

Welcome

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

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Deacon Edward J. Girard

January 12, 2025

The Baptism 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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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.

<p>Saturday, January 11 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 Baptism of the Lord Mass Intention: Dr. George Lenyo Mass Intention: Francis Trackim</p>
<p>Sunday, January 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Baptism of the Lord Mass Intention: The Kantor Family Mass Intention: Ralph Falls</p>
<p>Monday, January 13 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Joe Matsago</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 14 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 15 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Thursday, January 16 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Leonard and Anna Navitsky</p>
<p>Friday, January 17 <i>No Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>St. Anthony, Abbot</p>
<p>Saturday, January 18 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bill Savage Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish</p>
<p>Sunday, January 19 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Neka Chwojko Mass Intention: Frank Burda</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today’s first reading, the prophet Isaiah declares that God’s servant will be a light for the nations and will bring forth justice for all. Peter, in the second reading, declares that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power. In the Gospel, John announces one mightier than himself is coming and baptizes Jesus. When Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit descends upon him. Today’s feast is another “epiphany” – a revelation of who Jesus is. By submitting himself to John’s baptism (a baptism of repentance), Jesus, who is sinless, draws near to sinners and joins himself with them. The voice of the Father saying, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” consoles us, because we who are joined to Christ in baptism are made beloved children of the Father. These truths reveal God’s goodness and his unconditional love for us.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O bless the Lord, my soul.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages: Gloria – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is La Nativité - Hommage à Messiaen by Gordon Young (1919-1998) The postlude is Noël by Claude Louis Daquin (1694-1772)</p> <p>The Christmas flowers are in memory of all the people listed in the Christmas Memorials that are placed upon the altar.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Bruce Rang, William Swank, Andrew Eremus, Marlene Labella, MaryAnn Seltzer, Rolanda Moussa, Michael Pogwist, Theresa Klatka / Francis Burke, Jean Hunsinger, Ed Surfield, Valerie Higgins, Diane Cavanaugh, Anne Palmer, Elizabeth Tarutis / Cindy Clark, Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Therese Ristilla, Peter Krizin, Jennifer DiSante, Magnolia Pavlovich, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage

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

Monica Surfield

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Joseph Leskosky Crucifix Candle In Memory of Frank and Julie Kane</p>	<p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp In Loving Memory of my husband Francis Trackim Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM</p> <p>Sunday, January 12 – Family Mass & Youth Formation Grades 1-8</p> <p>Sunday, January 19 – Youth Formation Grades 1-8</p> <p>Sunday, January 26 – No Youth Formation</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</p> <p>Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 12th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 19th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 26th at 9:30AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub/Boy Scouts – No updates available.</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...

1/19 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR/Parish Cemeteries: SJ 1/26 ~ Catholic Relief

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday	7:00AM Mass at St. Richard (<i>no 8:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII on this day</i>)
Tuesday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
January 20	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
January 25-26	Catholic Schools Week Begins / Culture of Life in St. John XXIII Parish Hall after weekend Masses
January 27	6:00PM St. John XXIII Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
January 29	Free lunch; noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK RECIPE DEADLINE

The deadline for recipes for our parish cookbook is January 31st. We hope that you will bring in your favorite recipes to share with your fellow parishioners in our parish cookbook.

UNDECORATING THIS TUESDAY AT NOON

Many hands make light work! Join us this Tuesday, January 14th if you would like to help us put our Christmas decorations away. If we do not finish everything on Tuesday afternoon, we will continue on Wednesday morning.

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. Joan Marie Roth and Barb Houser have been helping at the Saturday and Sunday Masses to coordinate this wonderful ministry. If there is a date that you know you want to take up the gifts during the offertory procession, please call Joan Marie at 570-599-9809 and leave your name, phone number, and the date of the Mass you request. When you arrive at church on your requested day, please let either Joan Marie Roth or Barb Houser know that you are present and willing to be part of the offertory procession on that date. Thank you!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

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.

CULTURE OF LIFE CELEBRATION JANUARY 25&26

Saturday, January 27 after the 3:30PM Mass and Sunday, January 28 after the 8:30AM Mass in St. John XXIII Hall. Includes a food sale (eat in or take out), bake sale, raffles, and more. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

THE ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, 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.

ST. RICHARD PARISH OFFICE REMINDER

Beginning January 6, 2025, St. Richard Parish Office business hours changed. The new schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:00AM–2:00PM. (The St. John XXIII Parish Office business hours remain unchanged.)

POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE

Poinsettias are available this weekend (1/11 and 1/12) after both Masses. Please feel free to take some home.

FINAL DECEMBER LOTTERY WINNERS

12/30 #084, No Winner, \$25

12/31 #408, Carl Rehatchek, \$100

JANUARY 2025 LOTTERY WINNERS

1/1 #461, Barbara Kenesky, \$100

1/2 #691, No Winner, \$25

1/3 #203, John Smulligan, \$25

1/4 #074, Regina Zoba, \$50

1/5 #293, No Winner, \$25

Boyer's Shopping Spree: \$10 per ticket. Event details are on the ticket. If you are unable to purchase or sell, please return all unsold tickets as soon as possible. **Sellers needed** call/text Joann at 570-640-1034. You may also purchase the Spree tickets in the Parish Office during business hours.

75th ANNIVERSARY AT ST. RICHARD

Not too long ago we announced we would be celebrating our 75th Anniversary next year. And with a blink of the eye, it's 2025! In preparation for this milestone event, we are still asking if anyone would like to share any pictures, books, articles, please do so! The pictures/articles will be scanned, and the original returned to you. Please consider sharing your memories with us! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

2025 MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

The Mass Book is open. Intentions accepted using the **current** 2025 Mass Intention Form (found in church or online) and may be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped at the office. The forms must be fully completed with the enclosed Mass stipend/Candle fee. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

PILGRIMAGE FROM PARIS TO LOURDES

Join Holy Family Parish of Minersville as we participate in our Parish Pilgrimage from Paris to Lourdes, France from April 27 - May 6, 2025. Highlights include Mass every day including the newly reopened Notre Dame Cathedral of Paris, tours and dinner in the Eifel Tower. Please contact Fr. Stokes for more information at Holy Family Parish of Minersville 570-544-4741.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Bishop's Commission for Women will be offering a Lenten Retreat for women on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The retreat is entitled Lent: A Time of Forgiveness and Healing. This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown. The Keynote speaker will be Auxiliary Bishop Keith Chylinski of Philadelphia. Denise Yarrison from Hope's Garden and <https://youaremadenew.com> will be the afternoon speaker. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert and Bishop Chylinski. There will be time for Adoration and Confession. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Space is limited, please register early. Please use the following link for details and to register:
<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing>.