

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

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
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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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

Saturday, August 23 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Betty Jane Boyer Mass Intention: Donna Soley
Sunday, August 24 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kathryn Boyle Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan Sr. and Daniel F. Guinan Jr.
Monday, August 25 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Shatusky, Freeh, and Stefanek Families
Tuesday, August 26 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Paul and Mary Dirnberger
Wednesday, August 27 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	St. Monica Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Thursday, August 28 7:00AM Mass: SR	St. Augustine, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Health for David B.
Friday, August 29 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday, August 30 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Stan Karnish Mass Intention: Curtis J. Keefer
Sunday, August 31 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Betty Tarutis Mass Intention: Steve McCarthy

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies a time when the Lord will gather nations of every language to see his glory. Some of the people from these nations he will take as priests and Levites. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages them not to be discouraged by the discipline of the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus answers the question “*Will only a few people be saved?*” by saying, “*Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.*” God’s desire is that we love him and serve him and are united to him for eternity. We are called by baptism to the salvation that he offers through his Son. What matters is our response to that loving and life-giving invitation: how we live out our lives as faithful disciples makes the ultimate difference. It is our witness that will encourage others to hear and respond to God’s call to them.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 31: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

<p style="text-align: center;">St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>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</p> <p>The prelude for the Saturday 3:30PM Mass is Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring by Johann Sebastian Bach The prelude for the Sunday 8:30AM Mass is Barcarolle by Alexander Morovsky and Glacier Majesty by Dennis Alexander The postlude is Finale from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers and the flowers by Mary are in memory of Florence Polinsky and Bill Savage.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Marci Bonner / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Mary Sloboda, Joseph Holly / Magnolia Pavlovich, Paul Goida, Joe McDonald, Lou Ann Knittle

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

Ralph Conrad

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Paul and Mary Dirnberger

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Gazdick and Gerhard Families

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

Youth Formation is right around the corner! **Registration will be open until Sunday August 24th.** Registration forms are available in the Parish Hall. Forms can be returned with cash or check in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation."

Grade 1 (Classes will begin in January!)

***Grade 2 Registration- \$70**

Blessed First Reconciliation/ First Communion

***Grade 3-6 Registration- \$70**

A Family of Faith

***Grades 7 & 8 (Confirmation) Registration- \$70**

Chosen

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Registration is now open.

Need registration information or have questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, August 31st
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. All are invited to attend.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Mission Cooperation.

Upcoming collections are...

8/31 ~ Parish Utilities

9/7 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Back to School Blessing for all students at both parishes following both Sunday Masses Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work – we hope you can help

Upcoming Events

September 1	Labor Day – both Parish Offices closed
September 7	12:00PM-3:00PM St. Richard Halupki Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall
September 11/12	St. Richard Basket Raffle in the Parish Hall: 4:00PM – 7:00PM Shop/Drop
September 13	St. Richard Basket Raffle in the Parish Hall: 9:30AM – 12:30PM Last Call ~ 1:00PM Drawings begin 1:00PM Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion in the Prayer Garden of the St. Jerome (New) Cemetery
September 18	Thank You Dinner at Basile's for anyone who volunteers in any way at St. John XXIII – see write-up below

SPECIAL PRELUDE MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

Two of our parish youth will be playing the piano for prelude at both Masses this weekend. Brayden Slane, age 11, will play “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” by J.S. Bach at the Saturday 3:30PM Mass and Nathaniel Grimminger, age 13, will play “Barcarolle” by Alexander Morovsky followed by “Glacier Majesty” by Dennis Alexander at the Sunday 8:30AM Mass. Both are currently taking piano lessons. If any other children (or even adults) who play the piano want to play a prelude before Mass, just speak with our Director of Music. Thank you, Brayden, and Nathaniel, for sharing your musical talent with us today!

