

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

May 11, 2025

Fourth 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

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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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 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.

Saturday, May 10 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Mother's Day Memorials Mass Intention: Mother's Day Memorials
Sunday, May 11 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Mother's Day Memorials Mass Intention: Mother's Day Memorials
Monday, May 12 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Tuesday, May 13 <i>NO 8:00AM Mass, Adoration, or Confession today</i> 7:00PM Rosary and Mass: SJ	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Mass of Remembrance
Wednesday, May 14 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	St. Matthias, Apostle Intention: Dennis Matalavage
Thursday, May 15 8:00AM Mass: SR	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Stase Bacevicius
Friday, May 16 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Easter Weekday
Saturday, May 17 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Joseph and Margaret Manjack Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons
Sunday, May 18 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Paul and Barnabas speak to the people in the synagogue. At first the people are receptive, but later some Jews are filled with jealousy at seeing the crowds. Consequently, Paul and Barnabas evangelize the Gentiles, who are delighted and glorify the Lord. In the second reading, John writes of his vision where a multitude have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb who shepherds them. In the Gospel, Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice and that he and the Father are one. Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today? Or are we like those who, recognizing God's intention to gather the whole world into his fold, were filled with jealousy and deaf to the Good News? We may have moments where we can hear, and moments where distractions deafen us to our shepherd's voice. Let us pray for receptive hearts and open ears to follow Christ.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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 Sheep May Safely Graze by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Fugue sur l'Hymne Ave Maris Stella by Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738) The altar flowers are in honor of all the children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich Jr., Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfelser / Roy Paisley,
Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas, Carol Reigel,
Steve McCarthy / Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich

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

Dennis Matalavage

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Gogal, Chesney, and Damiano Families

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of John Longhi

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

Loving Memory of Cumers/O'Brien Families

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

Saturday, May 10 – First Holy Communion – 12:00PM

Sunday, May 11 – May Crowning at the 8:30PM Mass

CONGRATULATIONS to the First Communicants from the
Parish of St. John XXIII who received the Sacrament of First
Holy Communion this past Saturday May 10, 2025:

Zen Fritz, Grady Hartung, Chloe Kupres,
Logan Nothstein, Stella McArdle, Hendrix Schmerfeld,
Trexler Schmidt, Brenna Slane, Aurora Pedersen,
Austin Puksar, and Dennis Wiscourt.

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Classes have concluded for the Summer
*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

UPCOMING DATES:

Saturday, May 10th at 10:00AM - 1st Holy Communion
Sunday, May 11th at 10:30AM – May Crowning

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, May 11th
No Meeting – Mother's Day

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. All are invited to attend.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Mother's Day.

Upcoming collections are...

5/18 ~ Parish Utilities

5/25 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	May Crowning of the Blessed Mother at both parishes Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	Mass of Remembrance for anyone who has lost a child of any age – Rosary at 7:00PM, Mass immediately follows 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

May 17	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
May 19	6:00PM St. Richard Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
May 22	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work – we hope you can help
May 27	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall

SERVICE AWARD AT ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Vincent de Paul Society will present an 8th Grade Service Award of \$100 each to one boy and one girl graduating from the 8th Grade who: 1) Intends to enter Marian High School as an incoming freshman and 2) Has demonstrated service to his/her Parish, School, and Community. Applications are available at SJRS and in the Parish Office and are due on May 22.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE/BABY BOTTLE

In honor of Mother's Day, we will be supporting women in three ways: two area women's centers with their efforts to help pregnant women with their needs – Birthright in Frackville and CareNet of Carbon County – and a local gynecologist and her non-profit mission to support women and return values to family and life through daily care and education, one person at a time. We will host our annual Carnation Sale for Birthright, our baby bottle campaign for CareNet, and this year will add a way to help create a culture of life through United Hearts Life Mission. **The carnations will be available in the St. John XXIII narthex before and after 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 hall. Take a bottle, fill it with change or gift card or check, and return it on Father's Day. Information will be available for ways to donate to United Hearts Life, including T-shirts available for sale. For more information, refer to the flyer that was in last week's bulletin, check the events on our website (www.sj23tamaqua.org), or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE IS TODAY

It's not too late to purchase a ticket for our Mother's Day and Father's Day raffles. Those tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available in the Family Room. The winner will be pulled after the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday.

ORGAN CONCERT THANK YOU

About 150 people attended the Mark Pacoe organ concert last Friday, including Bishop Schlert! Thank you to everyone who made this concert and reception such a success. We cleared a net profit of approximately \$1,400 from this concert. This money will be put toward organ maintenance.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

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

COMMUNION

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

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)

Please keep the following children in your prayers while they continue their journey with God as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on May 8, 2025: Alivia Patricia Matrician, Bryce Jacob Matrician, Makenzie Jean Howay, Charlotte Marilyn Cambra.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

Please pray for the following as they made the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Saturday May 10, 2025: Braxton Gregory Barrett, Mia Marie Huseby, Sofia Grace Patricia Firkal, Michael Serafino Turrano, Greyson Gary Grutza, Jack Michael Yawornicky, Aubrey Danica Setlock, Scott Anthony Blozousky Jr, Carlo Vincent Capone, George Jason Pinkey, Lula Cindy Angelo, Alivia Patricia Matrician, Bryce Jacob Matrician, and Ava Jade Mary Vasquez.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us for our 4th Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, June 8th from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. We are offering dine-in or take-out. Dinners include 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Applesauce, Roll, and choice of cake for \$15.00. The mailing will be in the vestibule next weekend (5/17, 5/18), so stop by and get your dinner envelop.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE ~ PLEASE READ

Due to the fundraiser for Parker Brode and his family, our Spring Basket Raffle has been postponed. The event is being rescheduled. Once a date has been finalized, it will be announced in the weekly bulletin. We are still accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. In the meantime, please continue to keep Parker and the Brode family in your prayers.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

The 2025 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 make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The celebration begins with 10:30AM Mass with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. More details to come.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

We are currently updating our Home Visitation/Communion Call List. If anyone would like to be added, please contact the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

Bulletin announcements and inserts may be emailed or called in **no later than** Tuesday at noon.

2025 MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Daily Mass dates are still available. Please also consider the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests may be mailed, placed in the collection basket, or dropped at the office. You may also come to the office during business hours; whichever is more convenient.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of bad weather 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.

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