonard Zoba Jr. Crucifix Candle For the Health of Joann Taras</p>	<p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp Happy Birthday cousin Helen Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention St. Francis In Memory of Jill St. Joseph In Loving Memory of Joseph Horvat Jr.</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII AFTER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sunday, February 18 – Youth Formation Grades 1-6, 8</p> <p>Saturday, February 24 – First Reconciliation Retreat 12:30PM until 3:30PM Mass</p> <p>Sunday, February 25 – No Youth Formation</p> <p>Saturday, March 2 – First Reconciliation 10:00AM <i>Please pray for our Second-grade students as they prepare for their First Reconciliation.</i></p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024</p> <p>Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 18th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 25th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 3rd at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 10th at 9:00AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS</p> <p>Cub Scouts – Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p> <p>Boy Scouts – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Black and Indian Missions.

Upcoming second collections are...

2/25 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation - SR / Parish Cemeteries - SJ

3/3 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
Tuesday	8:30AM Confession & Adoration / 9:00AM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Adoration / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
February 25	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
March 2	10:00AM First Reconciliation at St. John XXIII
March 3	11:30AM Volunteer Thank You Luncheon in St. Richard Parish Hall
March 4	6:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
March 10	6:00PM-8:00PM Adoration and Confession with Lenten music at St. John XXIII

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.

WORDS TO THE COMMUNION CHOIR ANTHEM

George Smyttan (1822-1870)/William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
Moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
Far off yet here– the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
So daily living to your way of love,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
So, we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
You the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,
Glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
So, in the Father's glory shall we wake.

EASTER PASTRY SALE

The "Freckled Moose" pastry and cake roll sale at St. John XXIII begins today! These are the same items that we sold last year. The final day of this pastry sale will be Sunday, March 10. Pick up will be in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on Thursday, March 21 between 4:00PM and 5:30PM.

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 HAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED!

All parishes in the Diocese are participating in a parish wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! Please participate in the survey which will continue until March 27th. Paper surveys have been included in this week's bulletin or if you prefer you may also complete the survey online. Parishioners of St. Richard should use <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/by9cdb> Parishioners of St. John XXIII should use <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/by71d5>

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 St. Richard vestibule or in the box in the St. John XXIII Family Room. If you choose to complete the survey online, please place the blank surveys at the end of the pew-do not throw away.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER FINLAN

Fr. Finlan would like to express his sincere gratitude to everyone who enjoyed the video, the kind words, and the donations to the "Cooks with Collars" Diocesan annual fundraiser. Please refer to next week's bulletin for the final tally submitted by the Diocese.

WITH GRATITUDE

Many thanks to ALL our volunteers and those who purchased a Lenten Dinner & 50/50 chances. Check back to next week's bulletin for our dinner profit and the 50/50 winner!

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.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church as well as the front pews of St. Richard Church.

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.

