

Welcome

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

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Deacon Edward J. Girard

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

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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

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.

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
Monday, May 26 8:00AM Mass: SJ	St. Philip Neri, Priest Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Military
Tuesday, May 27 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Sister Rose Immaculate
Wednesday, May 28 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Thursday, May 29 8:00AM Mass: SR 7:00PM Mass: SJ	The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests Mass Intention: Patrick McAndrew
Friday, May 30 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Easter Weekday
Saturday, May 31 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Sam Lazarchick Mass Intention: Paul and Alice Campbell
Sunday, June 1 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Franklin Rother Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Apostles send a letter to Antioch explaining which practices [regarding the Mosaic law] are necessary for Gentiles who have come to believe in the Gospel. In the second reading, John describes his vision of the new Jerusalem, which shines with Christ’s eternal light. Jesus, in the Gospel, foretells the coming of the Advocate. The Holy Spirit, Jesus tells his disciples, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Christians on pilgrimage to the Holy Land are often greeted with the words, “Welcome home.” Indeed, the Church began in Jerusalem; Jesus died right outside of its walls; and it is also home to the first council recounted in today’s first reading. Truly, our home is not in a particular place but in Christ, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives light to the new Jerusalem, which is the eternal city, the kingdom of God.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 1: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

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 Voluntary on “Immaculate Mary” by Charles Callahan (1951-2023) The postlude is Fughetta in F Major by Franciszek Walczynski (1852-1937) The altar flowers are in memory of Joe and Anna Gazdick.

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, Ellen Kemmerer, Jennifer DiSanti

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

Rev. Joseph T. Whalen

Irene Rehrig

Patricia Zupko

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Bill Savage

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Quinn

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Healing Intentions for Selina Coogan

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

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.

"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."

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, June 1st
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Did you know that the greeting at the start of Mass "The Lord be with you, and with your spirit" is not just a general greeting saying "good morning, and good morning to you." Come to our Adult Small Group to find out its real meaning, and the deep and Biblical meanings of the rest of the Mass. Discovering the spiritual and biblical significance of the Mass will help you to go deeper in union with God and reap more of God's grace from this union. Join us as we explore "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" with Dr. Edward Sri's video series and learn how to apply this to our lives for a more meaningful relationship with God. Group will be five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on June 3 through July 1, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign up in St. John XXIII Narthex or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

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

Upcoming collections are...

5/29 ~ Ascension

6/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund

6/8 ~ Parish Utilities

6/15 ~ Father's Day

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	Memorial Day – 8:00AM Memorial Day Mass at St. John XXIII – both parish offices closed
Tuesday	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) – 8:00AM Mass: St. Richard / 7:00PM Mass: St. John XXIII

Upcoming Events

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 2	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
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

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

On Monday morning we will have Mass at St. John XXIII at 8:00AM with patriotic hymns. The Tamaqua Memorial Day Parade starts at 10:00AM the ceremony and prayers in Odd Fellows Cemetery begins immediately following the parade.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION - JUNE 1 - 8:30AM MASS

Next Sunday, June 1st after the 8:30AM Mass, all 2025 graduates (high school/trade school/college/military) from St. John XXIII Parish are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, doughnuts, cookies, and other goodies. Everyone is invited to attend!

DONORS ARE NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

We are about to enter the long, green season of Ordinary Time which is when altar flowers are most needed here at St. John XXIII. We try to use arrangements from prior funerals and weddings, but many weeks we need to purchase an altar flower arrangement. Donors are needed for those weeks when we need to purchase flowers and remember that you are able to put a dedication in the bulletin and have the altar flowers in memory or honor of someone. An altar arrangement can be purchased for \$75-\$100. Thank you to all past flower donors! If any past flower donors or new donors want to be added to the queue to be a flower donor for a future date, please speak to Dale Bonenberger, the Director of Music, after Mass or call the Parish Office.

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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.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

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. The dinner envelopes have already been mailed so check your mailboxes. Order deadline is Monday, June 2nd. Advance orders appreciated.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE UPDATE

Our Basket Raffle **has been rescheduled** to Saturday, September 13th. Details will be on the flyer in next week's bulletin. Also, we are still accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. To donate, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 or the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small. You can also make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The celebration begins at 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.

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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