

Welcome

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

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

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursaday ~ 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

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
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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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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.

<p>Saturday, April 6 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Joseph Swindro</p>
<p>Sunday, April 7 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Kane and Vaccaro Families Mass Intention: James Coogan</p>
<p>Monday, April 8 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>The Annunciation of the Lord Mass Intention: Patricia Weicker LaSota</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 9 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: John Leipold</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 10 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Len Brylewski</p>
<p>Thursday, April 11 <i>(Note time change)</i> 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr Mass Intention: Jer Tracy</p>
<p>Friday, April 12 <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, April 13 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Third Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Stan Karnish Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Members of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Sunday, April 14 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Adolph and Sophie Bonenberger and Roc Rogers Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Weber and Kowalick Families</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading describes how the early community of believers held everything in common. In the second reading, John writes that to love God is to keep his commandments, and that faith in Jesus conquers the world. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room and breathes on them, giving them the power to forgive sins. This forgiveness is still available to us in the sacraments. The gift of God’s mercy calls us to also perform acts of mercy to ensure that, as in the earliest communities of believers, no one among us is in need.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

<p>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 I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The postlude is Voluntary on Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” arranged by L. Dean Bye (b.1946)</p>
<p>The Easter flowers are made possible through the generosity of everyone who returned their Easter Flower Memorial envelopes. These Memorial envelopes are placed upon the altar for the duration of the Octave of Easter.</p>

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,
 Hope Mroczka, Christine Trackim, Roy Paisley

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

Richard Campbell

Joseph DeAngelo

Joseph Dereskavich

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Stan Karnish Crucifix Candle In Memory of Peter Krizin</p>	<p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene and Marie (Nolan) West Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention St. Richard In Memory of Buddy Trackim</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> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Sunday, April 7 – Youth Formation Grades 1-6 & 8</p> <p>Sunday, April 14 – Youth Formation Grades 2-7 Confirmation Practice at 1:00PM at St. Richard <i>(Candidates and Sponsors must attend)</i></p> <p>Tuesday, April 16 – Confirmation 4:30PM at St. Richard <i>(Arrival time: 3:45PM)</i></p> <p>Sunday, April 21 – Final Day: Youth Formation Grades 1-8 Eucharistic Adoration & Family Potluck after 8:30AM Mass</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024</p> <p>Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 7th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 14th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 21st at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 28th at 9:30AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p align="center">Confirmation Sunday, April 14th at 1:00PM; Confirmation Practice Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30PM; Confirmation</p> <p align="center">SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts – Next meeting to be announced 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. New inquiries are welcome. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic.</p> <p>Congratulations to Lauren Marie Francis Smarr upon her Reception into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil on March 30th!</p>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

4/14 ~ Parish Utilities

4/21 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	3:00PM Sung Divine Mercy Devotion/Confession/Benediction at St. John XXIII (Confession starts at 2:30PM) 7:00PM Men's Group – St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	6:00PM-7:30PM Grief Share Support Group in St. Richard Church
Tuesday	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting at St. Richard in the Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal – to review all music for Confirmation 7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

Upcoming Events	
April 14	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 1:00PM Confirmation Practice at St. Richard Church (all candidates / sponsors must attend)
April 16	4:30PM Confirmation at St. Richard Church
April 18/19	6:00PM-8:00PM Shop N Drop Basket Raffle in St. Richard Parish Hall
April 19	7:00PM Organ Concert at St. John XXIII featuring the organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City
April 20	10:00AM-1:00PM Shop N Drop Basket Raffle / 2:30PM Raffle winners called
April 23	6:30PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn who is the guest Celebrant for both Saturday Masses this weekend. It is always a pleasure to have Fr. Karpyn visit our parishes.

OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

It is not too late to return your "Operation Rice Bowl" Lenten donations. 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.

ORGAN CONCERT IN APRIL – BINGO IN MAY

Tickets are available in the Family Room at St. John XXIII before and after all weekend Masses for both the Organ Concert in April and the Bingo in May. Get your tickets now to attend these two exciting parish events!

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER & EASTER DISMISSAL

The music to these can be found on page 157 and page 165 in the green Journeysongs hymnal. We will be singing the Lord's Prayer throughout the Easter season. Today is the last day of the Octave of Easter. But the season of Easter (Eastertide) is a total of 50 days which concludes with the feast of Pentecost. This year, Pentecost falls on May 19th.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

The DMI Survey has now ended. Thank you to everyone who participated either online or paper copy. There will be periodic updates regarding various aspects of the survey, and we will post when they become available from Catholic Leadership Institute.

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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and goodies.

THE FEAST OF ST. RICHARD

Thank you to all who volunteered for our feast day festivities which began with a 6:00PM evening Mass celebrated this past Wednesday in honor of our patron saint followed by a parish social in the hall.

A BIG THANKS FROM ST. RICHARD

Looking back a couple of months ago, who would have thought a Diocesan fundraiser would turn into a church fundraiser, but here we were – making Paska Bread for Easter. A BIG thank you to everyone who supported the parish and bought a loaf ... or two. Our "dough rose" to a profit of \$931. We will see everyone next year-so stay tuned.

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. RICHARD

Our Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! Basket Donations are still being accepted! You can drop it at the Parish Office during business hours on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Raffle Tickets will be sold after this weekend Masses April 6th & 7th. Advance tickets are \$20; At the Door are \$25. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish! If you have any questions or would like to donate, contact Jack Cusatis at 570-225-1771.

PARISH PRAYER LIST REMINDER

Back in January the offices posted that the names would remain on the Prayer List for three months and would then be removed. However, since the end of the third month was Easter Sunday, the names will remain for one additional week and will be completely removed for the April 14th bulletin. If you would like to have a name remain or add a person's name, please contact the perspective parish office by Wednesday, April 10th.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving a loss? Join our weekly support group. New sessions have just begun and held every Monday at 6:00PM in St. Richard Church. For more information, please contact Marie at 570-590-9690. All are welcome.

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.

