

Welcome

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

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

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

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
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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.

SR = St. Richard

Saturday, May 17 2:45PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Joseph and Margaret Manjack Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons
Sunday, May 18 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons
Monday, May 19 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Renee Fabrizio
Tuesday, May 20 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: John Longhi
Wednesday, May 21 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Helen Keiser
Thursday, May 22 8:00AM Mass: SR	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Robert and Tina Demko
Friday, May 23 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Easter Weekday
Saturday, May 24 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Joseph Sr. and Margaret Kenney and Joseph Jr. and Sharyn Kenney Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Sunday, May 25 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Joe and Anna Gazdick Mass Intention: Craig Petzold

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Paul and Barnabas visit the early Christian communities, encouraging them to persevere in faith and appointing elders to lead them. In the second reading, John shares a vision of the new Jerusalem prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. In the Gospel, after Judas has left, Jesus tells his friends that all will know they are his disciples if they love one another as he has loved them. That is his new commandment. We are called to follow this command to love, so that God can use us to draw the world to himself. This is what Paul and Barnabas are endeavoring to do in the first reading; they are proclaiming the Gospel out of love for God and his people so that the reign of his love might spread throughout the world.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 25: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

St. John XXIII

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

The Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages:

Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **Ave Maria** by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The postlude is **Voluntary on “Hail Holy Queen”** by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

The altar flowers are in honor of our new pope, Pope Leo XIV.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich Jr., Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfelser / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas, Carol Reigel / Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich, Selina Coogan

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

Rev. Joseph T. Whalen

Stephen McCarthy

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Robert Gentile Crucifix Candle In Memory of Jessica, Katie, and Annie Sweeney	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary On the occasion of the First Communion on Saturday Sacred Heart Special Intention
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025 Sunday, June 1 – 8:30AM Graduate Recognition Mass If you have a student who is currently graduating high school, college, or the military, please send their information to youth@sj23tamaqua.org We would like to celebrate our graduates with a reception in the Parish Hall following the Mass. <i>“As you end one journey and begin another, go forth into the world as people of faith, hope, and vision. Love and serve the Lord Jesus rejoicing in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.”</i>	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025 CCD/PREP CLASSES: Classes have concluded for the Summer *All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted. SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts – Sunday, May 25th 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall
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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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

5/25 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

5/29 ~ Ascension

6/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Monday	6:00PM St. Richard Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work – we hope you can help The St. John XXIII Choir is now on summer schedule – no more Thursday rehearsals until further notice

Upcoming Events

May 25	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
May 26	Memorial Day – 8:00AM Memorial Day Mass at St. John XXIII – both parish offices closed
May 27	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
May 28	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
May 29	Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) – 8:00AM Mass: St. Richard / 7:00PM Mass: St. John XXIII
June 1	Graduate Recognition Sunday at the 8:30AM Mass for all recent graduates of St. John XXIII Church The monthly Rosary for Peace will be prayed outside (weather permitting) following the Sunday 8:30AM Mass
June 8	Graduate Acknowledgement at the 10:30AM Mass for all recent graduates of St. Richard Parish 12:00PM-3:00PM BBQ Chicken Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall – advance orders appreciated

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNER

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased Mother's Day raffle tickets. We raised over \$300 and congratulations to #24 Donna Laughlin, the winner of the two Longaberger baskets of goodies!

SERVICE AWARD AT ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Vincent de Paul Society will present an 8th Grade Service Award of \$100 each to one boy and one girl graduating from the 8th Grade who: 1) Intends to enter Marian High School as an incoming freshman and 2) Has demonstrated service to his/her Parish, School, and Community. Applications are available at SJRS and in the Parish Office and are due on May 22.

CARNATION SALE/BABY BOTTLE DRIVE/T-SHIRTS

Thank you to everyone who purchased carnations last weekend. We host our annual carnation sale to benefit Birthright, our baby bottle campaign benefits CareNet, and this year we are having a T-shirt sale to benefit United Hearts Life Mission. The baby bottle campaign began on Mother's Day weekend and will end on Father's Day – bottles will be available in the St. John XXIII Family Room and in the Parish Hall. Take a bottle, fill it with change or a gift card or check, and return it on Father's Day. Information will be available for ways to donate to United Hearts Life, including T-shirts available for sale. For more information, refer to the flyer that was in the bulletin two weeks ago, check the events on our website www.sj23tamaqua.org, or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

REMINDER ABOUT CHURCH HOURS

The hours that St. John XXIII is open for private prayer are not the same as the listed Parish Office hours. The church is open from 7:00AM until 4:00PM Monday-Thursday. The church is closed on Friday. The church opens at 2:00PM on Saturday and 7:00AM on Sunday. The church is usually closed on National Holidays, except when the National Holiday falls on a day when we have morning Mass. For example, on Memorial Day the church will open at the usual 7:00AM time for 8:00AM Mass that day, but the church will get locked up after Mass.

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.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us for our 4th Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, June 8th from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. We are offering dine-in or take-out. Dinners include 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Applesauce, Roll, and choice of cake for \$15.00. **For this weekend only**, the mailing is in the vestibule so stop by and get your dinner envelop.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

The 2025 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! 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. You can make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Due to the fundraiser for Parker Brode and his family, our Spring Basket Raffle has been postponed. The event is being rescheduled. Once a date has been finalized, it will be announced in the weekly bulletin. We are still accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. In the meantime, please continue to keep Parker and the Brode family in your prayers.

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 10:30AM Mass with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. More details to come.

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.

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. 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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