

# Welcome

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

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

*November 24, 2024*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



### **Church of St. John XXIII**

307 Pine Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

**Phone:** 570-225-7410 ~ **Fax:** 570-668-4406

**Email:** secretary@sj23tamaqua.org

**Website:** www.sj23tamaqua.org

**Facebook:** Parish of St John XXIII Tamaqua

**YouTube:** St John XXIII Catholic Church Tamaqua

### **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**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

**Phone:** 570-467-2315 ~ **Fax:** 570-467-2462

**Email:** strichardadmin@ptd.net

**Website:** www.strichard.org

**Facebook:** Church of St Richard

### **Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday ~ 9:00AM-2:00PM

Thursday ~ 9:00AM-12:00PM

### **Parish Staff**

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

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  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
victimassistance@allentowndiocese.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, November 23</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>                   Mass Intention: Ronald Rokita                   Mass Intention: John and Clara Ogrodnick</p>
<p><b>Sunday, November 24</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>                  Mass Intention: Casmeria Poluka                   Mass Intention: Patricia Maurer</p>
<p><b>Monday, November 25</b>  <b>7:00AM Mass: SR</b></p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Paul Gerard</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, November 26</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Stan Karnish</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, November 27</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of my husband Francis Trackim</p>
<p><b>Thursday, November 28</b>  <b>9:00AM Mass: SR</b></p>	<p><b>Weekday – Thanksgiving Day</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p><b>Friday, November 29</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church)</i></p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, November 30</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the First Sunday of Advent</b>                   Mass Intention: Eugene A. Ritsick                   Mass Intention: Dennis Malarkey</p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 1</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Mass Intention: Leonard Zoba Jr.                   Mass Intention: Jack and Antoinette Ryan</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Daniel sees a vision of the Son of man coming on the clouds, and his kingship will not be destroyed. In the second reading, Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth, and he has made us a kingdom of priests. He is coming amid the clouds for all to see. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom does not belong to this world. The readings from Daniel and the Book of Revelation share an apocalyptic vision of the Son of Man coming on the clouds to rule over all peoples. In John’s Gospel, on the other hand, Jesus is already king. His everlasting authority comes from God. For his disciples – those who listen to his voice – eternal life is already possible. Jesus is King and Lord of all both now and forever.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10,14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p><b>The Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p><b>The Heritage Mass</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Gloria – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is <b>We Gather Together</b> by Franklin Ritter (1934-2015)                  The postlude is <b>Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata No. 74</b> by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)</p> <p>The flowers that are at the center of the harvest display at the altar are in memory of Leo Davidovich Jr.</p>
---

## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfesler Family, 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, Michael Pogwist, Theresa Klatka, Bill Savage, Judy Hadesty

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

Margaret Unitis

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Herman Berger <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Michael Sedar, Lillian Sedar, and Carol Troxell</p>	<p><b>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary</b> In Memory of my sister Margaret Soltis <b>Sacred Heart</b> Special Intention</p>
--	--

## YOUTH FORMATION

### Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p><b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</b></p> <p>PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 24</b> – No Youth Formation</p> <p><b>Saturday, November 30</b> – Advent Wreath Making 9:00AM until 11:00AM in the Parish Hall.</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 1</b> – No Youth Formation</p> <p><b>Please pray for the ten second grade students who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, November 23rd.</b></p>	<p><b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</b></p> <p><b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b> Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 24th at 9:00AM Grades 1-8; Sunday, December 1st - No Classes Grades 1-4; Sunday, December 8th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, December 15th at 9:00AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p><b>10th Annual Christmas Party</b> Friday, December 6th at 6:30PM St. Richard Parish Hall</p> <p><b>Annual Children's Christmas Pageant</b> Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00PM St. Richard Parish</p> <p><b>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> <b>Cub/Boy Scouts</b> – No updates available.</p>
---	---

## ADULT FORMATION

**Advent Jesse Tree Reflections/Adult Small Group:** See description on the next page or the flyer for more information.

**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 a diocesan collection for Poverty Relief.

### Upcoming collections are...

11/28 ~ Thanksgiving

12/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund / Christmas Flowers

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

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM Mahanoy Area Ministerial Association Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast at St. Paul's UCC 7:00PM Tamaqua Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Trinity U.C.C. – featuring the High School Chorale
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day – 9:00AM Mass at St. Richard – both Parish Offices closed Thursday and Friday
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM – Advent Wreath Making – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – see flyer for more details
Upcoming Events	
December 3	5:30PM – Advent Dinner Celebration in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – see flyer for more details
December 5	9:00AM-1:00PM SVdP prepares and delivers Christmas baskets for homebound/nursing home parishioners
December 6	10th Annual Christmas Party - Friday, December 6th at 6:30pmPM - St. Richard Parish Hall
December 15	3:00PM-5:00PM – M&J Big Band Holiday Concert in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – Tickets \$20

### 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.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket for the dinner at DiMaggio's two weeks ago. We raised a net profit of \$1,378.75 that goes toward the Cemetery Prayer Garden. Also thank you to Alfie for making this fundraiser happen!

