

Welcome

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

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

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

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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.

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| <p>Saturday, March 23 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confession: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confession: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Vigil to Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: Barbara Cattarin Mass Intention: Virginia Martin</p> |
| <p>Sunday, March 24 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: Russell Triano Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish</p> |
| <p>Monday, March 25 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p> | <p>Monday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Joan Wargo</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, March 26 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ</p> | <p>Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Sandra McGlinchey</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, March 27 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</p> | <p>Wednesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p> |
| <p>Thursday, March 28 <i>(No morning Mass at St. Richard)</i> 7:00PM Mass/Procession to Altar of Repose: SJ 8:00PM-10:00PM Adoration in Parish Hall: SJ 10:00PM Night Prayer at Altar of Repose: SJ</p> | <p>Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper Mass Intention: Deceased Priests from the Diocese of Allentown</p> |
| <p>Friday, March 29 3:00PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: SJ 7:00PM Stations and Veneration of the Cross: SR</p> | <p>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</p> |
| <p>Saturday, March 30 <i>(No 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses)</i> 8:00PM Mass: SR</p> | <p>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p> |
| <p>Sunday, March 31 7:00AM Mass: SR 8:45AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SJ</p> | <p>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p> |

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the Gospel for the procession that is read from the back of the church at the start of Mass, Jesus enters Jerusalem amid an enthusiastic crowd. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks for the Lord, despite opposition. In the second reading, Paul writes to the Philippians that Jesus emptied himself, becoming obedient to the point of death. In the reading of the Passion according to Mark, Mark tells the story of Jesus’ passion and death. During his journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to his Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. We journey together through difficult times, never alone, but always united with Jesus.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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| <p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages: Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>The choral prelude is Hosanna to the Son of David by Sr. M. Cherubim Schaefer, OSF The postlude is Präludium in G Minor (BWV558) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)</p> <p>The arrangement of palms at the altar is in thanksgiving for all the blessings that God has bestowed upon our parish.</p> |
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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, Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Bill Savage, Sue Taiko, Paul Setlock, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Ben Shellhamer, Lou Ann Knittle, John Crammond, / Jean Perez, Mike Rottet, Mike Davis, Marie Klapinsky / Mary Helen Rehatchek, George Woodward, Diane Cavanaugh, John Cavanaugh, Hope Mroczka, Christine Trackim

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

Mark Dirzulaitis

David Chickilly

Joseph Kubert

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Christine Louise Kirzin

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Karen Brennan Rohrbach

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

Blessings for our parish family and community

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, March 24 – No Youth Formation – Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 31 – No Youth Formation – Happy Easter

Sunday, April 7 – Youth Formation Grades 1-6 & 8

Sunday, April 14 – Youth Formation Grades 2-7
Confirmation Practice at 1:00PM at St. Richard
(Candidates and Sponsors must attend)

Tuesday, April 16 – Confirmation 4:30PM at St. Richard
(Arrival time: 3:45PM)

Sunday, April 21 – Final Day: Youth Formation Grades 1-8
Eucharistic Adoration & Family Potluck after 8:30AM Mass

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 24th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-8; Sunday, March 31st – No Classes
Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 7th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 14th at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

Sunday, April 14th at 1:00PM; Confirmation Practice
Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30PM; Confirmation

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Next meeting to be announced

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 collections are...

3/29 ~ Holy Land Shrine/Good Friday

3/31 ~ Easter

4/3 ~ Feast of St. Richard

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 12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt at St. Richard (rain or shine) - open to ALL children from both parishes |
| Tuesday | 8:30AM Confession & Adoration / 9:00AM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII |
| Wednesday | 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal – please note different day because of Holy Week 6:30PM Confession & Adoration / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard |
| Thursday | 7:00PM Holy Thursday Mass at SJ followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose and 10:00PM Night Prayer |
| Friday | 3:00PM Divine Mercy Novena/Celebration of the Passion: SJ – 7:00PM Stations/Veneration of the Cross: SR |
| Saturday | 11:00AM Prayer/Basket Blessing followed by Church decorating at St. Richard in preparation for Easter 8:00PM Easter Vigil at St. Richard (no 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses) |
| Sunday | 7:00AM Easter Mass: SR – 8:45AM Easter Mass: SJ – 10:30AM Easter Mass: SJ |
| Upcoming Events | |
| April 1-7 | Divine Mercy Novena every day at 3:00PM at St. John XXIII from Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday |
| April 1 | 6:00PM-7:30PM Grief Share Support Group in St. Richard Parish Hall |
| April 3 | 6:00PM St. Richard Feast Day Mass followed by social in Parish Hall |

FOOD FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

As we did last year, we will be collecting food for the poor on Holy Thursday. Please bring a non-perishable food item with you to 7:00PM Mass on Holy Thursday. The food items will be brought forward at the offertory. The Tamaqua food pantry specifically requests pasta, but any non-perishable food will be gladly accepted.

PASCHAL CANDLE 2024 - “SAINT FRANCIS CROSS”

We thank the families for their donation of a new paschal candle at St. John XXIII “In Memory of the Keefer and Kubitsky Families.”

OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

Please convert Rice Bowl gifts to a single check made out to the parish for easier accounting. Please place your check in an envelope clearly labeled “**Rice Bowl Donation**” and deposit it in the Sunday collection. We will then combine all these gifts and send one check from the parish to the Diocese.

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

We anticipate large crowds at both the 8:45AM and 10:30AM Masses. If you are planning to attend the second Mass, please do not arrive before 10:00AM to allow time for the lot to clear from the first Mass. When parking your car, please be considerate and only take one space. If you are able, consider street parking and save the lot for those with mobility issues.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY UPDATE

Thank you to all those who already participated in the survey. The paper survey has now ended, however if you would like to complete the survey online, the deadline is March 27th. **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>
All responses are kept confidential. After the final deadline of March 27th, there will be periodic updates regarding various aspects of the survey until the final reports are released.

THANK YOU...

...to everyone who helped clean St. John XXIII Church and Parish Hall this past Monday. Also thank you to Danny Reigel and his helpers for cleaning all five parish cemeteries. Finally, thank you to all the organ moving helpers.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Many thanks again to ALL our volunteers and those who purchased a Lenten Dinner & 50/50 chances. The second dinner profit was \$3,594! Also, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Liscusky for being the 50/50 winner of \$764.50!

PASCHAL CANDLE 2024 - “HOLY TRINITY”

God’s blessings to Regina and Jeff Zoba for their donation of a new paschal candle at St Richard “In Memory of John and Rose Sochacki.”

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Due to the last two weekends of this month being Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday respectively, there will be no Anointing after Mass for the month of March. The next Anointing after Mass will be on the weekend of April 27th and 28th.

VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER

Starting this Sunday, March 24th through Saturday, March 30th at St. Richard there will be no Votive or Devotional candles lit for the beginning and duration of Holy Week. The only candle to remain lit is the Sanctuary Lamp. Candles will resume being lit starting Saturday, March 30th for the 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass.

PASKA BREAD ORDERS AT ST. RICHARD

The Paska Bread will be made Holy Thursday (3/28), with pickup Good Friday (3/29) from 3:00PM-7:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Copies of the schedule have been placed in the vestibule at St. Richard and the narthex at St. John XXIII for your convenience.

PARISH OFFICES NEWS

In observance of the Easter holiday, both parish offices will be closed Monday, April 1st.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving a loss? Our support group will be holding its new sessions starting Monday, April 1st at 6:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Marie Finlan 570-590-9690.