NEWS & SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR BOTH PARISHES

Everyone has probably heard by now that Fr. Finlan has been appointed by Bishop Schlert as Principal of Marian High School. We congratulate him on this achievement! Fr. Finlan will still remain as pastor of our two parishes, but this will require some schedule changes. Starting this week, all weekday Masses will now be at 7:00AM and all weekday Masses will now be held at St. Richard Church. The Mass intentions for the Monday and Tuesday Masses that were originally scheduled at St. John XXIII will be transferred up and said at St. Richard. For the time being, we will not have weekday Confessions at either church, but the Tuesday 8:30AM Holy Hour and 9:30AM Benediction will still take place at St. John XXIII. (The Saturday Confession schedule remains unchanged.) We understand that the new 7:00AM weekday Mass schedule may not work for everyone, so here is a listing of weekday Masses at our neighboring parishes:

St. Joseph's Church, Summit Hill: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday all at 8:00AM / All Saints Church, McAdoo: Monday 5:45PM, Tuesday 8:00AM, Wednesday 8:00AM, Thursday 5:45PM, Friday 8:00AM / St. Theresa of Calcutta Church, Mahanoy City: Monday 6:45AM, Tuesday 6:45AM, Thursday 6:00PM, Friday 6:45AM / St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday all at 8:30AM / Holy Cross Church, New Philadelphia: Tuesday 6:00PM, Wednesday 8:30AM.

ST. JOHN XXIII VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER

A special dinner for anyone who volunteers in any way at St. John XXIII is being planned at Basile's Restaurant on Thursday, September 18th. Mark your calendar now! It will be a buffet dinner starting at 6:00PM with a cash bar. A sign-up sheet is located in the Family Room at St. John XXIII. Spouses are invited as well. To help us manage the RSVP count, please indicate the correct number in your party.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship.

FROM OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN

I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Finlan, Dcn. Girard, and the entire St. Richard and St. John XIII parishes for welcoming me into your community for the summer. I was truly blessed to spend time with many of you and will carry my experiences with me throughout the rest of my formation. Please keep me in your prayers, and I hope to be able to visit again! In Christ, Bill Sweeney

HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us on Sunday, September 7th from 12:00PM-3:00PM. Dine in or take out. Cost is \$15 per dinner and includes two Halupki, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, a Roll and choice of Chocolate or Vanilla Cake. The dinner envelopes have been mailed. Please return the dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by August 31st. Any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

*Dinner Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 4:00PM – boiling cabbage

Thursday, Sept. 4th after 8:30AM Mass – “Halupki Party”

*Due to the holiday, days and/or times may change.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Our Basket Raffle is rapidly approaching and is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th (see last week's flyer for details). Please consider donating to this fundraiser in which all proceeds go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. **To donate**, contact the Parish Office at 570-467-2315 **OR** one of the Fundraising Committee members.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

We are growing, which is AMAZING! So, help us out and sign up for the Masses that work for your schedule. We ask that you consider signing up for one Saturday a month, as that is the Mass where servers are most needed. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at either parish, or know someone who is, please reach out to Deacon Ed, Krissy Wonsock, or Melissa Grimminger to schedule your training!

2025-2026 CCD/PREP AT ST. RICHARD

2025-2026 CCD/PREP registrations are now being accepted. Those currently in our program please check your email. If your child is not currently enrolled and you need information, please contact Krissy Wonsock and collect the paperwork located in the vestibule. Your child should be entering grades 1st through 8th and must be an active parishioner of St. Richard's Parish. If newly joining our program, we will need a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.

ST. JOHN XXIII BASKET RAFFLE

Information and sign-up sheets for the St. John XXIII Basket Raffle in October are in the Family Room.

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.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Bosco's shopping passes are on sale in the Family Room for \$5 each. The passes are valid for purchases all day on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, only. The pass entitles the buyer to a 10%, 15%, or 25% discount on the lowest sale price of most items.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

A Special Mass will be held in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta on Friday, September 5th at 12:00PM in St. Teresa Church, 600 W. Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City.

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.

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's annual event shopping passes are here! They are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the small table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope provided.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It is an easy way to earn money for our parish. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances.

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.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

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

no matter how big or small. You can also

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The celebration begins at 10:30AM Mass with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. More details to come.

2025 MASS BOOK 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 basket, or dropped at the office.

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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