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The workbooks for the new liturgical year are in the sacristy. Please pick up yours before or after Mass today.

### ADULT SMALL GROUP STARTS THIS WEEK

We will be having Jesse Tree Reflections to help keep our focus on God during Advent. A Jesse Tree Calendar will be your guide to follow daily reflections that we will explore more deeply during our group discussions. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on the following dates: November 26, December 10, December 17, with the last group between Christmas and New Years. Contact Cheryl with any questions: 484-866-3835.

### BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS GIVING

We will be accepting monetary donations and gift cards only. BIRTHRIGHT helps families with babies and young children of Schuylkill County. Donations may be sent to the St. John XXIII Parish Office or placed in the offering box in church. Please mark BIRTHRIGHT on your envelope. Please note that there will also be a Catholic Charities Giving Tree in our Parish Hall this year...more details on that in next week's bulletin.

### 2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Opens Wednesday December 4th at 10:00AM. The dates/times to book Masses and candles are as follows:

- \*Wednesday, December 4th – 10:00AM–12noon and 1:00PM- 3:00PM in Parish Office
- \*Thursday, December 5th – 10:00AM-12noon and 1:00PM-3:00PM in Parish Office
- \*Sunday, December 8th – 9:30AM-11:00AM following Mass in Parish Hall

There is a **limit of two Masses, one Sanctuary Lamp, and one Crucifix Candle**. All requests must include the 2025 updated form and be filled out completely, along with a \$10 stipend per request. Forms are in the Parish Office and the Parish Hall. We will not take request forms in the offering baskets nor online or via mail. All requests must be made in person. Questions may be directed to the Parish Office.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MAILING

The mailing for both parishes has been sent. Included is a letter from Father Finlan, an Advent/Christmas Liturgical schedule with additional Confessions and a Jubilee Year prayer card. Please take advantage of the many services offered during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

### FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS IS DECEMBER 6TH

We are inviting children to leave a shoe in the vestibule **prior** to December 6th. The weekend of December 7th and 8th, the children can pick up their shoes after Mass and maybe if they are lucky St. Nicholas will have left them a treat!

### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 6th at 6:30PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. This year's movie will be "The Star"! As usual lots of pizza, popcorn and crafts! Jammies and blankets welcome. \$10 per child, children under 5 years old **must be** accompanied by an adult. To sign up, please message Krissy Wonsock.

### CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT

St. Richard's is hosting the children's pageant this year. It will be held on December 22nd at 6:00PM. If your child(ren) are interested in participating, please contact Krissy Wonsock.

### 2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

The Mass Book OFFICIALLY OPENS Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00AM. No requests will be accepted prior to the above date. Requests will be accepted through the Revised Mass Intention Form (found in church or online) and may be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped at the office. The forms must be fully completed with the enclosed \$10 per Mass stipend/Candle fee. As there is an overflow of Masses and Mass times are limited; we cannot guarantee a specific date and time for Mass intentions. To try and accommodate the intentions (*which also includes reserved dates*), there is a limit of three Masses. Please also consider having a weekday Mass or remembering your loved one through the Eternal Remembrance Society (contact the Parish Office), the Sanctuary Lamp or one of the Devotional Candles.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATES AT ST. RICHARD

**Lottery Calendars (12/2024 and 1/2025):** The 2-sided lottery calendars are \$10 for both months - \$5 for December 2024 and \$5 for January 2025. December tickets **must be** returned by November 30th, January tickets will still be available. **Boyer's Shopping Spree:** Event details are on the ticket. If you are unable to purchase or sell, please return all the unsold tickets as soon as possible. **Sellers needed** call/text Joann at 570-640-1034.

### **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.

### **CLEANING HELPERS NEEDED**

Is there anyone who is willing to donate some time to clean the stairways and hallway by the classrooms on the upper level? The stairways and hallway really should be mopped a few times a year. Please speak to Dale or Lisa in the Parish Office if you would be willing to help clean these two areas.

---

### **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.

### **PILGRIMAGE FROM PARIS TO LOURDES**

Join Holy Family Parish of Minersville as we participate in our Parish Pilgrimage from Paris to Lourdes, France, April 27 - May 6, 2025. Highlights include Mass every day including the newly reopened Notre Dame Cathedral of Paris, tours of the Louvre, Versailles and dinner in the Eifel Tower. We will also visit the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Lyon and the Papal Palace of Avignon with a wine tasting at the Papal Vineyards of Châteauneuf du Pape. The tour culminates with our visit to the grotto of Lourdes where the Blessed Mother visited St. Bernadette as we celebrate Mass and participate in the Eucharistic and Candle Lit Marian Processions. Please contact Fr. Stokes for more information at Holy Family Parish of Minersville 570-544-4741.

### **ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st**

Missals, Christmas Wafers and Parish Calendars are in St. Richard Vestibule or St. John XXIII Family Room. Suggested donations Missals \$5 each, Christmas Wafers \$4 per packet and Parish Calendars are free.

