

Welcome

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

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

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursdays ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator
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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday ~ 9:00AM-2:00PM

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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 more 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 27 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Joseph and Catherine Coleman Mass Intention: Margaret Haehnlen</p>
<p>Sunday, April 28 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Marge Romano Mass Intention: William and Fannie Neverosky</p>
<p>Monday, April 29 NO MASS TODAY – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 30 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Robert Zeplin</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 1 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Members of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Thursday, May 2 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: In Memory of Irene Chaya</p>
<p>Friday, May 3 <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p>	<p>Ss. Philip and James, Apostles</p>
<p>Saturday, May 4 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Daniel and Catherine Tracey Mass Intention: Mary Frances Dunleavy</p>
<p>Sunday, May 5 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: David Gary II Mass Intention: Frank and Gladie Syzdek</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today’s first reading, Barnabas introduces Saul to the Apostles in Jerusalem. In the second reading, John teaches that we remain in Jesus by keeping his commandment to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to describe our relationship with him and his nurturing Father. Jesus is the true vine, we remain in him as his branches, and his Father is the vine grower pruning us to bear much fruit. When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise you; Lord, in the assembly of your people.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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:
 Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **Voluntary on This Joyful Eastertide** by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)
 The postlude is **March from Scipio** by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The altar flowers are in memory of Sam Alonge.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Jean Perez, Mike Rottet, Mike Davis / Mary Helen Rehatchek, George Woodward, Hope Mrocza, / Kathy Sanchez, Joe Shustack Sr., Sue Taiko, Paul Setlock, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Marie Klapinsky, Diane Cavanaugh, Hope Mrocza, Christine Trackim, Roy Paisley, Elizabeth Tarutis, Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Bill Savage, Jim Sanders, Helen Grier, Valerie Higgins, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Adele Lech, John Crammond, Sam Sparich, Andrew Eremus

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

Linda Amato Michael Konidas Edna T. Romanick

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Dave Frederick Crucifix Candle Deceased Members of Gazdick and Gerhard Families</p>	<p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp Deceased Members of Nolan and McElhenny Families Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</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/> <p>Saturday, April 27 – First Communion Class Retreat 10:30AM until 3:30PM Mass</p> <p>Saturday, May 4 – First Communion at St. John XXIII</p> <p>Sunday, May 12 – May Crowning at St. John XXIII</p> <p>As we approach the date of First Communion, we ask you to keep the six children from our parish who will be receiving this most special sacrament in your thoughts and prayers.</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024 Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 28th at 9:30AM</p> <p>First Penance Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00PM</p> <p>Grades 1-8; Sunday, May 5th at 9:30AM – Last Class *All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS</p> <p>Cub Scouts – Sunday, May 5th at 4:30PM (location to be to be announced)</p> <p>Boy Scouts – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

5/5 ~ Parish Facility Fund

5/9 ~ Ascension Thursday

5/12 ~ Mother's Day

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Wednesday	5:30PM Rosary for Peace in the St. John XXIII parking lot near the statue of Mary – bring a chair
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal
Saturday	10:00AM First Holy Communion at St. John XXIII Parish
Upcoming Events	
May 5	7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
May 9	Ascension Thursday Mass Schedule (holy day of obligation) – 8:00AM at St. Richard, 7:00PM at St. John XXIII
May 11	10:00AM First Holy Communion at St. Richard Parish
May 11/12	Mother's Day Carnation Sale & Baby Bottle Campaign at St. John XXII
May 14	7:00PM Mass of Remembrance for miscarriage and other child loss at St. John XXIII
May 19	12:00-3:00PM BBQ Chicken Dinner in St. Richard Parish Hall St. John XXIII Cash Bingo held at the West Penn Fire Company, New Ringgold – more details on flyer

NO MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 29

Please note that there will not be an 8:00AM Mass this Monday, April 29th, because Fr. Finlan will be away.

ROSARY FOR PEACE THIS WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM

May 1st marks the one-year anniversary of our parish praying intentionally for peace. Please come to pray this Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30 PM. Bring a chair, and dress to be outside as we gather near the statue of Mary, Mother of God, in the parking area. Contact Jane with questions 570-640-7514.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE/BABY BOTTLE

In honor of Mother's Day, we will be supporting two area women's centers with their efforts to help pregnant women with their needs – Birthright in Frackville and CareNet of Carbon County. We will host our annual carnation sale for Birthright, and this year will add a baby bottle campaign for CareNet. The carnations will be available in St. John XXIII Narthex for both Masses on Mother's Day weekend – suggested donation \$2.00. The baby bottle campaign will begin on Mother's Day weekend and end on Father's Day – bottles will be available in St. John XXIII Narthex and Parish Hall. Take a bottle, fill it with change or gift card or check, and return it on Father's Day. For more information, look for a flyer and check the events page on our parish website www.sj23tamaqua.org or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE – MAY 14 – 7:00PM

A Mass of remembrance for miscarriages and other child loss will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00PM at St. John XXIII. The rosary will begin at 7:00, followed by Mass and then a gathering in the hall with light refreshments. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for your loved one, write an intention, and sign the book of innocents.

BINGO – MAY 19 – 1:00PM

St. John XXIII Cash Bingo is less than a month away! It will be held on Sunday, May 19th at the West Penn Fire Co. #1 in New Ringgold. Doors open at 12 noon and Bingo starts at 1:00PM. Tickets are \$25 and are available in the Family Room before and after Mass.

THANK YOU TIMES TWO

Our thanks to the ladies of the cleaning team who cleaned our church this past Thursday. Also, thanks to everyone who brought in the generous donations of non-perishable food for the Tamaqua Food Bank.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend (4/27 & 4/28) at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

Father Finlan and the Fundraising Committee would like to express a BIG THANK YOU to all of our businesses and community and most of all to our parishioners who donated to help make our Basket Raffle a HUGE success! We cannot forget our volunteers who served, cooked, baked, called tickets numbers and those who acted as prize runners, and Jim Kane for setting up our parish hall. Our 50/50 winner was Judy Kotula for \$126.00, BUT most of all our profit of \$4,541! Great Job!

HEAD'S UP...the Fundraising Committee is already planning a Basket Raffle in 2025.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Sunday, May 19, 2024, St. Richard's will be hosting our 3rd BBQ Chicken Dinner. Look for the mailing starting this weekend (4/27 & 4/28) in the vestibule.

ST. JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL EVENT

Help support our Students and our School! We love SJRS! Our 2024 Race for Education is May 13th (rain date May 16th), and we are asking everyone to support our students! Our students can be sponsored online at <https://www.sjrschool.com/support/rfe> or you can mail it to us at 50 Meadow Avenue Tamaqua, PA 18252. Please be sure to list the student that you are sponsoring in the "write note" section of your transaction. Every little bit helps as we continue to ensure a quality Catholic education for our community's children. As always, we appreciate all the support and are thankful to everyone who helps us "live fearlessly through faith!"



The 2024 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443. Thank you!

