

Welcome

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

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

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Parish Staff

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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

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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, March 15 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 Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Charlie Tracy Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz</p>
<p>Sunday, March 16 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Charles Gillott Sr. Mass Intention: Monica Surfield</p>
<p>Monday, March 17 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Joseph and Theresa Englert and sons Skip, Dooley, and Walter</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 18 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Joseph M. Urban</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 19 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 4:30PM Confirmation Mass: SJ</p>	<p>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Pat Tracy</p>
<p>Thursday, March 20 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Monica Surfield</p>
<p>Friday, March 21 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, March 22 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 Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Joseph Lawson Mass Intention: Alfred M. Korutz</p>
<p>Sunday, March 23 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Russell Triano Mass Intention: Patricia Maurer</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God makes a covenant with Abram, promising descendants as numerous as the stars and land for them to inhabit. Paul tells the Philippians to imitate him, conducting themselves not as enemies of the cross, but standing firm in the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured on the mountain; Moses and Elijah appear with him in glory. Peter, John, and James get a glimpse of Jesus’ glorified body. This is the type of body that Paul tells the Philippians we will one day have, as long as we stand firm in our faith – not only in Christ’s resurrection, but also in his cross.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages: Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>There are no preludes for the duration of Lent. The postlude is Largo in C Minor (Opus 28, No.20) by Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)</p> <p>There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller,
Kathy Sanchez, Therese Ristilla, Peter Krizin, Jennifer DiSante, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage / Andrew Eremus,
Sue Mannello, George Koval / Vicky Karnish, Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich II

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

John G. Eckert

Joseph Zaprazny

Bernard J. Heller

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp For Deceased Members of the Solick and Menconi Families</p> <p>Crucifix Candle For the health of Pope Francis</p>	<p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p> <p>Sacred Heart Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM</p> <p>Sunday, March 16 – Grades 1-8 Youth Formation Confirmation Practice 2:00PM at St. John XXIII</p> <p>Wednesday, March 19 – Sacrament of Confirmation 4:30PM here at St. John XXIII with Bishop Schlert <i>Please pray for our six St. John XXIII students who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.</i></p> <p>Sunday, March 23 – No Youth Formation</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>Confirmation 2025 (at St. John XXIII) Practice: Sunday, March 16th at 2:00PM Confirmation Mass: Wednesday, March 19th at 4:30PM</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES: Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 16th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 23rd at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 30th at 9:00AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts – Sunday, March 16th 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

<p>Adult Small Group for Lent: Join us as we engage in “HOW TO LENT”, a FORMED series that aims to provide a clear roadmap for entering the Lenten season with purpose and intention. “HOW TO LENT” provides tools and understanding to fully engage with the Lenten season by explaining the pillars of Lent and offering guidance on how to practice them meaningfully. Practice what you learn as you progress through Lent and through this series. The group will meet on four Tuesdays, beginning on March 11 through April 1, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet is in the St. John XXIII Family Room or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.</p> <p>Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Cry Room. All are invited to attend.</p> <p>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.</p>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Parish Utilities

Upcoming collections are...

3/23 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

3/30 ~ Easter Flowers

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Tuesday	8:30AM Confession & Adoration / 9:00AM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII 10:00AM-11:30AM Adult Small Group – Tuesdays during Lent in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Wednesday	4:30PM Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Schlert at St. John XXIII – all are warmly invited to attend NO evening Confession, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, or Benediction today because of Confirmation
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting and St. Patrick Celebration in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
March 23	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
March 30	6:00PM-8:00PM – Adoration and Confession for Lent at St. John XXIII
April 6	St. John XXIII BINGO at West Penn Fire Company – doors open at noon, BINGO starts 1:00PM – Tickets \$25
April 8	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting held in the St. Richard Parish Hall
April 9	6:30PM-8:30PM – Palm Weaving Class in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – Sign-up sheet in the Family Room

PLEASE SILENCE/TURN OFF CELL PHONES

When you enter our church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God” however, it is unlikely that God will call you on your mobile phone. We thank you in advance for turning off your phones when you attend Mass.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We are participating in Operation Rice Bowl this year. At St. John XXIII, the “Rice Bowls” are on a table in front of the baptismal font as you enter the church, please take one. Extra “Rice Bowls” are located in the Parish Hall. At St. Richard, the “Rice Bowls” are in the vestibule. Since its inception in 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has provided more than \$330 million to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. At the conclusion of Lent, the Rice Bowls will be collected. We ask participants to convert Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to the parish for easier counting. We will then combine all the gifts and send one check to the Diocese.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the parish youth, and everyone who helped with or attended our breakfast this past Sunday. A total of \$875 was raised and will go toward purchasing new altar server albs to replace the ones that are getting threadbare and starting to show their age. If anyone would like to make a donation toward the purchase of these new albs, please speak with Melissa Grimminger.

LOTTERY CALENDARS & BINGO AT ST JOHN XXIII

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is still selling 2025 Lottery Calendars as well as tickets to the April BINGO before and after the weekend Masses in the Family Room. Organ concert tickets will go on sale next weekend.

ANOTHER BOYERS SHOPPING SPREE CONTEST

The Marian Blue & Gold Club is selling raffle tickets (\$10 each) to win a 3-minute shopping spree at the Tamaqua Boyers! To purchase tickets, you may contact Marian High School directly at 570-467-3335, email bgc@mariancatholics.org, or call or text parent volunteer Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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.

WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn as our guest celebrant this Saturday at both parishes.

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY THANK YOU

Our parishes extend a tremendous Thank You to all who made Safe Haven Sunday possible and to all parishioners for their support of the education, awareness and openness to the topics of internet safety and the dignity of the human person. Just because Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our home safe havens is over.

THANKS AGAIN FROM ST. RICHARD

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our 1st Boyers' Shopping Spree and to Boyer's Supermarket of McAdoo for sponsoring this fundraising event! CONGRATULATIONS to the GRAND PRIZE WINNER of the 5-Minute Shopping Spree... Rick Verano! 2nd PRIZE WINNER: \$300 Gift Card Mary Helen Rehatchek; 3rd PRIZE WINNER: \$100 Gift Card Nichelle Pucklavage; and 4th PRIZE WINNER: \$100 Gift Card Maria Speranza! Our recorded profit for this fundraiser was \$2,706!

STATIONS AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. RICHARD

Due to Confirmation on Wednesday, March 19th, there will be NO evening Stations of the Cross or Confessions at St. Richard Parish. Stations and Confessions will resume on the following Wednesday, March 26th beginning at 6:30PM.

AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The AED Training & CPR Training is scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd at 12:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. The CPR Training is certified by the American Red Cross and valid for two years. **Registration deadline is this Tuesday, March 18th.** Please contact the Parish Office to register.

2ND LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, April 11th is our 2nd Lenten Dinner from 3:00PM - 6:00PM. The mailing is currently in the Vestibule for pickup and includes the dinner tickets, 50/50 chances, a Paska Bread and Easter Candy Sale Order Forms. Additional copies of the Paska Bread and Easter Candy Order Forms are also in the Vestibule. Please return your dinner tickets, 50/50 chances and order forms by Monday, April 7th in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked “Fundraising” on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

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

CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday April 13th, (Rain or Shine) starting at 12:00 PM. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is imperative to sign up so that we can prepare for the children accordingly. Prizes and a visit from our special guest will be inside the Parish Hall. Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 to sign up. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes and donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock.

SAVE THE DATE AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass of St. Richard Parish. More details to follow.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

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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