



The Parish of Saint John XXIII

THE REV. ROBERT FINLAN, PASTOR
EDWARD J. GIRARD, DEACON

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM
(Closed from 12:00PM until 1:00PM daily)

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LIVE STREAMED MASS

8:30AM Sunday

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PHONE STREAMED MASS

8:30AM Sunday

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Saturday 3:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM
Monday 8:00AM
Tuesday 8:00AM

CONFESSION

Saturday 2:45PM-3:15PM
Tuesday 8:30AM-9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 8:30AM-9:30AM
Followed by Benediction



The Christmas flowers are made possible through the generosity of everyone who returned their flower memorial envelopes. Your loved ones will be remembered at all Masses during the Christmas season.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 24	3:00PM	Christmas Memorials (<i>envelopes placed on altar</i>)
Saturday	December 24	5:00PM	Christmas Memorials (<i>envelopes placed on altar</i>)
Sunday	December 25	10:00AM	Christmas Memorials (<i>envelopes placed on altar</i>)
Monday	December 26	8:00AM	Frank Fucci
Tuesday	December 27	8:00AM	Quinn & Coleman Family
Saturday	December 31	3:30PM	Michelle Walser
Sunday	January 1	8:30AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of: Deceased of the Angelus Family

Crucifix Candle in memory of: Robert T. Finlan, Sr.

Kindly remember in your prayers all our parishioners, those who are sick, our shut-ins and those who have recently died.

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 on Christmas Eve/Day is a **Medley of Traditional Christmas Carols**
The postlude is **Fantasia on Hark the Herald** by L.S. Clark (1889-1963)

PARISH NEWS

THE SECOND COLLECTION

Both collections this weekend are for our parish. The first collection is for the regular red-bordered weekly envelopes, the second collection is for the special Christmas envelopes.

THE PARISH CAFÉ IS CLOSED THIS WEEKEND

Because the Parish Hall is set up for overflow seating, we will not offer coffee hour after Mass as we usually do every weekend. The café will reopen next weekend on December 31st.

COMMUNION WILL BE BROUGHT TO THOSE...

...seated in the handicap pews in the back of the church. Communion will also be taken to all those seated in the choir balcony and overflow seating in the Parish Hall. Just remain in your seat and the Eucharistic Minister will bring Communion to you.

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the darkness of this holy night, God's purest light appears, offering us a share in his eternal life. Luke recalls the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, when the glory of God filled the very skies.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS/MISSALS/CALENDARS

These items are all available in the Family Room in the Narthex. The Oplatki Christmas wafers are shrink-wrapped four wafers per envelope at a cost of \$4 per envelope. The St. Joseph Sunday Missals are \$5 each. The 2023 Parish Calendars are free.

2022 DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL GIVING

To receive accurate credit for 2022, please return your 2022 Collection Envelopes by Sunday January 1st. Any 2022 envelopes received after January 1st will be applied to 2023.

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

PARISH EVENTS – THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN XXIII

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday-Tuesday	7:30AM-4:00PM
Wednesday-Thursday	8:30AM-4:00PM
Friday	Closed

THIS WEEK

Sunday	Merry Christmas!
Monday-Friday	The Parish Office is closed to the public this week, but please call if there is an emergency
Thursday	Our regularly scheduled Thursday evening Choir Rehearsal is cancelled this week for the holiday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 31/Jan. 1	Anointing of the Sick after all weekend Masses
January 2	Parish Office is closed for the New Year's holiday and reopens on Tuesday, January 3 rd

FATHER FINLAN AND THE PARISH STAFF...

...wish everyone a blessed and merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023! We also thank everyone who helped in any way to clean and decorate the Church and Parish Hall so beautifully for Christmas. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who prepared and delivered Christmas baskets to our homebound and nursing home parishioners. Also, thank you to our Youth Formation students for their donation of \$277.45 to the St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Ministry.

AND THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE LANTERN IS...

...ticket number **388386**. The winning ticket for the Christmas Lantern drawing was pulled last Sunday, December 18th by Fr. Finlan after Mass. Please contact the Parish Office to claim your prize.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We will follow the Tamaqua Area School District when deciding to cancel weekday Mass due to snow and inclement weather. If the school district has a weather-related delay or closing, there will be no weekday Mass on that day.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – 8:00AM St. John XXIII; Tuesday – 8:00AM St. John XXIII; Wednesday – 8:00AM St. Richard; Thursday – 8:00AM St. Richard

12/24/2022	The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil) Christmas Eve	3:00PM Mass at St. John XXIII 5:00PM Mass at St. John XXIII 8:00PM Mass at St. Richard 12:00AM Midnight Mass at St. Richard
12/25/2022	The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	10:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII
12/31/2022	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Vigil) New Year's Eve	3:30PM Mass at St. John XXIII 5:30PM Mass at St. Richard
1/1/2023	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God New Year's Day	8:30AM Mass at St. John XXIII 10:30AM Mass at St. Richard
1/7/2023	The Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)	3:30PM Mass at St. John XXIII 5:30PM Mass at St. Richard
1/8/2023	The Epiphany of the Lord	8:30AM Mass at St. John XXIII 10:30AM Mass at St. Richard
1/9/2023	The Baptism of the Lord	8:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII

UPCOMING YOUTH FORMATION DATES

"On this day of joy, we are all called to contemplate the Child Jesus, who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth. By his grace, let us with our voices and our actions give witness to solidarity and peace. Merry Christmas to all!"—Pope Francis

PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE SOCIAL HALL FOR A BRIEF SOCIAL TIME AND DISMISSAL TO CLASS.

January 8th – Youth Formation Grades 1-8; 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM.

January 15th – Community Pancake Breakfast after 8:30AM Mass.

January 22nd – Youth Formation Grades 1-8 & Parent Session Grades 2, 7, 8; 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM.

Registration is open for Grade 1 on the Parish Website. Please email youth@sj23tamaqua.org with any questions!