

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

October 12, 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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Office Hours

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9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

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Mary Soberick, Business Manager

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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

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.

Saturday, October 11 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mark T. Boyle Mass Intention: Francis M. and Mary Senglar
Sunday, October 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Zoey Chwojka Mass Intention: David Joseph Oliva
Monday, October 13 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Smith and Family
Tuesday, October 14 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Mary Rose Schock
Wednesday, October 15 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Thursday, October 16 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: 40th Anniversary Blessings to Roy and Ann Paisley
Friday, October 17 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
Saturday, October 18 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza Mass Intention: Gary Macek
Sunday, October 19 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael Hosak Mass Intention: In Thanksgiving to God for 75 Years as a Parish Community

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Naaman cleanses himself in the Jordan, declaring the God of Israel as the only God. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges perseverance for Christ in the face of persecution. In the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks to him. His faith has saved him. Today's readings feature those in extremely difficult circumstances finding hope and new life in their faith. Naaman is cleansed, Paul hopes in God in the face of trial, and desperate lepers are completely healed. In each of these examples, we see the transformative power of faith and the abundant power and grace of God. May the Lord increase and sustain us in faith so as to be strident witnesses of his love and mercy to the world.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 19: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

St. John XXIII The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal. The Mass of Renewal can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184 The prelude is Sonatina in C Major (Opus 55, No.1) by Friedrich Kuhlau (1786-1832) The postlude is Psalm 19 by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) The altar flowers placed around our relic of St. John XXIII in honor of his feast day are given to the Glory of God.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Craig Goida, Joe McDonald, Lou Ann Knittle, Cheryl Keifer / David Rickert,
Andrew Eremus, George Koval, Marci Bonner, Arabella & Magnolia (*infant twins*), Tracey Miller, Gregory Slivka /
Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula

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

Katherine Miller

Alice Ohl

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Christine Huegel

Crucifix Candle

In Honor of Peter Krizin

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

Frank & Gladie Syzdek / John & Mary Nolan

Blessed Virgin Mary

Healing and Peace for Maureen K. & Janet K.

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

St. Richard

For the Founding Fathers of St. Richard Parish

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

*All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms
after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM*

Sunday, October 12 – Family Mass
Kids Small Groups Grades 3-6

Sunday, October 19 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8
and Parent Meeting

Sunday, October 26 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

Need registration information or have questions, please
contact Melissa Grimminger at 814-330-6819.

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 12th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, October 19th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 26th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in the Parish Hall unless noted.

Questions or registration information,
please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Enrollment has begun
Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM until 6:00PM
in the St. Richard Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. This is an open invitation to all from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes.

OICA (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 the Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

10/19 ~ World Mission Sunday

10/26 - Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass Tamaqua Heritage Festival from 10:00AM until 4:00PM in downtown Tamaqua
Monday	Columbus Day – both Parish Offices closed
Tuesday	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 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome
Saturday	8:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620 St. John XXIII Basket Raffle & Bake Sale – 4:30PM until 7:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

October 19	10:30AM St. Richard 75th Anniversary Mass followed by a catered dinner St. John XXIII Basket Raffle & Bake Sale – 9:30AM until 1:00PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall Last day to purchase soup for the Tamaqua Community Soup Sale – go to www.tamaquahunger.tacp.info
October 23	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – won't you come and lend a hand and help keep our church tidy
October 25	8:30AM-11:00AM Tamaqua Community Soup Sale pick-up in our Parish Hall for all who ordered soup

ST. JOHN XXIII BASKET RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE

Our Basket Raffle will be held on **Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th**. We will be open for bidding and browsing Saturday from 4:30PM until 7:30PM and Sunday from 9:30AM until 1:00PM. Prizes will be called on Sunday starting at 1:00PM and you do not need to be present to win.

ST. JOHN XXIII HAS A BEAUTIFUL NEW PIANO

We thank the estate of Janice and Richard Light for donating a Young-Chang grand piano to our church. This piano will live up front and will be primarily used for concerts and to accompany the Tamaqua high school chorus when they perform here for ecumenical and baccalaureate services. For concerts, this new piano can be rolled out front and center, and it is a wonderful addition to our Chickering grand piano and Walker organ that are in the balcony. Dale will play the prelude on the new piano this weekend so everyone will get a chance to hear it. An inaugural piano concert is being planned for February.

WORDS TO TODAY'S COMMUNION CHOIR ANTHEM

After the Communion hymn, the choir will sing an anthem set to the tune of "General Seminary" by David Charles Walker.

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;
And the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;
Even eternity's too short to extol thee.*

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP WEEK OF OCTOBER 26th

The Fall clean-up in all five parish cemeteries will take place during the week of October 26th. Items, including Christmas decorations, may be put on graves after November 3rd. Any items currently on graves now that you wish to keep must be removed before October 26th.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for cake and coffee in honor of our feast day.

COMMUNION

Communion is brought to the front pews of St. Richard Church and the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church.

ST. RICHARD RECENT FUNDRAISING DINNER

St. Richard Parish would like to thank all our volunteers and those who purchased the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner and 50/50 chances. The profit for this fundraiser was \$2,179! Also, CONGRATULATIONS to John Steibler for being the 50/50 winner of \$462!

75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, October 19th St. Richard Parish will celebrate our 75th Anniversary! The milestone celebration will begin at 10:30AM Mass with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. Thank you to everyone who already submitted your RSVP, however there are still seats available. If you would like to attend the dinner, please call the office during business hours or email strichardadmin@ptd.net by 2:00PM Monday, October 13th. Payment due upon confirmed reservation.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was mailed to all active parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes. Please confirm all your information on the census form is correct, make any necessary corrections or updates and return the form to the respective Parish Office. **REMEMBER:** if there are no corrections or updates, the form does not need to be returned.

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's shopping passes are in the St. Richard vestibule and the table entering from the handicap ramp. Donation is \$5 per pass.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember that every gift counts. Please make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

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.

BOSCOV’S SHOPPING PASSES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Boscov’s shopping passes are on sale in the Family Room for \$5 each. The passes are valid for purchases all day on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, only. The pass entitles the buyer to a 10%, 15%, or 25% discount on the lowest sale price of most items.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

We need three people to present the offertory gifts at each weekend Mass; children are welcome to participate. The individual or family (the Mass donor) who requested the Mass intention obviously takes precedence, but often they are not available for the offertory procession. This is when we offer the honor of taking up the gifts to any parishioner present at Mass. If there is a date that you know you want to take up the gifts during the offertory procession, please call Joan Marie Roth at 570-599-9809 and leave your name, phone number, and the date of the Mass you request.

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