

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

September 21, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator

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Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

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.

Saturday, September 20 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz
Sunday, September 21 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Thomas Milot Mass Intention: Thaddeus Oliva
Monday, September 22 No 7:00AM Mass today	Weekday
Tuesday, September 23 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>held at St. Richard Church</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Mass Intention: Leo Davidovich Jr.
Wednesday, September 24 7:00AM Mass: SR (<i>No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: E.J. Lucyk
Thursday, September 25 7:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Elizabeth Tarutis
Friday, September 26 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, September 27 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: 50th Anniversary of the Marian High School Class of 1975 Mass Intention: Brian Firkal and Paul Yurick
Sunday, September 28 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Robert Zaraca 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 prophet Amos warns those who take advantage of others that the Lord will remember their actions. In his Letter to Timothy, Paul asks that people should pray for everyone, including rulers and those in authority, for God wishes all to be saved. Jesus teaches that just as one must be prudent and trustworthy managing worldly affairs, so one must be, and even more so, in service to God. Today's readings invite us to reflect on our relationship with money and wealth in light of our faith in God. Mindful that the pursuit of wealth can lead us into dishonesty, the Lord invites us to be prudent in our affairs and mindful that ultimately, it is our relationship with God that must be our top priority.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 28: Am6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

St. John XXIII

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

The **Mass of Renewal** can be found on the following pages:

Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184

The prelude is **Arioso** by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The postlude is **Larghetto in F Major** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

The altar flowers are in memory of Leo Davidovich Jr.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Mary Sloboda, Joseph Holly / Magnolia Pavlovich, Craig Goida, Joe McDonald, Lou Ann Knittle, Cheryl Keifer / David Rickert, Andrew Eremus, George Koval, Marci Bonner, Arabella & Magnolia (*infant twins*), Tracey Miller

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

Wendy Perla

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Leo Davidovich Jr.

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Christopher Lazur

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

Registration forms are available in the Parish Hall.

Grade 1 (Classes will begin in January!)

Grade 2 Registration- \$70

Blessed First Reconciliation/ First Communion

Grade 3-6 Registration- \$70

A Family of Faith

Grades 7 & 8 (Confirmation) Registration- \$70

Chosen

*All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms
after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM*

Sunday, Sept. 21 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8
(Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting in the Conference Room)

Sunday, Sept. 28 – Sacramental Prep Grades 2, 7 & 8

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, September 21st at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, September 28th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, October 5th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 12th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in the Parish Hall unless noted.

Need registration information or have questions, please
contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Enrollment has begun

Meetings held every Sunday from 4:00PM – 6:00PM
in the Parish Hall

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.

OCLIA (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 the Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

9/28 ~ Churches of Latin America

10/5 ~ Parish Facility Fund

10/12 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Monday	6:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting at St. John XXIII Parish Hall (meeting includes members from St. Richard)
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	The choir's summer break is over and the weekly 6:00PM Choir Rehearsals resume starting today

Upcoming Events

September 28	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
October 5	12:00PM Blessing of the Animals in the St. Richard parking lot rain or shine – open to both parishes
October 7	Bus trip to Diocesan Pilgrimage in Washington D.C. – details in write-up below
October 8	RSVP deadline for St. Richard 75th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner

ST. JOHN XXIII VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER

We had such a wonderful time at Basile's this past Thursday. 68 parishioners attended the dinner. Thank you to all our volunteers who do so much for our parish!

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. JOHN XXIII IN OCTOBER

Our Basket Raffle – one of our two most profitable events – is coming up fast! We really need volunteers to work this event as well as bakers and basket donations. It will be held on **Saturday, October 18th, and Sunday October 19th**. We will be open for bidding and browsing that Saturday from 4:30PM until 7:30PM and on Sunday from 9:30AM until 1:00 PM. Prizes will be called on Sunday starting at 1:00PM and you do not need to be present to win. There are sign-up sheets in the Family Room for volunteers, baked goods, and basket donations so that you can let us know if you can help in any way. This event takes a lot of effort to put together, so we are asking also that you drop off your basket donations by September 30th this year. That will be a huge help! We also want to let you know that YOUR GENEROSITY in supporting our fundraising efforts has allowed us to contribute \$3500 for the concrete work in the courtyard!

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. ON OCTOBER 7

Please join us on Tuesday, October 7th for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The bus will depart from St. John the Baptist Church in Pottsville at 6:00AM. The Pilgrimage program begins at 10:00AM with arrivals and guided tours, followed by time to visit the over 80 chapels and oratories contained within the Basilica. Throughout the day, there will be guest speakers and confession available. The Rosary will be said before Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at 3:00PM. You can either pack a lunch or purchase one in the Basilica's cafeteria. On the way home, we will stop at the Broadway Diner in Baltimore for dinner. Please bring cash since the diner has requested that there be one check for our group and everyone will just pay cash for what they order. The cost for the trip is \$50 which includes bus transportation, driver tip, and a donation to the Basilica. To register call 570-622-5470 or email stjbparrish@comcast.net

WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES THIS WEEK

The choir's summer break is over, and weekly rehearsals resume this Thursday, September 25th at 6:00PM. We unfortunately had the death of one of our long-time choir members a few weeks ago. New members of the choir are always welcome.

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.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the surrounding areas has reached a critical point. Pope Leo XIV has noted with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Catholics and people of good will in the United States to assist in addressing this humanitarian crisis. In the Diocese of Allentown, parishes are asked to take up a collection for this crisis. The funds will then be forwarded to support the continued work in Gaza and the surrounding areas and administered through the Catholic Near East Association and Catholic Relief Services. **The collection for both St. Richard and St. John XXIII parishes will be taken up next weekend, (9/27 & 9/28).** This will be a cash collection; no special envelope will be provided.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was recently mailed to all active parishioners of St. Richard Parish. The mailing to parishioners of St. John XXIII will go out this coming week. Please confirm that all your information on the census form is correct and make any necessary corrections or updates and return the form to the respective Parish Office. If there are no corrections or updates, the form does not need to be submitted.

ST. RICHARD FUNDRAISING NEWS

THANKS to our crew of volunteers and all those who took part in last week's Basket Raffle! Congratulations to everyone who won a basket (or two) and to Autumn Stopp for being the 50/50 winner of \$110! Our recorded profit was \$3,151!

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

The Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner mailing is currently in the vestibule for pick up. The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th from 12:00PM-3:00PM in the Parish Hall. See details on flyer in the vestibule.

75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

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. The invitations have been sent. Please return your RSVP, with payment if attending, to the Parish Office either by mail or the secure drop box on the Rectory porch by October 8th. Thank you.

COOKS WITH COLLARS 2025 - HALFWAY THERE

Fr. Finlan is back! This year he is showing the beginning stages of "meatball making" for St. Richard Food Festival. Watch the videos of priests getting creative at www.cookswithcollars.com, cheer our favorite chef and support your local parish by clicking the button to vote early and often during the month of September!

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Boscov's shopping passes are on sale in the Family Room for \$5 each. The passes are valid for purchases all day on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, only. The pass entitles the buyer to a 10%, 15%, or 25% discount on the lowest sale price of most items.

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.

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Boscov's shopping passes are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It is an easy way to earn money for our parish. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances.

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.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Please consider signing up for one Saturday a month, where servers are most needed. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at either parish, or know someone who is, please reach out to Deacon Ed, Krissy Wonsock, or Melissa Grimminger to schedule your training!

no matter how big or small. You can also

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

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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.

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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