

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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

Parish Staff

Deacon Edward J. Girard, Parish Life Collaborator
Reverend Monsignor William F. Glosser, Canonical Pastor
Very Reverend Eugene P. Ritz, Weekend Assistance
Reverend Richard Kwaku Boateng, Weekday Assistance
Dale F. Bonenberger, Director of Music
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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor
Deacon John A. Setlock (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
Mary Soberick, Business Manager
Krissy 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.

Saturday, October 24 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Christine Huegel Mass Intention: Heavenly Anniversary Mom and Dad Hutira
Sunday, October 25 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Angelo Jr. Mass Intention: William Conroy
Monday, October 26 No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday
Tuesday, October 27 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Wednesday, October 28 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles Mass Intention: Emilio M. Sfarra
Thursday, October 29 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: In honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of John and Rose Marie
Friday, October 30 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, October 31 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Saturday of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Jane McGlinchey Mass Intention: Bill O'Brien
Sunday, November 1 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Solemnity of All Saints Mass Intention: John Longhi Mass Intention: Patricia Maurer

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading God gives the people of Israel specific instructions for how they are to treat others, especially those who are struggling. Paul tells the Thessalonians that their faith has become a model for other Christians. In the Gospel, Jesus shares that the greatest commandments are love of God and love of neighbor. The readings today emphasize that the Christian life is orientated toward others. God gives us specific instructions for how we are to treat others: to love them as we love ourselves. This is possible only after we learn to allow God to love us. The love we receive from God will naturally overflow into how we treat others.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 1: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

<p style="text-align: center;">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 Andante from the Fifth Symphony (Opus 67) by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) The postlude is Fugue in C Major by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Bob Blihar.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Dannenfelser, Jack Praskac, Marc Lesniak, Msgr. Bill Glossar, Frank Creazzo, Frank Riotto / Amy DeBenedict Behler, Jan McCole, George Koval, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gurcsik, Maureen Moe, Sue Takio, John Gallagher, Barb Houser, William Fell, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Cheryl Keifer, Mikayla Wyrwas, Jane Weston / David Rickert, Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz, Daniel Moyer Jr., Jennifer Lofink, Marie Stednitz, Albert, Anthony, Maria Vevasis

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

Thomas Sopko

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp For the return to the Church of all who have fallen away Crucifix Candle In Memory of Dino Perricone	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Sacred Heart In Memory of Bill O'Brien St. Francis In Memory of Francis Trackim
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 <i>All classes will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM</i> October 25 - No Youth Formation November 1 - Grades 2-8 Sacramental Prep and Family Mass	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS Any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433. CCD/PREP UPCOMING CLASSES New for 2026-2027 - ALL grades are on the same weeks Sunday, October 25th Sunday, November 8th Sunday, November 22 nd Grades 1-4 at 9:30AM Grades 5-8 at 9:00AM *All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted. CUB SCOUT MEETINGS *Meetings held on Sundays at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall.
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ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. This is an open invitation to all from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process used by the Catholic Church to welcome new members and help baptized Catholics complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). This process is available year-round. For more information, please contact either Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Stained-Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ.

Upcoming collections are...

11/1 ~ All Saints

11/2 ~ All Souls

11/8 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome

Upcoming Events

November 1	3:00PM M&J Big Band All Saint's Day Concert in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – tickets \$10 per person
November 2	6:00PM All Souls Day Bereavement Vespers Service followed by cake and coffee in the Parish Hall
November 8	7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
November 9	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall (<i>please note that this is a rescheduled date</i>)

ST. JOHN XXIII BASKET RAFFLE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made our Basket Raffle, Food and Bake Sale this past weekend such a success. Many wonderful prizes were won and we are pleased to announce that the event raised a net profit of \$7,841.92 for our parish! Again, thank you to everyone who organized, volunteered, baked, donated prizes, and/or attended our event last weekend.

PUMPKINS, GOURDS, MUMS, AND INDIAN CORN

We will once again have a Fall Harvest display in front of the altar at St. John XXIII for the month of November. The display will be assembled after All Souls Day. Please bring in pumpkins, gourds, mums, and Indian corn by November 2nd to be used in the display. You can place them in the box in the Parish Hall.

ORGAN & CANTOR RETURN TO WEEKDAY MASS

We are pleased to announce that organ and cantor music have returned to the Wednesday and Thursday 9:00AM Masses. The cantor will sing the introit, offertory, and communion antiphons as well as the Gospel acclamation. There will also be sung Mass parts and a hymn during the distribution of communion.

