

# Welcome

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

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

*March 2, 2025*

*Eighth 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

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**Church of St. Richard**

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**Office Hours**

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9:00AM-2:00PM

**Parish Staff**

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

Teri Howerter, Office Administrator

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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**

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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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p><b>Saturday, March 1</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Special Intention for Dan and Anita Dunn                   Mass Intention: Valerie J. Higgins</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 2</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Linda Agosti                   Mass Intention: Tommy Peca</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 3</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: The Ginda and Thomasco Families</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 4</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:30AM Adoration &amp; Benediction: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 5</b>                  8:00AM Mass &amp; Distribution of Ashes: SR                  12:10PM Liturgy of Word/Distribution of Ashes: SJ                  7:00PM Liturgy of Word/Distribution of Ashes: SJ</p>	<p><b>Ash Wednesday</b>                  Mass Intention: William Sanchez Sr.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 6</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>                  Mass Intention: Carol Foley</p>
<p><b>Friday, March 7</b>  <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p><b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 8</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the First Sunday of Lent</b>                   Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII                  and St. Richard Parishes                   Mass Intention: Jim Bialek</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 9</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>First Sunday of Lent</b>                  Mass Intention: John and Margaret Unitis                   Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today’s first reading warns of the power of speech to reveal one’s faults. In the second reading, Paul explains that Jesus has defeated sin, the cause of death. We hear that death is no longer something to be feared, for it has been swallowed up by the victory of Christ: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (*These same words are echoed in today’s Offertory hymn.*) Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection have transformed death into the road to eternal life. Therefore, in this life, we must labor with the steadfast hope of attaining heaven, certain that if we strive to serve the Lord our work is not in vain. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to stop judging others, and says that every tree is known by its own fruit.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**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:

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

The prelude is **O For the Wings of a Dove** by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The postlude is **Prelude from “Te Deum”** by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634-1704)

The altar flowers are in memory of Charles Repinec.

## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

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 Mannello, Sandy Mehalko, George Koval / Vicky Karnish

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

Charles Repinec

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Ann Starry

### Crucifix Candle

In Honor of Edith Verano's 100th birthday

### St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

### Sacred Heart

In Memory of Bob "Ben" Blue

## YOUTH FORMATION

### Children's 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, March 2** – Grades 1-8 Youth Formation  
(*Sacramental Prep Parents meet in the Conference Room*)

**Sunday, March 9** – Family Mass, Pancake Breakfast,  
and Canned Food Collection – Grades 1-8  
**All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast in the Parish Hall**  
**9:30AM-10:30AM – Everyone is invited**  
See flyer for more information!

**Wednesday, March 19** – Sacrament of Confirmation  
4:30PM here at St. John XXIII with Bishop Schlert

### St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

### CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 2nd at 9:00AM  
Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 9th at 9:30AM  
Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 16th at 9:00AM  
Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 23rd at 9:30AM  
Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 30th at 9:00AM

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

### SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

**Cub Scouts** – Sunday, March 2nd  
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

## ADULT FORMATION

**Adult Small Group for Lent:** Join us as we engage in "HOW TO LENT", a FORMED series that aims to provide a clear roadmap for entering the Lenten season with purpose and intention. "HOW TO LENT" provides tools and understanding to fully engage with the Lenten season by explaining the pillars of Lent and offering guidance on how to practice them meaningfully. Practice what you learn as you progress through Lent and through this series. Group will be four Tuesdays, beginning on March 11 through April 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 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 the Parish Facility Fund.

### Upcoming collections are...

3/5 ~ Ash Wednesday

3/9 ~ Black and Indian Missions

## ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday – 8:00AM Mass SR; 12:10PM and 7:00PM Liturgy of the Word with Ash Distribution SJ
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Friday	3:00PM-6:00PM St. Richard Lenten Seafood Dinner in the Parish Hall ~ Eat In or Take Out
Upcoming Events	
March 8-9	Olive wood items for sale after all Masses at both parishes this weekend – See flyer for more details
March 9	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
March 11	10:00AM-11:30AM Adult Small Group – Tuesdays during Lent in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
March 15	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
March 18	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
March 19	4:30PM Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Schlert at St. John XXIII – all are warmly invited to attend
March 20	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting and St. Patrick Celebration in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ROSARY FOR PEACE

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass. The monthly Rosary for Peace will be prayed after the Saturday 3:30PM Mass following Anointing of the Sick.

### SANCTUARY LAMP & CRUCIFIX CANDLES

There are still some Sanctuary Lamps and Crucifix Candles available at St. John XXIII for the month of March. Please contact the Parish Office during regular business hours if you would like to reserve any. Since there are still openings, individuals may request candles above the normal quota.

### LOTTERY CALENDARS & BINGO AT ST JOHN XXIII

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is still selling 2025 Lottery Calendars as well as tickets to the April BINGO before and after the weekend Masses in the Family Room.

### THE SEASON LENT IS ALMOST HERE

Ash Wednesday is this week and so begins our Lenten journey to prepare us for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and of course Easter. In addition to a Lenten Small Group series that starts next Tuesday (more info on that is on the previous page), we will also be offering Station of the Cross every Tuesday in Lent at 9:00AM at St. John XXIII and every Wednesday in Lent at 7:00PM at St. Richard. You will also notice a more subdued character to the music at Mass. There will be no preludes for the duration of Lent, just silence before Mass, we will sing the Latin Chant Mass as has been our custom during Advent and Lent over the past few years, and the Trompette Heroique (the loud trumpet above the altar) will remain silent until Easter Sunday when it will sound in fanfare. In addition, there will also not be organ and cantor at the Monday and Tuesday weekday 8:00AM Masses; these will of course return for Eastertide. As we begin this holy and introspective season, we hope all parishioners will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and have a meaningful Lent.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the 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.

### SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. Next weekend, March 8th and 9th, our parish along with all parishes in the Diocese of Allentown are taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare this unique event.

### LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

#### Dinner Prep Schedule

**Wednesday, March 5th – 8:30AM in the Parish Hall**

Making deviled crab cakes

**Thursday, March 6th – 8:30AM in the Parish Hall**

Cutting cakes, peeling potatoes, packaging rolls & cole slaw, setting up hall

**Friday, March 7th – Day of Dinner**

Volunteers needed for serving and kitchen.

All help is greatly appreciated!

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass of St. Richard Parish. More details to follow.

### 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.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES**

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

**BOYERS SHOPPING SPREE ANNOUNCEMENT**

We need to include this next week.

**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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