

Welcome

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

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

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



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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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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Krissey 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 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 13 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Stan Karnish</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Sunday, April 14 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Adolph and Sophie Bonenberger and Roc Rogers</p> <p>Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Weber and Kowalick Families</p>
<p>Monday, April 15 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: William Luksavage</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 16 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Marge Romano</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 17 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Walter Solick</p>
<p>Thursday, April 18 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan Sr. and Daniel F. Guinan Jr.</p>
<p>Friday, April 19 (No Mass at either church on this date)</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, April 20 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Fourth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: John and Regina Potosky</p> <p>Mass Intention: Setlock and Falls Families</p>
<p>Sunday, April 21 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Christine J. Huegel</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Peter witnesses that Jesus, who was handed over out of ignorance, was raised from the dead and is the fulfilment of the prophets. In the second reading, John exhorts his community not to commit sin and to keep God’s commandments. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, shows them his hands and feet, and eats in front of them. Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises of salvation, and he has come to save us – body and soul. Our physical and spiritual realities are infused with one another, integrated within our creation as *Imago Dei* – made in the image of God. Christ was raised, body and soul, by the Father, and his glorified body was seen by the Apostles and many others. Through him we will be reunited to God, our Father and Creator, on the last day.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your face shine on us.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

<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 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today by Robert J. Powell (b.1932) The postlude is Carillon from 24 Pièces en Style Libre (Opus 31, No. 21) by Louis Vierne (1879-1937)</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.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Jean Perez, Mike Rottet, Mike Davis / Mary Helen Rehatchek, George Woodward, Hope Mroczka, Roy Paisley /
Kathy Sanchez, Joe Shustack Sr., Sue Taiko, Paul Setlock, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Marie Klapinsky,
Mary Helen Rehatchek, Diane Cavanaugh, Hope Mroczka, Christine Trackim, Roy Paisley, Elizabeth Tarutis,
Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Bill Savage, Jim Sanders, Michael Konidas, Helen Grier

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

Nicole Staehle

Joseph Dereskavich

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of John and Regina Potosky

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Anne Valentini

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention

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, 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

A word of thanks to all who supported our past pancake
breakfast. \$275 was raised as profit and this amount was used
to purchase food and donated to the Tamaqua Food Bank.

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

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

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

Confirmation 2024

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

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, April 21st at 4:30PM 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. New inquiries are welcome. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Utilities

Upcoming collections are...

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

4/28 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 1:00PM Confirmation Practice at St. Richard Church (all candidates / sponsors must attend)
Monday	6:00PM-7:30PM Grief Share Support Group in St. Richard Church
Tuesday	4:30PM Confirmation at St. Richard Church
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 6:00PM-8:00PM Shop N Drop Basket Raffle in St. Richard Parish Hall
Friday	6:00PM-8:00PM Shop N Drop Basket Raffle in St. Richard Parish Hall 7:00PM Organ Concert at St. John XXIII featuring the organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620 10:00AM-1:00PM Shop N Drop Basket Raffle / 2:30PM Raffle winners called
Upcoming Events	
April 23	6:30PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
May 19	St. John XXIII Cash Bingo held at the West Penn Fire Company, New Ringgold – more details on flyer

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Mark O'Hearn to the organ bench of St. John XXIII. Mark is playing both the Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend while our Director of Music is taking some time off to celebrate his 50th birthday.

THE ORGAN CONCERT IS THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 19

We are honored to have the organist from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City come to Tamaqua to give a concert on our Walker organ this Friday at 7:00PM. There will be a festive reception in the Parish Hall after the concert that will feature an 8-foot-long charcuterie table and wine in addition to cake and coffee. We thank the donors who are making this reception possible. Tickets are only \$10 and are available that night at the door or this weekend in the Family Room at St. John XXIII before and after all Masses. Please invite your family and friends to this special event. Flyers with complete information are in the Family Room, take as many as you like.

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER & APOSTLES CREED

The music to the Lord's Prayer can be found on **page 157** in the green Journeysongs hymnal. We will be singing the Lord's Prayer throughout the Easter season. Also, we will be saying the Apostles' Creed instead of the usual Nicene Creed. The Apostles Creed can be found on **page 149** in the hymnal.

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

This is the last chance to submit your "Operation Rice Bowl" Lenten donations. Please convert Rice Bowl gifts to a single check made out to the parish and place your check in an envelope clearly labeled "**Rice Bowl Donation**" and deposit it in the Sunday collection. We will combine all these gifts and send one check from the parish to the Diocese later this week.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

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

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC

This weekend we kickoff the 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal in our parishes and throughout our Diocese. In 2024 the Appeal will provide support for evangelization, vocations, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, and care for our retired and infirmed priests.

I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. St. Richard Parish has been asked to raise \$8,624 and St. John XXIII Parish has been asked to raise \$16,941. Let us strive for 100% participation from our parishes. Together, I believe we can make our goals.

We are stronger together! Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. RICHARD

Our Basket Raffle is almost here! Basket Donations are being accepted until this Wednesday, April 17th at the Parish Office during business hours. Raffle Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses. This will be the last chance to buy the tickets at the "advanced" rate of \$20 - at the door will be \$25. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish! If you have any questions or would like to donate, contact Jack Cusatis at 570-225-1771.

PARISH PRAYER LIST UPDATE

The names on the prayer list have been revised. If you would like to add a person's name, please contact the respective parish office.

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.

