

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
July 5, 2026
Fourteenth 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
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator
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Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education
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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

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
victimsassistance@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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

Saturday, July 4 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael and Lillian Sedar and Carol Troxell Mass Intention: Jacqueline S. Riotto
Sunday, July 5 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Tanya Chwojko Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy
Monday, July 6 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: John Rutch Jr.
Tuesday, July 7 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: John Longhi
Wednesday, July 8 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Carole Garber
Thursday, July 9 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Friday, July 10 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
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

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah tells of the king who will come riding on an ass to proclaim peace to the nations. In the epistle, we are told that the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the Father for revealing the hidden things to little ones. He invites those who labor to rest in him. The God who defeated death – this mighty one whose dominion shall be from sea to sea – promises to carry our burdens with us, to never leave us alone in our struggles, to humble himself to walk beside us in our smallness and our need. Our rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 12: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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 America the Beautiful by Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903) The postlude is The National Anthem by Francis S. Key (1779-1843) The altar flowers are in memory of Katherine Miller.

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Jack Praskac, Amy Gurcsik, Marc Lesniak / George Koval, Jackie Richardson, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gurcsik, 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

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

Michael Ferris

Daniel J. Rudy

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Katherine Miller Crucifix Candle In Memory of Michael and Lillian Sedar and Carol Troxell	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary My Special Intention Sacred Heart Special Intention
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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 Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

7/12 ~ Parish Festival:SR Parish Cemeteries:SJ

7/19 ~ Churches in Central/Eastern Europe

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Tuesday	10:00AM Adult Small Group – every Tuesday until July 28th in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

July 12	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
July 13	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
July 17, 18, 19	St. Joseph's Festival – 462 West Ludlow Street, Summit Hill – all details are on the flyer on the bulletin board
July 20-24	No Daily Mass at St. Richard Church

NOTES ON TODAY'S PATRIOTIC MUSIC

As our nation celebrates its semiquincentennial milestone this weekend, there will be lots of patriotic music at Mass. Instead of our normal organ or piano prelude, today we will sing "America the Beautiful" as a choral prelude. It can be found on **page 845** in the hymnal. For the postlude, as soon as we finish singing the closing hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee," we will sing the "National Anthem." We hope that you will join in the singing of all the patriotic music today as the United States of America celebrates its 250th birthday. Also, today's Communion hymn "Gift of Finest Wheat" was commissioned by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1976 and written for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress and to celebrate our nation's bicentennial. It was premiered at the Cathedral in Philadelphia in 1976.

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, so don't hesitate to buy yours.

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. JOSEPH SPECIAL LEARNING CENTER IS HIRING

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals for several part-time positions, including Physical Therapist, Behavioral Support Specialist, and Administrative Assistant. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about these opportunities, please call SJC at 570-622-4638 and ask to speak with Bob Giba. Join us in making a difference in the lives of children and adults with special needs.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and patriotic cake.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

Our annual Lottery Calendar fundraiser is underway! THANK YOU to all those who have sold and purchased the lottery calendars. All winners will be posted on a weekly basis in the bulletin. GOOD LUCK!

22ND ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL – AUGUST 1ST

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 7th 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.

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.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

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.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to help deliver meals in the Tamaqua area,

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

A table is set up on the stage in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall, and the instructions and policies are available to read and sign. If you volunteer at St. John XXIII, please visit the table after Mass to pick up your packet. Several packets have never been picked up. Contact Cheryl with any questions – 484-866-3835.

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.

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.

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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