

Welcome

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

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

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

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Teri Howerter, Office Administrator

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

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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 12 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: William J., Joan, William K., and James Boner Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Sunday, April 13 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Vaccaro and Kane Families Mass Intention: Blessings for our Parish</p>
<p>Monday, April 14 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Monday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Christine Huegel</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 15 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Jim Wilkie</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 16 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 6:30PM – 7:00PM Confessions: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR</p>	<p>Wednesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Aunt Margie Kufrovich</p>
<p>Thursday, April 17 <i>(No morning Mass at St. Richard)</i> 7:00PM Mass/Procession to Altar of Repose: SJ 8:00PM-10:00PM Adoration in Parish Hall: SJ 10:00PM Night Prayer at Altar of Repose: SJ</p>	<p>Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p>Friday, April 18 3:00PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: SJ 7:00PM Stations and Veneration of the Cross: SR</p>	<p>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</p>
<p>Saturday, April 19 <i>(No 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses)</i> 8:00PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>
<p>Sunday, April 20 7:00AM Mass: SR 8:45AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the Gospel for the procession that is read from the back of the church at the start of Mass, Jesus enters Jerusalem amid an enthusiastic crowd where he is welcomed as king with shouts of joy. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies of one who does not shield his face from buffets or spitting, knowing he will not be put to shame. Paul writes that Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death on a cross. In the Gospel, Jesus celebrates Passover with his friends, speaks of his imminent betrayal, and after hours of interrogation and torture, is handed over to be crucified. Luke’s Gospel emphasizes the need for disciples of Christ to follow in his footsteps, as Jesus tells the Apostles that he is among them as the one who serves. Like the servant of the Lord who is spoken of in the reading from the prophet Isaiah, Christ does not refuse his calling. He willingly submits to suffering for our sake.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 20: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages: Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>The choral prelude is Hosanna to the Son of David by Sr. M. Cherubim Schaefer, OSF (1886-1977) The choral postlude is Adoramus Te Christe from The Seven Last Words of Christ by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)</p> <p>The arrangement of palms at the altar is in thanksgiving for all the blessings that God has bestowed upon our parish.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Andrew Eremus, Sue Mannello, George Koval / Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage, Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfesler / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish

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

Mario Moscolo

Kathleen Conroy

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Michael Stefanek

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Stan Karnish

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

Thank you everyone who helped my husband Duke during his medical emergency at Saturday's Mass.

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS
TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM

Sunday, April 13 – No Youth Formation (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 20 – No Youth Formation (Easter)

Saturday, April 26 – First Communion Retreat
Grade 2 10:30AM- 3:00PM

Sunday, April 27 – Youth Formation Grades 3-6
Grades 1 & 7 Sacramental Prep and Parent Meeting

Please pray for the children from the parishes of
St. John XXIII and St. Richard who are preparing
to receive First Holy Communion on May 10th.

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 13th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 13th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-8; Sunday, April 20th
No Classes Happy Easter

Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 27th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, May 4th at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, May 8th at 6:00PM - 1st Penance
Saturday, May 10th at 10:00AM - 1st Holy Communion

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, April 13th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group for Lent: Thank you to everyone who participated. The series concluded this past Tuesday.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Cry Room. 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 Parishes Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

4/18 ~ Holy Land Shrine/Good Friday

4/20 ~ Easter

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt at St. Richard (rain or shine)-open to ALL children from both parishes
Tuesday	8:30AM Confession & Adoration / 9:00AM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Adoration / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard
Thursday	7:00PM Holy Thursday Mass at SJ followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose and 10:00PM Night Prayer
Friday	3:00PM Divine Mercy Novena/Celebration of the Passion: SJ – 7:00PM Stations/Veneration of the Cross: SR
Saturday	11:00AM Prayer/Basket Blessing followed by church decorating at St. Richard in preparation for Easter 8:00PM Easter Vigil at St. Richard (no 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses)
Upcoming Events	
April 20	7:00AM Easter Mass: St. Richard – 8:45AM Easter Mass: St. John – 10:30AM Easter Mass: St. John
April 19-27	Divine Mercy Novena every day at 3:00PM at St. John XXIII from Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
April 30	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

FOOD FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

We will be collecting food for the poor on Holy Thursday. Please bring non-perishable food items with you to the 7:00PM Mass on Holy Thursday. The food items will be brought forward at the offertory. All food items collected will be donated to the Tamaqua food pantry.

PASCHAL CANDLE 2025 - "SAINT FRANCIS CROSS"

We thank the families for their donation of a new paschal candle at St. John XXIII "In Memory of the Keefer and Kubitsky Families."

OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

Please convert Rice Bowl gifts to a single check made out to the parish for easier accounting. Please place your check in an envelope clearly labeled "Rice Bowl Donation" and deposit it in the Sunday collection. We will then combine all these gifts and send one check from the parish to the Diocese.

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

We anticipate large crowds at both the 8:45AM and 10:30AM Masses. If you are planning to attend the second Mass, please do not arrive before 10:00AM to allow time for the lot to clear from the first Mass. When parking your car, please be considerate and only take one space. If you are able, consider street parking and save the lot for those with mobility issues. Also, please do not block the neighbor's driveways!

THANK YOU...

...to everyone who cleaned St. John XXIII Church this past Thursday. Also, thank you to all the helpers for cleaning all five parish cemeteries. Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in Palm Weaving this past Wednesday and BINGO this past Sunday. The net profit from BINGO was \$6,327.83!

ORGAN CONCERT – FRIDAY, MAY 2nd

Tickets are \$15 and are available in the Family Room before and after all weekend Masses as well as in the St. John XXIII Parish Office during normal business hours. A limited number of VIP tickets for \$75 are also available for seating up in the balcony around the organ for those who want to experience the performance from just a few feet away from the organ. For more information, see the concert flyer, speak to our Director of Music, Dale Bonenberger, or call the Parish Office at 570-225-7410.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship!

LAST CALL FROM ST. RICHARD PARISH OFFICE

Tax deadline is April 15th, if you'd like your **2024 Contribution Statement**, please contact the rectory office. ALSO, because there was a mailing issue, please contact the rectory office if you had not received the St. Richard's **envelope packet for March/April**.

PASCHAL CANDLE 2025 - "JUBILEE"

God's blessings to Regina and Jeff Zoba for their donation of the new paschal candle at St. Richard "In Memory of John and Rose Sochacki."

THANK YOU FROM ST. RICHARD PARISH

Many thanks again to ALL our volunteers and those who purchased a Lenten Dinner and 50/50 chances. Stay tuned to next week's bulletin for profit and the 50/50 winner.

VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER

Starting Sunday, April 13th through Saturday, April 19th at St. Richard there will be no Votive or Devotional candles lit for the beginning and duration of Holy Week. The only candle to remain lit is the Sanctuary Lamp. Candles will resume being lit starting Saturday, April 19th for the Easter Vigil Mass.

PASKA BREAD/CANDY ORDERS AT ST. RICHARD

Paska Bread and Easter Candy order pickup will be Good Friday (4/18) from 3:00PM-7:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

DECORATING FOR EASTER AT ST. RICHARD

This Saturday, April 19th after the 11:00AM Easter Basket blessing. Please stay and lend a hand or two.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE 2025 UPDATE

Our Spring Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! The event will begin on Friday May 16th and Saturday May 17th Shop and Drop (NOTE time change - see revised flyer) and Sunday May 18th for last call Shop and Drop - drawings to begin at 2:15PM. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass of St. Richard Parish. More details to follow.

2025 MASS BOOK UPDATE 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, or dropped at the office. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

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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