

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

June 1, 2025

Seventh 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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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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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 31 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Sam Lazarchick Mass Intention: Paul and Alice Campbell
Sunday, June 1 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Franklin Rother Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Monday, June 2 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Patsy, Mary, Patty, and Joey Coleman
Tuesday, June 3 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Mass Intention: Michael and Agnes Soley
Wednesday, June 4 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Donna Soley
Thursday, June 5 8:00AM Mass: SR	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of my husband John Goshiney
Friday, June 6 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Easter Weekday
Saturday, June 7 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Charlie Odorizzi Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Priests
Sunday, June 8 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Priests of the Diocese of Allentown Mass Intention: Vocations to the Priesthood

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Stephen witnesses Jesus in glory and prays for those who stone him. The witnesses lay down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. In the second reading, John describes hearing a voice speaking to him. It is Jesus sending his testimony that he is coming soon. In the Gospel, Jesus prays that all may be one, as he and the Father are one, so that all may know the Father through Jesus. Today, we recall with praise what Jesus has done for us by his suffering, death, and resurrection. We are called to not simply meditate on these events, but to bring the fruits of our prayer into the world as his witnesses. This is the task of the Church – to preach the Gospel to all nations – and we participate in this individually by living and proclaiming our faith within our own spheres of influence.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 8: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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 Fugue sur l’Hymne des Apôtres Exultet by Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738) The postlude is Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar (1857-1934) The altar flowers are in memory of Joe and Anna Gazdick.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas,
Carol Reigel / Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich, Selina Coogan, Ellen Kemmerer, Jennifer DiSanti /
David Rickert, Barbara Karnish

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

Rose Mary Kosch

Curtis J. Keefer

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Margie and John Felsoci

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Leona Marcovich

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

In Loving Memory of Anita Brazinsky

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

St. Richard

Healing Intentions for Selina Coogan

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

Sunday, June 1 – 8:30AM Graduate Recognition Mass

All high school, college, trade school, and military graduates are invited to attend.

Everyone is invited to celebrate with our graduates at a Reception in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

"As you end one journey and begin another, go forth into the world as people of faith, hope, and vision. Love and serve the Lord Jesus rejoicing in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit."

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

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

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, June 8th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Did you know that the greeting at the start of Mass "The Lord be with you, and with your spirit" is not just a general greeting saying "good morning, and good morning to you." Come to our Adult Small Group to find out its real meaning, and the deep and Biblical meanings of the rest of the Mass. Discovering the spiritual and biblical significance of the Mass will help you to go deeper in union with God and reap more of God's grace from this union. Join us as we explore "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" with Dr. Edward Sri's video series and learn how to apply this to our lives for a more meaningful relationship with God. Group will be five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on June 3 through July 1, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign up in St. John XXIII Narthex or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

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 Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

6/8 ~ Parish Utilities

6/15 ~ Father's Day

6/22 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Graduate Recognition Sunday at the 8:30AM Mass for all recent graduates of St. John XXIII Parish The monthly Rosary for Peace will be prayed outside (weather permitting) following the Sunday 8:30AM Mass
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

June 8	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass Graduate Acknowledgement at the 10:30AM Mass for all recent graduates of St. Richard Parish 12:00PM-3:00PM BBQ Chicken Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall – advance orders appreciated
June 10	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall

GRADUATE RECOGNITION AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Today at the 8:30AM Sunday Mass, all 2025 graduates (high school/trade school/college/military) from St. John XXIII Parish are being honored. Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall after Mass for coffee, doughnuts, cookies, and other goodies. We thank the Holy Name Society for helping with today's reception.

SUMMER SEMINARIAN AT BOTH PARISHES

My name is Bill Sweeney, a seminarian for the Diocese of Allentown. I just finished my first year of formation, so you are my first summer assignment. My home parish is St. Jane Frances de Chantal in Easton, which is where my family has attended Mass all my life. I am the oldest of five children. Before entering formation, I studied Political Science at Villanova University (which now has a rather notable alumnus) where I was an RA and involved in Campus Ministry. After I graduated in 2022, I worked in Villanova's advancement department. In my free time I enjoy watching and playing sports, especially basketball and football, so of course my confirmation saint is St. Sebastian! I'm excited to be spending the next couple of months growing closer to Christ with all of you!

DONORS ARE NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

We are about to enter the long, green season of Ordinary Time which is when altar flowers are most needed here at St. John XXIII. We try to use arrangements from prior funerals and weddings, but many weeks we need to purchase an altar flower arrangement. Donors are needed for those weeks when we need to purchase flowers and remember that you are able to put a dedication in the bulletin and have the altar flowers in memory or honor of someone. An altar arrangement can be purchased for \$75-\$100. Thank you to all past flower donors! If any past flower donors or new donors want to be added to the queue to be a flower donor for a future date, please speak to Dale Bonenberger, the Director of Music, after Mass or call the Parish Office.

ADULT SMALL GROUP STARTS THIS WEEK

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ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

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

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn as guest celebrant at both Saturday Masses this weekend.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Our 4th Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner is 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 dinner envelopes have already been mailed. Order deadline is Monday, June 2nd. Advance orders appreciated.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE UPDATE

Our Basket Raffle **has been rescheduled** to Saturday, September 13th. *Please see flyer for details.* Also, we are still accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. To donate, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 or the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small. You can also make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The celebration begins at 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.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

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.

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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