

Welcome

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

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

October 6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh 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

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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday ~ 9:00AM-2:00PM

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

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Mary Soberick, Business Manager

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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

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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.

<p>Saturday, October 5 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 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Terri Shaup</p>
<p>Sunday, October 6 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael and Lillian Sedar Mass Intention: Kevin and Linda</p>
<p>Monday, October 7 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Mass Intention: Christine J. Huegel</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 8 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Mark T. Boyle</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 9 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Bob Bonner</p>
<p>Thursday, October 10 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Mary Heiler</p>
<p>Friday, October 11 9:00AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: SJ 9:00AM – 10:00AM Holy Hour/Adoration: SJ 10:00AM Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>St. John XXIII Feast Day – The 10th Anniversary of the founding of our Parish</p>
<p>Saturday, October 12 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 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Agnes Berger Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Sunday, October 13 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Anne Zeplin Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of our Nana Helen Keiser</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God creates a suitable partner for man, forming woman from his rib. In the second reading, the author writes about how Christ was, for a little while, made lower than the angels and therefore is not ashamed to call us brothers. In the Gospel, Jesus answers the Pharisees’ question regarding the legality of divorce and reiterates the permanence of the marriage bond. From the very beginning, the Lord made us to not be alone: we were created for relationship with him and with one another. There is something truly worthy of awe in knowing that God, the Creator of the Universe and all things, desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves. We are not just his Creation, we are his children. His only Son is our brother. The kingdom belongs to us, if we embrace it with the childlike wonder it deserves.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Mass of Renewal can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184</p> <p>The prelude is O For the Wings of a Dove by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) The postlude is Finale in C Major by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)</p> <p>The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Parish of St. John XXIII.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Charlie Houser, Shelley Lazarchick, Barb Houser, Magnolia Pavlovich, Fran Golder, Marie Cara, John Crammond, Debbie Delp, Angel Donovan, Maria O'Boyle, Stanley Kozlowski, Marie Kalpinsky / Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfelter Family, Anna May Garber, Gus Suglia, Mary Sloboda, Jennifer DiSante, Steven Ristilla / Joseph Izaguirre

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

Mary Schock

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Dignity of Life

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Leonard Zoba Jr.

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Richard

In Loving Memory of my husband Francis Trackim

YOUTH FORMATION

Childres' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

**Sunday, October 6 – Family Mass & St. John XXIII
Feast Day Brunch Celebration**

**Wednesday, October 9 – Confirmation Retreat at
Marian High School
4:30PM-8:30PM**

**Sunday, October 13 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8
(Sacramental Prep Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)**

Youth Registration Information

Please return the PREP registration form along with
Payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.
Registration information or questions, contact Krissy
Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure
box on the rectory porch.

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, October 6th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 13th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub/Boy Scouts – Please refer to the bulletin for more
information when it becomes available.

ADULT FORMATION

October Adult Small Group: Join us for some great discussions, valuable information, and socialization while we take a glimpse at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and explore some videos, which include speakers Bishop Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, and more. Every Tuesday in October from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. This is open to parishioners of both parishes!

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. 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 the Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

10/13 ~ Parish Utilities

10/20 ~ World Mission Sunday

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Brunch catered by Basile's in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM 12:00PM Blessing of the Animals in the St. Richard parking lot (rain or shine)
Monday	9:30AM & 6:00PM – Estate Planning Workshop in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – more details on the flyer
Tuesday	10:00AM - 11:30AM – Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – all are welcome to attend 6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal 7:30PM Holy Name meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Friday	St. John XXIII Feast Day – 9:00AM until 10:00AM Adoration/Holy Hour/Benediction at St. John XXIII
Upcoming Events	
October 13	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM - 3:00PM – Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall – more details on the flyer
October 19-20	Tamaqua Hunger Campaign canned and dry goods food drive – bring your donations to church that weekend
October 19	4:30PM - 7:30PM Browsing & Bidding for Basket Raffle and also a Bake Sale in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
October 20	9:30AM - 1:00PM Browsing & Bidding for Basket Raffle and also a Bake Sale in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to the cleaning team who cleaned St. John XXIII church this past Thursday. Also thank you to Basile's Italian Restaurant, our sponsors, and everyone who helped organize our 10th Anniversary Parish Brunch today. And of course, thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket for this delicious brunch!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Today is the final day to purchase tickets for our "Giant Bucks" Lottery Drawing. The drawing of the lucky winner will be held *TODAY* Sunday, October 6th after Mass during our Parish Anniversary Brunch in the Parish Hall. The 25% off "Friends Helping Friends" Boscov's shopping passes are also available for \$5 in the St. John XXIII Family Room as are the pickle sale order forms and bake sale sign-up sheets.

OUR BASKET RAFFLE IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY

It's not too late to donate a basket or sign up to bake something for the bake sale! Just bring your basket/items to the Parish Office during regular office hours. See this week's bulletin insert for more information.

ADULT SMALL GROUP IN OCTOBER

It's not too late to join us for some great discussions, valuable information, and socialization while we take a glimpse at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress. Join us every Tuesday in October from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

ST. JOHN PARISH 10th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Submit as many recipes as you like. Submission forms are available in the Family Room at St. John XXIII and on our website under "Events" on the Home Page. Deadline for submission is January 1, 2025. Books can be pre-ordered after January 1st – cost will be determined by the amount of recipes received. Books will be available by March 1st.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after the Saturday Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship. Because of the brunch on Sunday that takes place immediately after Mass, the café is closed except for those who purchased a brunch ticket.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church as well as the front pews of St. Richard Church.

THANK YOU AND WELCOME BACK

Thank you very much to Fr. Bruno who came and celebrated Mass with both parishes while Fr. Finlan was away. Also, a warm welcome back to our Fr. Finlan!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your pets to be blessed this **Sunday, October 6th** at **12:00PM** to the St. Richard's church parking lot. The blessing of animals will be held rain or shine.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Join us at St. Richard's on Sunday October 13th, immediately following the 10:30AM Mass for Altar Server training with Deacon Ed. This is open to all those interested from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes for initial training or a refresher!

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day is November 2, 2024, this year we will be offering a 5-day devotional candle that will be personalized with your "In Memory of.....". The cost is \$5 and they will burn at St. Richard from church open to close that week. In church this weekend will be index cards and envelopes for your candle.

REMINDERS AT ST. RICHARD

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner, Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising campaign, and the upcoming "Warm Your Heart Soup" sale in November. Please refer to the September 29th bulletin insert and the Community Board in the Vestibule for details.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering has been mailed. If you have not received yours yet, please let us know. Please confirm that all your information on the form is correct and make any changes or corrections directly on the form and return the corrected form to your respective Parish Office. If your form is correct and there are no changes needed, St. Richard parishioners please make a notation on the form "no changes" and return your form to the St. Richard Parish Office. St. John XXIII parishioners do not need to return forms that already have the correct information.

BWAC MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

The *Because We Are Catholic (BWAC)* Mass with Bishop Schlert will be held on **Monday, October 28th** at **6:00PM** at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City.

