

# Welcome

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

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

*January 5, 2025*  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*



**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**

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**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  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndioocese.org

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
victimsassistance@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, January 4</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 Epiphany of the Lord</b>                   Mass Intention: James “Jimmer” Young Jr.                   Mass Intention: Pat Skelson</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 5</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>                  Mass Intention: Samuel S. Lazarchick and Scott Ferryman                   Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 6</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Christmas Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII                  And St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 7</b>  <b>7:00AM Mass: SR</b>                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p><b>Christmas Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Gloria A. White</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 8</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p><b>Christmas Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: William Savage</p>
<p><b>Thursday, January 9</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Christmas Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p><b>Friday, January 10</b>  <i>No Mass at either church</i></p>	<p><b>Christmas Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 11</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 Baptism of the Lord</b>                   Mass Intention: Dr. George Lenyo                   Mass Intention: Francis Trackim</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 12</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>                  Mass Intention: The Kantor Family                   Mass Intention: Ralph Falls</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah promises that Jerusalem will be a light for all nations. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul explains the revelation that the Gentiles are members of the same body of Christ. In the Gospel, magi from the east look for the newborn king, finally finding the child with his mother, Mary. We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately. Instead, we must receive Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. And as we heard in the first reading: Then you shall be radiant... your heart shall throb and overflow. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

<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>The Three Kings</b> by Gordon Young (1919-1998)                  The postlude is <b>March of the Three Kings</b> – 13<sup>th</sup> Century Carol from Provence, France</p> <p>The Christmas flowers are in memory of all the people listed in the Christmas Memorials that are placed upon the altar.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

Bruce Rang, William Swank, Andrew Eremus, Magnolia Pavlovich, Marlene Labella, MaryAnn Seltzer, Rolanda Moussa, Michael Pogwist, Theresa Klatka / Francis Burke, Jean Hunsinger, Ed Surfield, Monica Surfield, Diane Cavanaugh, Anne Palmer, Elizabeth Tarutis / Cindy Clark, Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Marie Kalpinsky, Stanley Kozlowski, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller

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

Charles Tracy

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Dr. George Lenyo <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of the Potosky and Hafer Families</p>	<p><b>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention</p>
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## 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, January 5</b> – Youth Formation Grades 1-8 (Sacramental Prep Parents meet in the Conference Room)</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 12</b> – Family Mass &amp; Youth Formation Grades 1-8</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 19</b> – Youth Formation Grades 1-8</p> <p><b>GRADE 1 Sacramental Prep begins today January 5th</b></p>	<p><b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</b></p> <p><b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b></p> <p>Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 5th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 12th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 19th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 26th at 9:30AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p><b>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> <b>Cub/Boy Scouts</b> – No updates available.</p>
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## ADULT FORMATION

**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 for Parish Facility Fund

### Upcoming collections are...

1/12 ~ Parish Utilities    1/19 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR/Parish Cemeteries: SJ    1/26 ~ Catholic Relief

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

This Week	
Monday	9:00AM both Parish Offices reopen ( <i>Please note: revised Office Hour days and schedule for St. Richard</i> ) 6:00PM St. John XXIII Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Second Floor Conference Room
Tuesday	7:00AM Mass at St. Richard ( <i>no 8:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII on this day</i> )
Thursday	Regularly scheduled St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal is cancelled today - rehearsals resume next week
Upcoming Events	
January 12	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
January 13	7:00AM Mass at St. Richard ( <i>no 8:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII on this day</i> )
January 14	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall
January 20	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall

### NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

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.

### ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK RECIPE DEADLINE

The deadline for recipes for our parish cookbook is being extended until January 31st. We hope that you will bring in your favorite recipes to share with your fellow parishioners in our parish cookbook. The more recipes, the better!

### BIRTHRIGHT

Thank you to everyone who contributed gift cards and monetary donations. They will be collected on Wednesday, January 8th. Birthright serves Schuylkill County infants and children.

### GIVING TREE

Thank you for all the gifts left at the Giving Tree in our Parish Hall. Catholic Charities plans to collect everything this Monday January 6th. These items will be used to replenish Catholic Charities inventory of supplies to give to families in need throughout the year, not just at Christmastime.

### PILGRIMAGE FROM PARIS TO LOURDES

Join Holy Family Parish of Minersville as we participate in our Parish Pilgrimage from Parish to Lourdes, France from 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.

### THE ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

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.

### ST. RICHARD PARISH NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning January 6, 2025, the Parish Office business hours will change. The new schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. (The St. John XXIII Parish Office business hours remain unchanged.)

### DECEMBER LOTTERY WINNERS

**12/16** #355, No Winner, \$25  
**12/17** #961, Sue Horvat, \$25  
**12/18** #842, Jennifer Ashley, \$25  
**12/19** #578, Chelsea Valentine, \$25  
**12/20** #220, No Winner, \$25  
**12/21** #254, Cherise Kuzma, \$50  
**12/22** #148, No Winner, \$25  
**12/23** #419, No Winner, \$25  
**12/24** #890, Angela Vensel, \$100  
**12/25** #191, No Winner, \$100  
**12/26** #696, No Winner, \$25  
**12/27** #683, James Kanen, \$25  
**12/28** #773, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas B Costello, \$50  
**12/29** #456, Cindy Damiter, \$25

**Boyer's Shopping Spree:** \$10 per ticket. Event details are on the ticket. If you are unable to purchase or sell, please return all unsold tickets as soon as possible. **Sellers needed** call/text Joann at 570-640-1034. You may also purchase the Spree tickets in the Parish Office during business hours.

### JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year in the Universal Church. In cathedrals across the world, including our own Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown, special Masses were said this past weekend to inaugurate the Jubilee Year.

### 75th ANNIVERSARY AT ST. RICHARD

Not too long ago we announced we would be celebrating our 75th Anniversary next year. And with a blink of the eye, it's 2025! In preparation for this milestone event, we are still asking if anyone would like to share any pictures, books, articles, please do so! The pictures/articles will be scanned, and the original returned to you. Please consider sharing your memories with us! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### 2025 MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

The Mass Book is open. Intentions accepted using the **current** 2025 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 Mass stipend/Candle fee. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

