

Welcome

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

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

September 22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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
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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
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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, September 21 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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Leo Davidovich Jr. Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz</p>
<p>Sunday, September 22 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Ann and Ben Davis Mass Intention: Mildred Ceci</p>
<p>Monday, September 23 No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 24 No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 25 No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Thursday, September 26 No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Friday, September 27 <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</p>
<p>Saturday, September 28 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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Russell, Helen, Stiely, and Marie Mock Mass Intention: Paul Yurick and Brian Firkal</p>
<p>Sunday, September 29 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Robert Zaraca Mass Intention: 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Deacon John and Mrs. Ellie Setlock</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies of the servant of the Lord who has not turned his back on the Lord but has given his back to those who beat him, believing that the Lord is his help. In the second reading, James argues that faith without works is dead. In the Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples who they say he is. Peter answers, you are the Christ. Jesus then says that anyone who wishes to follow him must take up his cross. Today we hear the question that is at the center of the entire Gospel. Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him? We would do well to reflect on this question from time to time. Who do we say that Jesus is, and how do our actions demonstrate this belief?

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

St. John XXIII

The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.

The Mass of Renewal can be found on the following pages:
 Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184

The prelude is **Prelude No. 1 in C from The Well-Tempered Clavier** (BWV846) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
 The postlude is **Fugue in C Major** by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

The altar flowers are in memory of Helen Benezetta Grier.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Lou Ann Knittle, Elizabeth Tarutis, Diane Cavanaugh, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Andrew Eremus, Mary Helen Rehatchek, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Bill Savage, Linda Yulanavage, David Rickert, Craig Goida / Charlie Houser, Shelley Lazarchick, Barb Houser, Magnolia Pavlovich, Fran Golder, Marie Cara, John Crammond, Debbie Delp, Angel Donovan, Maria O'Boyle, Stanley Kozlowski, Marie Kalpinsky / Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfesler Family, Anna May Garber, Mike Davis, Gus Suglia, Mary Sloboda

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

Helen Pavlik

Elinor Burns

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Ann and Ben Davis

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Leo Davidovich Jr.

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' 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, September 22 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8
(Kids Small Group Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)

Sunday, September 29 – No Youth Formation

**Sunday, October 6 – Family Mass & St. John XXIII
Feast Day Brunch Celebration**

Youth Registration Information

Please return the PREP registration form along with
Payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.
Registration information or questions, contact Krissy
Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure
box on the rectory porch.

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, September 29th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub/Boy Scouts – Scout meetings are being planned.

Please refer to the bulletin for more information as it becomes
available.

ADULT FORMATION

October Adult Small Group: Join us for some great discussions, valuable information, and socialization while we take a glimpse at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and explore some videos, which include speakers Bishop Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, and more. Five Tuesdays, beginning October 1st from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet is in the Family Room at St. John XXIII. This is open to parishioners of both parishes!

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 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

9/29 ~ Churches of Latin America

10/6 ~ 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
Mon. - Thurs.	No Daily Masses at either church – Fr. Finlan is away – Saturday & Sunday Mass schedules remain the same
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	
September 23 - October 4	No Daily Masses at either church – Fr. Finlan is away – Saturday & Sunday Mass schedules remain the same
October 6	Brunch catered by Basile's in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after the 8:30AM Mass – more details on the flyer Blessing of the Animals – noon in the St. Richard parking lot (rain or shine)
October 7	9:30AM & 6:00PM – Estate Planning Workshop in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – more details on the flyer
October 8	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
October 13	12:00PM - 3:00PM – Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall – more details on the flyer
October 19-20	Tamaqua Hunger Campaign canned and dry goods food drive – bring your donations to church that weekend

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Please welcome Fr. Rothermel and Fr. Bruno who will be our guest celebrants this weekend at both parishes.

FOOD TRUCK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The diocesan food truck plans to be with us again this Wednesday. If you are able to assist, your help would be most appreciated. Help is needed to keep the beverage/fruit/dessert table stocked and in the packing of the food, not necessarily in the cooking of the food. We could also use someone to welcome visitors to the Parish Hall and direct them to the restrooms. If you would like to help, please just show up at 11:00AM.

FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

Tickets for our “Giant Bucks” Lottery Drawing are available before and after Mass in the Family Room. The drawing of the lucky winner will be held on Sunday, October 6th during our Parish Anniversary Brunch that will be held after the 8:30AM Mass that day. Tickets for the brunch are also on sale in the Family Room. Tickets are \$25/adult and \$15/child under ten years old. See the brunch flyer for more information. The 25% off “Friends Helping Friends” Boscov's shopping passes are also available for \$5 in the St. John XXIII Family Room as are the pickle sale order forms and basket raffle sign-up sheets.

ST. JOHN PARISH 10th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Submit as many recipes as you like. Submission forms are available in the Family Room at St. John XXIII and on our website under “Events” on the Home Page. Deadline for submission is January 1, 2025. Books can be pre-ordered after January 1st – cost will be determined by the amount of recipes received. Books will be available by March 1st.

ADULT SMALL GROUP IN OCTOBER

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEMBER MASS

To be held at St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley (Summit Hill) next **Sunday, September 29th at 12:30PM.**

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

NO ANOINTING OF THE SICK THIS MONTH

Due to Fr. Finlan being away, there will be no administering of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for the month of September. The next Anointing after Mass will be held on the weekend of October 26th/27th.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your pets to be blessed on **Sunday, October 6th at 12:00PM** to the St. Richard's church parking lot. The blessing of animals will be held rain or shine.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was mailed to all active parishioners of both parishes. If you have not received yours yet, please let us know. Please confirm that all your information on the form is correct, and make any changes or corrections directly on the form, and return the corrected form to your respective Parish Office. If your form is correct and there are no changes needed, St. Richard parishioners: please make a notation on the form “no changes” and return your form to the St. Richard Parish Office. St. John XXIII parishioners do not need to return forms that are already correct.

“FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS” AT ST. RICHARD

Boscov's annual event shopping passes are currently in the 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.

BWAC MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

The *Because We Are Catholic (BWAC)* Mass with Bishop Schlert will be held on **Monday, October 28th at 6:00PM** at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City.

SAINT JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL

SJRS currently has job openings for the 2024-2025 school year. The positions that are available are P/T Cafeteria Worker, F/T Custodian Maintenance Worker, P/T Preschool Aide, and Substitute Teachers. For more information and how to apply, please go to: www.sjrschool.com/about/employment.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church as well as the front pews of St. Richard Church.

