

Welcome

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

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

November 10, 2024

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursdays ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator
Patricia Radocha, Business Manager
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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
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Krissey Wonsock, Director of Religious Education

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, November 9 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Christine Huegel</p> <p>Mass Intention: Derlunas and Gusavage Families</p>
<p>Sunday, November 10 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Sara Patusky</p> <p>Mass Intention: Mike Konidas</p>
<p>Monday, November 11 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Veterans</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 12 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr Mass Intention: Patsy, Mary, Joey, and Patty Coleman</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 13 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (USA) Mass Intention: Margaret Kufrovich</p>
<p>Thursday, November 14 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Mildred Ceci</p>
<p>Friday, November 15 <i>(No Mass at either church)</i></p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, November 16 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Daniel Lazur</p> <p>Mass Intention: Thomas Sniscak</p>
<p>Sunday, November 17 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Gloria A Berdanier</p> <p>Mass Intention: Robert J. Allesch Sr.</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Elijah goes to Zarephath, where he asks a widow for water and bread. She brings him the water but tells him she does not have much left for bread. He tells her to not be afraid and that her supply will not go empty. In the second reading, the author writes that Christ appear[ed] before God on our behalf. In the Gospel, Jesus observes a widow contribute to the treasury and teaches his disciples that her gift is worth far more than the gifts of the rich. Our readings today feature two widows who teach us about faithfulness. To have faith is not just to hold our breath and aimlessly wish for good outcomes. Rather, God calls us to a faith that is endless trust in him, knowing in our deepest heart that God loves and cares for us beyond measure. God calls us to give all we have, putting our trust in him.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Mass of Renewal can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184</p> <p>The prelude is Agnus Dei from Requiem by Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901) The postlude is Fanfare for the Common Man by Aaron Copeland (1900-1990) arranged by Dorothy Papadakos (b.1950)</p> <p>The harvest display at the altar is in thanksgiving for all God’s blessings to our parish. <i>(Thank you to everyone who brought in pumpkins, gourds, mums, and Indian corn to make this beautiful harvest display.)</i></p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfelter Family, Anna May Garber, Mary Sloboda, Jennifer DiSante, Steven Ristilla /Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Marie Kalpinsky, Stanley Kozlowski, Craig Goida, Monica Surfield, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Jason Schaller, Ellen Kemmerer, Joe McDonald / Bruce Rang, William Swank, Andrew Eremus, Magnolia Pavlovich, Marlene Labella, MaryAnn Seltzer, Rolanda Moussa

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

Henry Paul Shoener

Jean Marie Steranka

James Joseph Kristoff Sr.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Leo Davidovich Jr.

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Patsy, Mary, Joey, and Patty Coleman

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Richard

In Loving Memory of my husband Francis "Buddy" Trackim

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' 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, November 10 – Family Mass / Circle of Grace
Grades 2-8 (Kids will meet in the upstairs classrooms)

Saturday, November 16 – First Reconciliation Retreat
Grade 2 – 12:00PM-1:00PM (Parents please plan to attend)

Sunday, November 17 – Youth Formation Grades 3-8

Saturday, November 23 – First Reconciliation 10:00AM

Sunday, November 24 – No Youth Formation

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.
Registration information or questions, contact Krissy
Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 10th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 17th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 24th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub/Boy Scouts – Currently no updates available.

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 the Parish Utilites.

Upcoming collections are...

11/17 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

11/24 ~ Poverty Relief

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:30PM Dinner at DiMaggio's to benefit the Cemetery Prayer Garden – Tickets \$25/adult, \$10/kids under 12 7:00PM Men's Group held in St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	7:00AM Mass today at St. Richard (There will not be an 8:00AM Mass today at St. John XXIII) 6:00PM St. Richard 75th Anniversary Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall 6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Wednesday	4:00PM-6:00PM – Pickle Fundraiser Pick-Up in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	8:30AM Church cleaning at St. John XXIII – come and lend a hand and help keep our facility neat and tidy 6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Friday	5:00PM-7:00PM St. Richard “Warm Your Heart” Soup Sale – pick up in St. Richard Parish Hall
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
Upcoming Events	
November 21	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
November 23	St. Jerome Regional School Basket Bonanza – see flyer for more details
November 26	7:00PM Tamaqua Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Trinity U.C.C. – featuring the High School Chorale
November 30	9:00AM-11:00AM – Advent Wreath Making – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – see flyer for more details

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP THIS WEEK

The Fall clean-up in all five parish cemeteries will take place this week starting on November 11th. Items, including Christmas decorations, may be put on graves after November 16th. Any items currently on graves now that you wish to keep must be removed before end of day November 10th.

DINNER AT DIMAGGIO'S TODAY

Join us for a dinner at DiMaggio's today, Sunday, November 10th at 12:30PM to benefit our Prayer Garden. The menu includes bruschetta, pizza bites, and garlic knots for appetizers; dinner salad; penne alla Vodka; chicken parmesan; meatballs; dessert; coffee and soda. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids under 12, free for kids 2 and under. It's not too late to purchase a ticket. 100% of your ticket sale price goes to support our prayer garden!

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus will be delivering a complete turkey dinner to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal this Thanksgiving Day. You must reserve your meal by November 22nd. Please either call or email 570-773-0627 or 570-516-0514 or KofC431@yahoo.com. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals starting at 8AM.

TOILETRIES DRIVE AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The toiletries drive concludes today. Our parish youth will be making Blessing Bags with the items collected that will be placed at the Tamaqua Giving Tree. Thank you to everyone who brought in items over the past few weeks.

2025 LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Lottery calendars are available for purchase in the Family Room before and after Mass for \$25.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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.

FUNDRAISING NEWS AT ST. RICHARD

Our “Annual “Warm Your Heart” Soup Sale is this Friday, November 15th from 5:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please contact Krissy at 732-687-0433.

The Lottery Calendars for December 2024 and January 2025 have been mailed. **The 2-sided lottery calendars are \$10 for both December and January Lotteries.**

Also enclosed in the Lottery Calendar mailing are tickets for a Shopping Spree sponsored by Boyer's in McAdoo. The event details are printed in the letter or on the ticket. If you are unable to purchase or sell, no problem...**but please return all if the unsold tickets as soon as possible** either in the collection basket or the “Fundraising” box on the rectory porch. December tickets must be returned by November 30th, but January tickets are available until December 30th. **Sellers needed** for both the Lottery Calendar and the Shopping Spree. If anyone would like to volunteer, please call/text Joann at 570-640-1034.

WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR KIDS

Accepting all sizes of new or gently used coats, hats and gloves. The items collected will benefit students of Mahanoy Area and Tamaqua Ares School Districts. Details on flyer in the Vestibule at St. Richard or in the Family Room at St. John XXIII.

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

2025 St. Joseph Missals, Christmas Wafers and the Parish Calendars are in St. Richard Vestibule. Suggested donations for Missals \$5 each, Christmas Wafers \$4 per packet and Parish Calendars are free. Please use the appropriate envelopes provided and place either in the collection or in the office secure box on the Rectory porch. The 2025 St Joseph Missals are also currently available for \$5 on the table in the St. John XXIII Family Room.

MAHANOY AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 26th at 9:00AM. This year it will be held at St. Paul's UCC (corner of Main & Pine Streets, Mahanoy City). Please note new location. Cost is \$10, deadline is Monday, November 17th. For tickets or questions, please contact Teri at 570-467-2315 or stop at the St. Richard Parish Office during office hours.

