

# Welcome

*to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard*  
*August 30, 2026*

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## **Church of St. John XXIII**

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**Facebook:** Parish of St John XXIII Tamaqua

**YouTube:** St John XXIII Catholic Church Tamaqua

### **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  
Patricia Radocha, Business Manager  
Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education  
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator



## **Church of St. Richard**

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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](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
[victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

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| <b>Saturday, August 29</b><br>3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ<br>4:00PM Mass: SJ<br><br>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR<br>5:30PM Mass: SR   | <b>Vigil to the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><br>Mass Intention: Paul and Mary Dirnberger<br><br>Mass Intention: Demyanovich and Zawarski Families                 |
| <b>Sunday, August 30</b><br>9:00AM Mass: SJ<br><br>10:30AM Mass: SR                                                                          | <b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes<br><br>Mass Intention: Joanie Menghini |
| <b>Monday, August 31</b><br>9:00AM Mass: SR                                                                                                  | <b>Weekday</b><br>Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan, Sr.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday, September 1</b><br>8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ<br>9:00AM Mass: SR                                                 | <b>Weekday</b><br><br>Mass Intention: Lori and Michael Sheffer and Family                                                                                                          |
| <b>Wednesday, September 2</b><br>9:00AM Mass: SJ                                                                                             | <b>Weekday</b><br>Mass Intention: Ann Marie Grossman                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Thursday, September 3</b><br>9:00AM Mass SJ<br>9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ<br>9:50AM Benediction: SJ                        | <b>St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</b><br>Mass Intention: Stan and Jackie Dick                                                                                   |
| <b>Friday, September 4</b><br><i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>                                                                          | <b>Weekday</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday, September 5</b><br>3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ<br>4:00PM Mass: SJ<br><br>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR<br>5:30PM Mass: SR | <b>Vigil to the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><br>Mass Intention: Margaret Petrole<br><br>Mass Intention: Thomas F. Demko                                            |
| <b>Sunday, September 6</b><br>9:00AM Mass: SJ<br><br>10:30AM Mass: SR                                                                        | <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Gogal and Chesney Families<br><br>Mass Intention: Marge Coassolo                            |

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In today’s first reading, Jeremiah bemoans his prophetic call for the suffering his unpopular message has brought him, yet he says that remaining silent is unbearable for him. In the Epistle, Paul urges the Romans to allow themselves to be transformed and to live in a way that is pleasing to God. After Jesus shares with his disciples his upcoming suffering and resurrection, he challenges any who would follow him that they must be willing to sacrifice their lives for his sake. Jesus reminds us that if we wish to follow him on the path of discipleship, we will have to pick up and carry our own cross. Just as Jesus was willing to give his all to fulfill the Father’s will, we must be willing to give our all to fulfill his will in our lives. It is only through such sacrifice that we will experience the fullness of joy and life.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** My Soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 6:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p>The <b>Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The <b>Mass of Spirit and Grace</b> can be found on the following pages:<br/> Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204</p> <p>The prelude is <b>Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini</b> by Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)<br/> The postlude is <b>Finale from Water Music</b> by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Donna Soley.</p> |
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

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, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Danenfelser, Jack Praskac, Marc Lesniak, Rev. Gregory Karpyn, Frank Creazzo

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

Carol Tritak

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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| <b>St. John XXIII<br/>Sanctuary Lamp</b><br>In Memory of Marge Petrole<br><b>Crucifix Candle</b><br>In Memory of Deceased Members of the Pogwist Family | <b>St. Richard<br/>Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>Special Intention |
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## YOUTH FORMATION

**Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule**

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| <b>St. John XXIII<br/>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027</b><br>Registration is now open. Please scan the QR code to register.<br>Classes start today, Sunday, August 30th, for grades 2-8!<br><b>First Reconciliation &amp; First Communion ~ Grades 1 &amp; 2</b><br><br><b>Family of Faith ~ Grades 3-6</b><br><br><b>Confirmation ~ Grades 7 &amp; 8</b><br> | <b>St. Richard<br/>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027</b><br><b>CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS</b><br><b>Registration is now open.</b><br>The CCD/PREP information and registration have been emailed. If you have not received an email or would like to enroll your child(ren), please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.<br><b>CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b><br>Scouts have ended for the Summer |
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## ADULT FORMATION

**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.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ.

Upcoming collections are...

9/6 ~ Parish Facility Fund

9/13 ~ St. Vincent de Paul

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

### This Week

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| Thursday | Choir rehearsals are still suspended for summer vacation, rehearsals will resume at the end of September |
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### Upcoming Events

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| September 7  | Labor Day ~ No 9:00AM Mass at St. Richard – Both Parish Offices closed                                   |
| September 12 | 1:00PM Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion – St. Jerome Cemetery Prayer Garden (held rain or shine) |
| September 13 | Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass                                             |
| September 14 | 6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall                                             |
| September 15 | 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall                                                |

### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Join us on September 12th at 1:00PM at St. Jerome Cemetery Prayer Garden to participate in a beautiful memorial service for National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. We will join over 250 groups across the country to pray for victims of abortion and to honor the babies lost to abortion. Call Cheryl with any questions at 484-866-3835

### MARCH FOR LIFE IN HARRISBURG

This year's March for Life in Harrisburg is on September 21st from 9:30AM until 3:00PM. For more information, go to <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/> or the Diocese of Harrisburg's website for information on Mass and Adoration at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/pa-march-for-life/>. Watch the bulletin and/or website for information on any buses running from nearby churches.

### 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.

### BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE

Bosco's Shopping Passes are 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 our Parish keeps 100% of the proceeds from these donations.

### MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to help deliver meals in the Tamaqua area, please contact Samantha Gibbons at 570-449-8271.

### 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.

### 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.

### REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

### HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Join us on Sunday, September 13th from 12:00PM-2:00PM. Dine in or take out. The cost is \$15 per dinner. The dinner envelopes have been mailed. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by September 6th. If you have any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

### 2026-2027 CCD/PREP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

CCD/PREP registrations are now being accepted. Those currently in our program, please check your email. 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. Please reach out to Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 with any questions.

### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. RICHARD

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, or know someone who is, please reach out to Krissy Wonsock to schedule your training. In addition to serving at Mass, it is a way of receiving community service hours for Confirmation and various school programs.

### 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. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

### SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

As part of the Diocese of Allentown's 65th Anniversary Jubilee Year, all are invited to celebrate faith, family, and community at the Diocese's Family Festival at 12pm on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield. Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration featuring Mass with Bishop Schlert, live music, food, bingo, a petting zoo, activities and games, an All Saints Trunk-or-Treat, and more. This rain-or-shine event promises fun for all ages and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 65 years of faith together. More details, including the full schedule and registration information, will be shared soon.

### 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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org) or use one of the envelopes and make your gift today.

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**SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES**

If you have not returned your completed clearances, please do so. Volunteers who do not have occasions to be around children or do not have leadership positions do not have to get full background checks but still need to read policies and watch a video on Protecting God’s Children. Contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

**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.

**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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