M&J BIG BAND CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 1st

Our All Saint's Day Big Band Concert is almost here! The concert will take place in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall at 3:00PM this coming Sunday, November 1st. Tickets are only \$10 and are available in the Family Room before and after Mass or in the Parish Office during regular office hours. The La Dolce Casa (Dimmagio's) food truck will be parked at the Hall doors and will have all sorts of hot food items for sale such as shrimp scampi, chicken parmesan, meatballs, soup, salad, chicken fingers, french fries, two types of pasta, and vodka and marinara sauces as well as dessert items starting at 2:00PM and for the duration of the concert. The food truck accepts both cash and credit cards. Doors open at 2:00PM.

TAMAQUA HUNGER CAMPAIGN SOUP SALE

St. John XXIII Church is participating in the October Soup Sale and today is the final day to order soup via the website www.tamaquahunger.tacp.info. Soup pick-up is here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall this coming Saturday, October 31st from 9:00AM until 11:00AM. If you have any questions, please speak to Dan Odorizzi. And please note that there is also a hunger walk on Sunday, November 1st.

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 and the balcony.

ST. RICHARD RECENT FUNDRAISING DINNER

St. Richard Parish would like to thank all our volunteers and those who purchased the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner and 50/50 chances. The profit for this fundraiser was \$1,950! Also, CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Sabol for being the 50/50 winner of \$523.50!

ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES

We are again offering memorial candles in remembrance of your loved ones at St. Richard. It is a 5-day candle and will be personalized with your loved one's name and/or message. Cards to write your request and envelopes are in the vestibule. It is \$5 per candle. Please print clearly and remember that space on the candle is limited.

DIOCESSAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Bishop Schlert warmly invites families from across the Diocese to celebrate 65 years of faith, family, and community at our Family Festival on **Sunday, November 1, 2026 (All Saints Day), starting at noon at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield!** Enjoy **FREE admission and activities**, including live music, games, a petting zoo, and Catholic Trunk or Treat. Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite Saints, and DeSales University theater students will bring the Saints to life! Explore the unique histories and traditions of our parishes through food available for purchase. The celebration concludes with **Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at 4:30PM**. Bring your family and friends for this special diocesan celebration!

SOUP AND HALUSKI SALE AT ST. RICHARD

We are planning our 6th Annual Warm Your Heart Soup and Haluski Sale for Thursday November 12th. We are in need of soup donations. So far, we have Beef Vegetable, Chicken Potpie, Split Pea, and Stuffed Pepper. If you are interested and able to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

MAHANOEY AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 24th at 9:00AM. This year it will be held at the St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, Mahanoy City. Donation is \$10 and tickets are available at the St. Richard Parish Office.

WARM THEIR HEARTS COAT DRIVE

Once again, there will be a winter coat drive for kids. It will benefit students within the local community. We are accepting all sizes for new or gently used coats, hats, and gloves. This collection will end on November 30th. A drop-off box has been placed in the vestibule of St. Richard. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to help deliver meals in the Tamaqua area, please contact Samantha Gibbons at 570-449-8271.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

If you have not returned your completed clearances, please do so. Volunteers who do not have occasions to be around children or do not have leadership positions do not have to get full background checks but still need to read policies and watch a video on Protecting God's Children. Contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

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. If there is a date that you know you want to take up the gifts during the offertory procession, please call Joan Marie Roth at 570-599-9809 and leave your name, phone number, and the date of the Mass you request.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

There is a limit of two Masses (one weekday, one weekend), one Sanctuary Lamp, and one Crucifix Candle. All requests must include the 2026 updated form along with a \$10 stipend per request. Forms are in the Parish Office and the Parish Hall. Requests must be made in person. Questions may be directed to Lisa in the Parish Office.

MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Mass dates for both weekdays and weekends are still available. Also available is the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes follow the Mahanoy Area School District for weekday Masses. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be NO weekday Mass. For Tuesday morning Holy Hour and Stations, we will follow the Tamaqua Area School District.

MORE ATTEMPTS AT FRAUD

Over the past few weeks, someone has been impersonating Fr. Finlan and sending text messages and emails to parishioners from fake accounts pretending to be Fr. Finlan. None of these messages are legitimate. Fr. Finlan will never text or email requests for help or money or gift cards. If you do receive one of these fraudulent messages, just delete it and do not reply, but please let your respective Parish Office know.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Please visit www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or use one of the envelopes and make your gift today.

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