

Welcome

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

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

March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator

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

Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

Teri Howerter, Office Administrator

Mary Soberick, Business Manager

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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
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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.

<p>Saturday, March 22 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Joseph Lawson Mass Intention: Alfred M. Korutz</p>
<p>Sunday, March 23 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Russell Triano Mass Intention: Patricia Maurer</p>
<p>Monday, March 24 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Julia Boyle</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 25 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>The Annunciation of the Lord Mass Intention: Dominic Totani</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 26 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 6:30PM – 7:00PM Confessions: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Patrick Kotula</p>
<p>Thursday, March 27 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Friday, March 28 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, March 29 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Barbara Verano Cattarin Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Tokosh & Pancheri Families</p>
<p>Sunday, March 30 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Mark Boyle Mass Intention: Alfred M. Korutz</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Moses encounters God in a burning bush, and is commissioned by God to free the Israelites from Egypt. God reveals his name to Moses, saying, I am who am. In the second reading, Paul warns the Corinthians against overconfidence by recounting the story of the Israelites. In the Gospel, Jesus calls for repentance and tells a parable of a barren fig tree. We know the history of Moses’ role in God delivering the Israelites from bondage, and we have heard the story of the barren fig tree, but today’s psalm allows us a moment of connection to God in our own particular way. He has pardoned us; he has healed us; he redeems us from destruction; he is merciful and gracious and surpassing in kindness. Our story is not just what happened then, but what is happening now, and the Lord indeed is kind and merciful.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Latin Chant Mass 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 Moderato in A Minor by Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846)</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...

Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Therese Ristilla, Peter Krizin, Jennifer DiSante, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage / Andrew Eremus, Sue Mannello, George Koval / Vicky Karnish, Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich II

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

Elizabeth "Betty" Tarutis

Richard Ritter

Joseph Gudisaukas

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Scott Ferryman

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of deceased members of the Totani Family

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS
TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM

Sunday, March 23 – No Youth Formation

Sunday, March 30 – Family Mass

Grades 1-7 Youth Formation

(Sacramental Prep Parents meet in the Conference Room)

*Congratulations to the six St. John XXIII students that
received Confirmation this past Wednesday, March 19th!*

Please continue to pray for them!

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 23rd at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 30th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 6th at 9:30AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 13th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 13th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, March 23rd

4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group for Lent: Join us as we engage in "HOW TO LENT", a FORMED series that aims to provide a clear roadmap for entering the Lenten season with purpose and intention. "HOW TO LENT" provides tools and understanding to fully engage with the Lenten season by explaining the pillars of Lent and offering guidance on how to practice them meaningfully. Practice what you learn as you progress through Lent and through this series. The group will meet on four Tuesdays, beginning on March 11 through April 1, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet is in the St. John XXIII Family Room or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Cry Room. 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 for Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

3/30 ~ Easter Flowers

4/6 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM St. Richard AED/CPR Training in the Parish Hall 7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
Wednesday	Free lunch – noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
March 30	6:00PM-8:00PM – Adoration and Confession for Lent at St. John XXIII
April 6	St. John XXIII BINGO at West Penn Fire Company – doors open at noon, BINGO starts 1:00PM – Tickets \$25
April 7	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting held in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
April 8	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting held in the St. Richard Parish Hall
April 9	6:30PM-8:30PM – Palm Weaving Class in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – Sign-up sheet in the Family Room

PARISH CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that the Spring clean-up of all five of our parish cemeteries will be between March 31st and April 4th. Any decorations that you want to keep must be removed by March 30th. Two lawn service professionals will be cutting the grass this year. Joe Whilden from Pro-Yard will be cutting St. Jerome's New Cemetery and the Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. Justin McCarroll will be cutting St. Bartholemew's Cemetery, St. Bertha's Cemetery, and St. Jerome's Old Cemetery.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Since its inception in 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has provided more than \$330 million to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. At the conclusion of Lent, the Rice Bowls will be collected. We ask participants to convert Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to the parish for easier counting. We will then combine all the gifts and send one check to the Diocese.

THE PARISH COOKBOOKS ARE PRINTED

They are available before and after Mass in the Family Room. Cookbooks are \$10 each.

LOTTERY CALENDARS/BINGO/ORGAN CONCERT

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is still selling 2025 Lottery Calendars as well as tickets to the April BINGO before and after the weekend Masses in the Family Room. Tickets to the organ concert are also now on sale.

BOYERS SHOPPING SPREE CONTEST

The Marian Blue & Gold Club is selling raffle tickets (\$10 each) to win a 3-minute shopping spree at the Tamaqua Boyers! To purchase tickets, you may contact Marian High School directly at 570-467-3335, email bge@mariancatholics.org, or call or text parent volunteer Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MOUNTAIN VALLEY

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is hosting its 34th Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 16th at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship, and golf! For more information, visit www.stjosephctr.com or call 570-622-4638.

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.

FROM ST. RICHARD PARISH OFFICE

Tax deadline is April 15th, if you'd like your **2024 Contribution Statement**, please contact the rectory office. ALSO, because there was a mailing issue, please contact the rectory office if you had **not** received the St. Richard's **envelope packet for March/April**.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!

Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday March 19, 2025; Emily Jane Edith Blashock, Grace Patricia Rose Blozousky, Ella Elizabeth Vitus Bones, Kenli Elizabeth Jane Dudash, Danica Marie Elizabeth Gill, Sienna Loren Elizabeth Napoli, Naelyn Christine Nelda Ryan, Juliana Jean Christina Wonsock, Colton Gabriel Michael King, Chase Anthony John Lebby, Andrew Joseph Gregory Mummey, Mason James Jospeh Sout, and Diamian Sebastian Contreras. May God bless and keep you always.

FUNDRAISING NEWS AT ST. RICHARD

THANK YOU to all our volunteers and those who purchased our Lenten Seafood Dinner. Our recorded profit for this fundraiser was \$3,440! Also, congratulations to our 50/50 winner, T. McManus who took away \$744.00!

BASKET RAFFLE 2025

Our Spring Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. See next week's bulletin flyer for details.

2ND LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, April 11th from 3:00PM - 6:00PM. The remaining envelopes were mailed. The mailing includes dinner tickets, 50/50 chances, Paska Bread and Easter Candy Sale Order Forms. Please return your tickets, chances and order forms by Monday, April 7th in any Mass collection or drop them in the "Fundraising" box" on the rectory porch. Additional copies of the Paska Bread and Easter Candy Order Forms are in the Vestibule. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday April 13th, (Rain or Shine) starting at 12:00 PM. 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. Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 to sign up. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes/donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

We are currently updating our Home Visitation/Communion Call List. If anyone would like to be added or know someone who would, please contact the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass of St. Richard Parish. More details to follow.

2025 MASS BOOK UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

Daily Mass dates are still available. Please also consider the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests may be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped at the office. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

Bulletin announcements and inserts may be emailed or called in **no later than** Tuesday at noon.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of bad weather of snow or ice, St. Richard will follow Mahanoy Area School District and St. John XXIII will follow Tamaqua Area School District. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be no weekday Mass.

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