

Welcome

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

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

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



Church of St. Richard

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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
victimsassistance@allentowndioocese.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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p>Saturday, February 8 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Coleman Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz</p>
<p>Sunday, February 9 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bill Paslawsky Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kovich</p>
<p>Monday, February 10 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>St. Scholastica, Virgin Mass Intention: Josephine and Fred Andreas</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 11 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Gary Nothstein</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 12 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: William Sanchez, Sr.</p>
<p>Thursday, February 13 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Friday, February 14 <i>No Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>Ss. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</p>
<p>Saturday, February 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Merrill Koenig Mass Intention: Robert Rehatchek</p>
<p>Sunday, February 16 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Paul Nester Sr., Ruth Nester, and Paul Nester Jr. Mass Intention: Margaret Kufrovich</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah sees the Lord seated on a throne and declares himself *a man of unclean lips*. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them that Christ died for our sins and rose again. In today’s Gospel, after following Jesus’ instructions leads to an abundant catch of fish, Peter declares himself a sinner. Peter, James, and John leave everything to follow Jesus. Both Isaiah and Simon Peter stand in awe of the power of the Lord. Isaiah declares his lips unclean and Peter calls himself a sinful man. They recognize their own lowliness in the face of the Lord’s majesty. Paul reminds us that Christ died for our sins and was raised. When we confess our sinfulness, we also acknowledge God’s power to forgive us.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4&6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is Pastorale on the Hymn Tune “Picardy” by Gordon Young (1919-1998) The postlude is Postlude on the Hymn Tune “Nicaea” by Hugh S. Livingston (1945-2014)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Anthony and Mary Fabrizio.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Francis Burke, Jean Hunsinger, Ed Surfield, Diane Cavanaugh, Anne Palmer, Elizabeth Tarutis / Cindy Clark,
Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller,
Kathy Sanchez, Therese Ristilla, Peter Krizin, Jennifer DiSante, Magnolia Pavlovich, John Dietrich Jr.,
Dennis Matalavage, / Andrew Eremus, Sue Manello

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

Leonard Ostergaard

Patricia "Pat" Tracy

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor and Thanksgiving of our Parish Choir

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Bill Paslawsky

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

In Loving Memory of my niece Jayme Ann

Sacred Heart

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, February 9 – Family Mass & "Soup-er Bowl"
Canned Food Collection & Pancake Breakfast Grades 1-8
All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast in the Parish Hall
9:30AM-10:30AM – Everyone is invited
See flyer for more information!

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 9th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 16th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 23rd at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, February 9th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Cry Room. 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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

2/16 ~ Parish Utilities

2/23 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 9:30AM-10:30AM All-You-Can-Eat Pancake/Eggs/Sausage Breakfast in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
Upcoming Events	
February 16	BINGO to support Marian Basketball Boosters 1:00PM (doors open at noon) – see flyer or call 570-730-8110 7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
February 20	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
February 26	Free lunch; noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BABY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The next baby food distribution will be Saturday, February 15 from 9:00AM until 11:00AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. By appointment only; register at least 3 days prior; call 570-225-8620 or email tamaquasvdp@outlook.com. Open to Tamaqua Area School District and members of St. John XXIII Parish. No Requirements for income or WIC Eligibility. The next SVDP Meeting will be Thursday, February 20th at 10:00AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

2025 LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is still selling 2025 Lottery Calendars before and after the weekend Masses in the Family Room off the Narthex. Each calendar sells for \$25 and entitles you to one 3-digit straight number for the entire year.

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.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Marian Catholic High School students are in the Diocesan wide competition to "Make A Joyful Noise" in support of Catholic Education! Our students put together a video and are competing with 26 of our fellow Diocesan Catholic schools for the most votes. You are invited to watch until the end to find out who is behind those wild Colt antics! VOTE (by donating) for your favorite video and help Marian Catholic High School rise to the top. But hurry! Voting closes February 23rd. <https://www.weloveourcatholicschools.com/fundraising/marian-catholic-high-school>

UPCOMING LENTEN RETREATS

Men Alive in Christ invites you to renew and strengthen your hope and trust in Christ Jesus at our annual half day Lenten Reflection. This Retreat is Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. It will be held at St. Catharine Siena Parish in Reading. For details, please contact Mike Akins at makins46@hotmail.com or text 610-914-0382.

The *Bishop's Commission for Women* will be offering a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 8, 2025. This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown. Space is limited, please register early. Please visit the following link for more details and to register for the retreat: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing>.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship!

ST. RICHARD JANUARY FINAL LOTTERY WINNERS

1/26 #402, No Winner, \$25
1/27 #058, June Holt, \$25
1/28 #049, Krystal Kane, \$25
1/29 #490, Patricia Brown, \$50
1/30 #085, Lous Ann Knittle, \$25
1/31 #013, Carol Kieres, \$25

THANK YOU everyone who supported our Lottery Calendars and CONGRATS to all the winners!

ST. RICHARD SUPER BOWL POOL

THANK YOU to all who purchased a spot (or two) for our Annual Super Bowl Pool. Copies are available in the Vestibule. GOOD LUCK!

BOYER'S SHOPPING SPREE UPDATE

Sellers needed! To sell or purchase call/text Joann at 570-640-1034, Jack at 570-225-1771 or drop by the Parish Office during business hours. \$10 per ticket. **Winners will be drawn** Saturday, March 1, 2025, after the 5:30PM Mass.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, March 7th from 3:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The tickets and 50/50 chances are currently in the Vestibule for pick up. Please return your tickets and chances in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked "Fundraising" on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The AED Training AND CPR Training is scheduled for Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 12:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. The CPR Training is certified by the American Red Cross and is valid for two years. Those interested please contact the Parish Office during business hours to register.

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. The forms must be fully completed with the enclosed Mass stipend/Candle fee. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

