

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth 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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Cheryl Keifer, Ministry/Safe Environment Coordinator
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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 10 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Gazdick and Krull Families
Sunday, October 11 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Russell Triano Mass Intention: Frank and Gladie Syzdek
Monday, October 12 No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday
Tuesday, October 13 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 14 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Charlie Odorizzi
Thursday, October 15 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Brenda Wiscount
Friday, October 16 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, October 17 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mark T. Boyle Mass Intention: Mary Helen Rehatchek
Sunday, October 18 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Leonard Zoba Jr. Mass Intention: Fr. Joseph Whalen

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: *(Please note that this is for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time readings, not the St. John XXIII feast day readings.)* In the first reading the prophet Isaiah describes a vineyard that produces bad grapes; he explains that the vineyard is the house of Israel. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Philippians to find the peace of God by contemplating the good. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable in which the tenants ignore the landowner’s agents when they try to collect the produce and even kill the landowner’s son. Paul says to have no anxiety but rather to think about what is true, honorable, and just; what is pure, lovely, and gracious; and anything excellent and worthy of praise. When we contemplate the good around us instead of dwelling on the negative, we are reminded that life is a gift, and that we play a role in God’s plan to redeem the world.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 18: Is45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

<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 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</p> <p>The prelude is Sonatina in C Major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) The postlude is The Prince of Denmark’s March (Trumpet Voluntary) by Jeremiah Clark (1674-1707)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Sean McHale.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Dannenfelser, Jack Praskac, Marc Lesniak, Carol Tritak, Frank Creazzo, Pattie Radocha, 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

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

Ann Frommer

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Mark T. Boyle Crucifix Candle In Memory of Agnes Berger	St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp For Peace in the Middle East and the Poor Souls in Purgatory Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention
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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 11- Grades 2, 7 & 8 Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting in Conference Room October 18- Grades 2-8 Sacramental Prep and Family of Faith	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 22nd 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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

10/18 ~ World Mission Sunday

10/25 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass 6:00PM St. John XXIII feast day Holy Hour, Solemn Vespers, and Benediction – cake and coffee afterwards
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome

Upcoming Events

October 12	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
October 17	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle – 4:30PM-7:30PM – Parish Hall – Hot food items available and bake sale
October 18	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle – 9:30AM-1:00PM – Parish Hall – Hot food items available and bake sale 12:00PM-2:00PM St. Richard Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall
October 28	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
November 1	3:00PM M&J Big Band Concert in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – tickets \$10 per person

ST. JOHN XXIII FEAST DAY / HOLY HOUR / VESPERS

Today, Sunday, October 11th is the feast day of St. John XXIII, our patron saint. We will celebrate the feast with a Holy Hour at 6:00PM which will include Solemn Vespers and Benediction. Afterwards, all are invited to the Parish Hall for cake and coffee.

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. JOHN XXIII NEXT WEEKEND

Our Basket Raffle is only one week away! It will be held on **Saturday, October 17th** and **Sunday, October 18th**. We will be open for bidding and browsing that Saturday from 4:30PM until 7:30PM and on Sunday from 9:30AM until 1:00PM. Prizes will be called on Sunday starting at 1:00PM, and you do not need to be present to win. There are sign-up sheets in the Family Room for volunteers, baked goods, and basket donations so that you can let us know if you can help in any way.

TAMAQUA HUNGER CAMPAIGN SOUP SALE

St. John XXIII Church is participating in the October Soup Sale. Orders for soup can be placed until October 25th via the website www.tamaquahunger.tacp.info. Soup pick-up is here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on 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 November 1st.

M&J BIG BAND CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 1st

Mark your calendars and plan to attend an All Saint's Day concert here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall at 3:00PM on 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. Doors open at 2:00PM.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE

Bosco's Shopping Passes are available in the Family Room before and after weekend Masses. For a \$5 donation, you receive a 25% discount off their Lowest Sale Prices for one day only – Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and fellowship. We thank all the people in the past few weeks who have brought in pies, brownies, cookies, and all sorts of baked goods to share after Mass. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the front

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18, 2026

This year is particularly special: it's the 100th Anniversary of Pope Pius XI's creation of the World Mission Sunday. Since 1926, the Church has been inviting us every October to focus on the missionary vocation that flows from baptism. This year's theme, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through the sacraments of initiation and now that Christian identity is meant to overflow into personal involvement to bring all peoples into communion with Jesus.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 18th from 12:00PM-2:00PM is our annual Fall Dinner - Dine in or take out. Cost is \$15 per platter and consists of Roasted Pork, Sauerkraut, and all the fixins' plus your Choice of Cake. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by this Monday, October 12th. If you have any questions, please call Joann at 570-640-1034.

Dinner Prep Schedule

Saturday, October 17th – 9:00AM: Icing/cutting cake, packaging rolls, prepping hall, and kitchen.
Sunday, October 18th – 10:30AM: Day of Dinner
Day of Dinner asking for volunteers for serving, kitchen help and setting up/cleaning.

“FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS” AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's Shopping Passes are currently in the vestibule and on the small table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope provided. The One Day Only sale is Wednesday, October 21st.

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.

DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

As part of the Diocese of Allentown's 65th Anniversary Jubilee Year, all are invited to celebrate faith, family, and community at the Diocese's Family Festival at 12:00PM on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield. Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration featuring Mass with Bishop Schlert, live music, food, bingo, a petting zoo, activities, and games, an All-Saints Trunk-or-Treat, and more. This rain-or-shine event promises fun for all ages and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 65 years of faith together.

pews of St. Richard Church as well as the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church and the balcony.

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.

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.

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.

BULLETIN REMINDER

Bulletin announcements, including flyers, must be submitted no later than Tuesday at noon to the Parish Office.

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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