

# Welcome

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

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

*March 22, 2026*

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*



**Church of St. John XXIII**

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#### **Office Hours**

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

#### **Parish Staff**

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator

Patricia Radocha, Business Manager

Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



**Church of St. Richard**

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00AM-2:00PM

#### **Parish Staff**

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**

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  
victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org

#### **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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p><b>Saturday, March 21</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Fifth Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Mass Intention: August Savage</p> <p>Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 22</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p> <p>6:00PM – 8:00PM Adoration &amp; Confession: SJ</p>	<p><b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>                  Mass Intention: Karen and Ed Weicker                  in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary</p> <p>Mass Intention: Patricia Maurer</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 23</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII                  and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 24</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ                  9:00AM Stations /Benediction: SJ</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Patrick James Heffernan</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 25</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR                  6:30PM Lenten Confessions: SR                  7:00PM Exposition /Stations /Benediction: SR</p>	<p><b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>                  Mass Intention: Ray and Emma Webb</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 26</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Carole Garber</p>
<p><b>Friday, March 27</b>  <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p><b>Lenten Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 28</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b></p> <p>Mass Intention: Barbara Verano Cattarin</p> <p>Mass Intention: Kevin and Linda</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 29</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>                  Mass Intention: Kane and Vaccaro Families</p> <p>Mass Intention: Mildred Ceci</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In today’s first reading, the Lord says he will open the graves and breathe his spirit in them. In the second reading, Saint Paul teaches that we belong to Christ in that we share his Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus discovers that his friend Lazarus has died. Although he had been dead for four days, Jesus brings Lazarus back from the dead. Today’s Gospel is not just about the resurrection of Lazarus, it is also about ours. Because the Spirit lives in us, death has no power over us. We, too, will share in Christ’s resurrection. May this hope inspire and guide us through these final days of Lent.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAR 29:** Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; My 26:14–27:66

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p>The <b>Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The <b>Latin Chant Mass</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>There are no preludes for the duration of Lent.                  The postlude is <b>Adagio in C Minor</b> by Louis Niedermeyer (1802-1861)</p> <p>There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

Jerry Christensen, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Sue Mannello, Barbara Houser, Mischa Rush, Linda Wertman, Shelley Lazarchick / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Joan Manos, Kevin Druckenmiller, Marc Lesniak, Michael Dannenfelser, Bernard Bruni, Amy Guresik / David Rickert, Mildred Cara, Sandy Mehalko, Anna Marie Grossman, Tom Fredericks, Andrew Eremus, Rita Klekamp, Anthony Vevasis, Joan Strause, Regina Pavlovich, John Gallagher

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

Mary Delpais

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Donna Soley <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Katherine Miller</p>	<p><b>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention</p>
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## YOUTH FORMATION

### Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p><b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b> <i>All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM</i></p> <p><b>Sunday, March 22</b> – All Grades 1-8 Lenten Adoration &amp; Confession 6:00PM-8:00PM St. John XXIII</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 29</b> – No Youth Formation (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)</p> <p><i>A donation was made in memory of Isabelle Yacobenas to help defray the cost of the new Altar Server Robes. The Knights of Columbus also hosted a pancake breakfast last year to raise money for the new robes. Thank you both!</i></p>	<p><b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b> <b>CCD/PREP CLASSES - UPCOMING EVENTS</b> Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 29th at 9:00AM Grades 1-8; Sunday, April 5th – No Classes *All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p><b>Confirmation-</b> Monday, April 13th, 4:30PM at All Saints in McAdoo <b>Make-up Class (Grades 1- 7)</b> Sunday, April 19th from 5:00PM-7:30PM Any questions, contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433</p> <p><b>CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> Every Sunday from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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## ADULT FORMATION

**Lenten Adult Small Group:** Join us for a Lenten discussion group: *The Way of Beatitude: Living Radical Hope in a World of Division and Despair*. The group will meet on Monday mornings through March 30 from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. We will be using *The Way of Beatitude* book, written by Father Casey Cole, OFM to explore different perspectives on using the Beatitudes in our world today, how we can be agents of peace in our polarized world, and how to try to prevent discouragement and despair. To sign up, contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

