

# Welcome

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

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

*April 27, 2025*

*Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)*



**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**

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

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  
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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<b>Saturday, April 26</b> 2:45PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter</b>  Mass Intention: Michael Bright  Mass Intention: Mike Konidas
<b>Sunday, April 27</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR 3:00PM Divine Mercy Liturgy and Benediction: SJ	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</b> Mass Intention: Dave Frederick  Mass Intention: John and Jean Andrusyshyn
<b>Monday, April 28</b> No Daily Mass	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b> No Daily Mass	<b>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 30</b> No Daily Mass	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
<b>Thursday, May 1</b> No Daily Mass	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
<b>Friday, May 2</b> No Daily Mass	<b>St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>Saturday, May 3</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Third Sunday of Easter</b>  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes  Mass Intention: Mary Frances Dunleavy
<b>Sunday, May 4</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Forte Family  Mass Intention: Ann SantaCecilia

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the Apostles performed many signs and wonders. Many who were sick came to them and they were all cured. In the second reading, John describes a vision he had on the island of Patmos. It was of the risen Christ, who declares himself alive forever. In the Gospel, the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds and believe. Thomas was not present with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them, and thus he insists he will not believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus comes again and says, “Put your finger here ... believe.” In myriad ways, God makes himself known to us each day, offering us innumerable chances to meet him. Lord, give us eyes to see you and the courage to respond like Thomas, in faith, My Lord and my God!

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

<p style="text-align: center;"><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:                  Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is <b>I Know That My Redeemer Liveth</b> from <b>Messiah</b> by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)                  The postlude is <b>Voluntary on Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy”</b> arranged by L. Dean Bye (b.1946)</p> <p>The Easter flowers are made possible through the generosity of everyone who returned their Easter Flower Memorial envelopes. These Memorial envelopes are placed upon the altar for the duration of the Octave of Easter.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

Andrew Eremus, Sue Mannello, George Koval / Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda,  
John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage, Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfelser / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky,  
Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas, Carol Reigel

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

Ralph Derr

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Frederick Family

### Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Mary Rudy

### St. Richard

### Sanctuary Lamp

For the Soul of His Holiness, Pope Francis

### 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, April 27** – Youth Formation Grades 3-6  
Grades 1 & 7 Sacramental Prep and Parent Meeting

**Sunday, May 4** – Family Mass & Family Day Grades 1-7

**Saturday, May 10** – First Holy Communion – 12:00PM

Please pray for the children from the parishes of  
St. John XXIII and St. Richard who are preparing  
to receive First Holy Communion on May 10th.

### St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

### CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 27th at 9:00AM

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

\*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

### UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, May 8th at 6:00PM - 1st Penance

Saturday, May 10th at 10:00AM - 1st Holy Communion

### SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

**Cub Scouts** – Sunday, April 27th  
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

## ADULT FORMATION

**Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the 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 the Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

5/4 ~ Parish Facility Fund

5/11 ~ Mother's Day

5/18 ~ Parish Utilities

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

### This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 3:00PM Sung Divine Mercy Devotion and Benediction at St. John XXIII
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	5:00PM Rosary for Peace by the statue of Mary in the St. John XXIII parking lot – please bring your own chair 6:30PM Mass for Cancer Sufferers, Victims and their Families and Friends – St. Peter & Paul Church, Lehighton St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal canceled today – regularly scheduled rehearsal will resume next week
Friday	7:00PM Organ Concert at St. John XXIII featuring the organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City

### Upcoming Events

May 4	10:30AM Anointing of the Sick Mass with Bishop Schlert – St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven PA
May 5	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
May 13	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
May 16 / 17	St. Richard Spring Basket Raffle Shop and Drop in the Parish Hall (see updated flyer for details)
May 18	St. Richard Spring Basket Raffle in the Parish Hall – 10:00AM-2:00PM last call – drawings begin at 2:15PM

### A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn who is the guest Celebrant for both Sunday Masses this weekend.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH/THE APOSTLES' CREED

During the fifty days of Eastertide, at Mass instead of saying the Nicene Creed as we usually do, we will be saying the Apostles' Creed. It can be found on **page 149** in the hymnal.

### SUNG LORD'S PRAYER & EASTER DISMISSAL

The music to these can be found on **page 157** and **page 165** in the green Journeysongs hymnal. We will be singing the Lord's Prayer throughout the Easter season. Today is the last day of the Octave of Easter. But the season of Easter (Eastertide) is a total of fifty days which concludes with the feast of Pentecost. This year, Pentecost falls on June 8th.

### ORGAN CONCERT – THIS FRIDAY, MAY 2 – 7:00PM

Mark Pacoe, the Organist and Associate Director of Music at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, will give an Organ Concert this Friday, May 2nd at 7:00PM here at St. John XXIII Church. A charcuterie, wine, cake, and coffee reception will follow the concert in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 and are available in the Family Room before and after all weekend Masses as well as in the St. John XXIII Parish Office and at the door the night of the concert. A limited number of VIP tickets for \$75 are also available for seating up in the balcony around the organ for those who want to experience the performance from just a few feet away from the organ. For more information, see the concert flyer, speak to our Director of Music, Dale Bonenberger, or call the Parish Office at 570-225-7410.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

Please convert your Rice Bowl gifts to a single check made out to the parish for easier accounting. Please place your check in an envelope clearly labeled **"Rice Bowl Donation"** and deposit it in the Sunday collection. We will then combine all these gifts and send one check from the parish to the Diocese.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

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

### 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.

### ST. RICHARD DINNER FUNDRAISER

MANY THANKS to all our volunteers and all those who purchased our 2nd Lenten Dinner & 50/50 chances. The numbers are in... the profit for this fundraiser was \$3,627 and CONGRATULATIONS to Lorraine Drosdak for being the 50/50 winner of \$384.75!

### ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE 2025 UPDATE

Our Spring Basket Raffle is less than a month away! The event will begin on Friday May 16th and Saturday May 17th Shop and Drop (NOTE time change - see revised flyer) and Sunday May 18th for last call Shop and Drop - drawings to begin at 2:15PM. **Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October.** For more information, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 or the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

### PIEROGI MAKING AT ST. RICHARD

Wednesday April 30th and Thursday May 1st starting at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. Pierogies made will be sold at the Spring Basket Raffle. Stop in and "pinch" a few with us! All help is greatly appreciated!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

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

### 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.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

### 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.

**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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