

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
July 12, 2026
Fifteenth 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
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Office Hours

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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

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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, July 11 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Joseph and Margaret Manjack Mass Intention: Mary Schodowski
Sunday, July 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Jean Vecolitis Mass Intention: Catherine and Abe Hawkes and Family
Monday, July 13 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Claudette Zarra
Tuesday, July 14 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (USA) Mass Intention: Dr. George and Patricia Holter
Wednesday, July 15 9:00AM Mass: SR 9:00AM Mass: SJ	St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Joseph Tracy Mass Intention: Pat Zupko
Thursday, July 16 9:00AM Mass: SR 9:00AM Mass SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Joseph Klatka Mass Intention: Nicholas Burke
Friday, July 17 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, July 18 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Derlunas and Gusavage Families
Sunday, July 19 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Catherine Price Mass Intention: Marsha Cusatis

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah likens God’s word to rain and snow, coming from God and achieving his purpose. In the epistle, Paul encourages the Romans to endure present suffering, anticipating God’s glory and our redemption. In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the sower, explaining that the seed represents those who hear the Gospel. The images of the seed and God’s word run through the readings today. God is both sower and seed. He provides water and light and brings growth. As we contemplate this image of a seed bursting into life, let us pause and ask the Holy Spirit to help us be open to how God is working in us, providing us the grace we need to bear abundant fruit for him.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 19: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

St. John XXIII The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal. The Mass of Spirit and Grace can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204 The prelude is Andante Sostenuto in F Major from Cavalleria Rusticana by Pietro Mascagni (1865-1945) The postlude is Introduction from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The altar flowers are in memory of Susan Lazar.
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Jack Praskac, Amy Gursik, Marc Lesniak / George Koval, Jackie Richardson, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gursik, David Rickert, Dan Rickert, Maureen Moe, Stacy Lora, Sue Taiko, Michael Spleen, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Amy DeBenedict Behler, John Gallagher / Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Pastor Jack Murray, Paul Goida, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury

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

Susan Lazar

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Deceased Members of the Sozio and Verano Families Crucifix Candle In Memory of Dr. George and Patricia Holter	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Sacred Heart Continued Blessings and Protection on the United States St. Joseph In Memory of Francis Trackim
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES Classes have concluded for the Summer We wish all our parish youth a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation!	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS Classes have ended for the Summer CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Scouts have ended for the Summer
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ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Relationships are difficult, and it seems like we are losing the skills needed to be able to “relationship” well and love well. These skills have been referred to as “THE ART OF LIVING” and are not being passed down like they used to be. Join us as we explore and discuss Dr. Edward Sri’s videos on The Art of Living and the Freedom to Love. Dr. Sri breaks down each of the four cardinal virtues, the ways we can strengthen our practice of these virtues, and the vices that oppose them. Using real life examples, thoughtful storytelling, and the rich history of the Catholic Church’s saints and theologians, you will be inspired to love others more deeply and authentically. Sign up in the Family Room or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835. Five Tuesdays – June 30 through July 28 from 10:00AM-11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

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 is an ongoing process designed especially for people who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church. It is also for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation by celebrating the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office. New inquirers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today’s second collection is for the Venezuela Earthquake Relief:SJ / Parish Festival:SR

Upcoming collections are...

7/19 ~ Churches in Central/Eastern Europe

7/26 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation:SR / Cemeteries:SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
Tuesday	10:00AM Adult Small Group – every Tuesday until July 28th in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Fri-Sun	St. Joseph's Festival – 462 West Ludlow Street, Summit Hill – all details are on the flyer on the bulletin board
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620

Upcoming Events

July 20-21	No Daily Mass at St. Richard Church
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WEEKDAY MASSES RETURN TO ST. JOHN XXIII

Starting this week on July 15th, we are pleased to announce that Fr. Richard will say Masses on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00AM at St. John XXIII Church. In addition, there will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions immediately after the Thursday Mass until 10:00AM. The Tuesday Holy Hour from 8:30AM until 9:30AM remains unchanged. Our new weekday schedule is as follows:

Tuesday: 8:30AM Adoration, Holy Hour, and Benediction

Wednesday: 9:00AM Mass

Thursday: 9:00AM Mass; 9:30AM Adoration and Confession

TELEPHONE AUDIO-STREAM ENDS AUGUST 1st

Starting August 1st, we will no longer audio-stream to the telephone. Our Mass live stream video via Boxcast will still be available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube channel.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

Anyone who volunteers in any capacity: if you have not returned your completed clearances, please do so by August 1st. After this date, the Diocese will be intervening. Volunteers who do not have occasions to be around children and do not have a leadership position do not have to get full background checks, but still need to read the policies and watch a video on Protecting God's Children. Contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

WEDDING OF THE SEA FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 15th

Tickets for the Saturday, August 15th bus trip to Atlantic City for the Wedding of the Sea Festival are now on sale in the Family Room for \$45 before and after weekend Masses. The Sign-Up Sheet will ask for additional information for emergency purposes. Last year was our first trip to this Festival and a great and memorable time was had by all! The price includes a casino voucher and round-trip transportation from Leiby's to Atlantic City. The bus will depart from Leiby's parking lot at 5:45AM and leave Atlantic City at 5:45PM. The event begins with a Mass at noon, followed by a procession to the ocean where a ceremonial wreath will be tossed into the water. This symbolic act is in thanksgiving for the blessings of the sea and to ask for another year of such blessings. More details are available on the flyer posted in the Family Room, and additional flyers will appear in the bulletin at a later date. Only 56 spots are available.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

Bosco's Shopping Passes are now 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. It's a great way to save money and get your Christmas shopping done early! Our Parish keeps 100% of the proceeds from these donations.

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.

CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contributions restore the Church and build the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

THANK YOU AGAIN and GOOD LUCK!

First Round of Winners

7/1 #372, Valerie Finlan, \$25

7/2 #199, No Winner, \$25

7/3 #081, No Winner, \$25

7/4 #242, Shannon Mazalusky, \$100

7/5 #485, No Winner, \$25

22ND ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL – NEWS UPDATE

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 14th at 9:30AM – making pierogies

Thursday, Jul 16th at 9:30AM – making meatballs

Monday, July 27th at 9:30AM – boiling cabbage

Tuesday, July 28th at 9:30AM – making halupki

Thursday, July 30th at 9:30AM – making bundukies

Friday, July 31st (time TBD) - setting up tent and hall

If you are able and available, please consider volunteering. All help is appreciated! *Current dates and times are subject to change as event nears.*

FOOD FESTIVAL MAILING

St. Richard Parish will be hosting their Annual Food Festival on Saturday, August 1st from 9:00AM-4:00PM or sellout. The mailing is currently in the vestibule and includes a letter from Fr. Finlan, raffle tickets and information concerning the festival. Please pick up your envelope this weekend.

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. All requests must include the 2026 Intention Form and the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend fee. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A CATECHIST

It starts when we say “I believe” with a humble heart that says “yes” to living as a disciple of Jesus. Catechesis is a gift that allows us to formally teach others to do the same. It is a desire to surround people of all ages with a community of believers who love, understand, and practice the faith. If God is calling you to be a catechist, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Melissa Grimminger for more information.

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.

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.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

BOYER’S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

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

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.

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