**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)**, formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

3/29 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR /Parish Cemeteries:SJ    4/3 ~ Feast of St. Richard:SR  
Holy Land Shrine/Good Friday

## ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 6:00PM-8:00PM Lenten Adoration and Confession at St. John XXIII Church
Monday	10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Wednesday	12:00PM-1:30PM Catholic Charities Cafe Food Truck in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal in the balcony
Upcoming Events	
March 28	Knights of Columbus Soup Sale at St. John XXIII – all details are on the flyer

### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS REMINDER

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction are every week during Lent: Tuesdays at 9:00AM at St. John XXIII Church and Wednesdays at 7:00PM at St. Richard Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SALE

The Knights of Columbus of St. John XXIII Church are having a soup sale on Saturday, March 28th. The soups are: Italian Wedding, Chicken Noodle, Chili, and Potato. Pick up will be in the St. John XXII Parish Hall from 11:00AM until 3:00PM and then again after Mass from 4:30PM to 5:30PM or until sell out. Pre-orders are recommended. You can sign up on the order form on the table in the Family Room or call 570-640-3628. The cost is \$8 for a 16-ounce container.

### MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Meals-On-Wheels needs volunteers to help deliver meals to the Tamaqua area. If you are able to help, please contact Colleen at either taadcc@verizon.net or 570-668-6556.

### CONFESSONAL REMODEL UPDATE

Our old confessional at St. John XXIII has been demolished, and a new one is being built in its place, however there is a delay. The roof directly above the confessional has developed a leak, and the roof in this section is at the end of its estimated life. We plan to put a new roof on this section of the building and until that happens, construction is halted for fear of more water infiltration. During this time, we will hold confessions in the actual confessional space, but please be aware that it's stripped down to the studs and concrete.

### TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be an organ concert on Friday, April 24th at 7:00PM. The concert flyer has all the information. Tickets for the concert are \$15 and are on sale in the Family Room. And on Sunday, May 3rd we will host a BINGO at the West Penn Township Fire Company. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale in the Family Room before and after weekend Masses.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ AFTER MASS IN THE HALL

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

### COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to the front pews of St. Richard and the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church as well as the choir balcony.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

### VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER

Starting Sunday March 29th through Saturday April 4th 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 4th for the Easter Vigil Mass.

### PASKA BREAD AT ST. RICHARD

Paska Bread orders are still being taken. To order, contact Joann at 570-640-1034. Pickup date is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday) from 3:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Held NEXT Sunday March 29th, (rain or shine), starting at 12:00PM. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is imperative to sign up so that we can prepare for the children accordingly. Prizes and a visit from our special guest will be inside the Parish Hall. This is open to all children of St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes and donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. To sign up and if you are able to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

### ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE 2026

Our Spring Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! The event will begin on Friday May 15th and Saturday May 16th (Shop and Drop) and Sunday May 17th for last call Shop and Drop with drawings to begin at 1:00PM. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. More details are to follow.

### BOY SCOUTS PACK #725 AT ST. RICHARD

The scouts are selling meat sticks. They come in various flavors, are \$2 each and are in the Vestibule. Please grab 1 or 2 and support our Scouts.

### REMINDER

Bulletin announcements, including flyers, must be emailed or called no later than Tuesday at noon to 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.

### FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have already donated to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need.

**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.

**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.

**BOYER’S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER**

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances of St. Richard Church and on the table in the Family Room and in the Parish Hall of St. John XXIII Church.

**2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK AT ST. RICHARD**

All requests must include the 2026 Mass Intention Form and the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend fee. Since there is a limit of three Masses, please consider having a weekday Mass, or through the many Devotional Candles (including the Sanctuary Lamp) or the Eternal Remembrance Society.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**

Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember that every gift counts. Please make your gift at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

**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.

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