

# Welcome

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

**Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor**

**Deacon Edward J. Girard**

*August 10, 2025*

*Nineteenth 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**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00AM-2:00PM

#### **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  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

#### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<b>Saturday, August 9</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes  Mass Intention: Bernard Heller
<b>Sunday, August 10</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza  Mass Intention: Mike and Kaye
<b>Monday, August 11</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ	<b>St. Clare, Virgin</b> Mass Intention: Joseph Leskosky and Mark T. Boyle
<b>Tuesday, August 12</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: The Kantor Family
<b>Wednesday, August 13</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
<b>Thursday, August 14</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR	<b>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</b> Mass Intention: Mike Konidas
<b>Friday, August 15</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR 7:00PM Mass: SJ	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> Mass Intention: Blessings for our Parish Mass Intention: Jean Hunsinger
<b>Saturday, August 16</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Mass Intention: Bill Savage  Mass Intention: Firkal and Yurick Families
<b>Sunday, August 17</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass Intention: Bella and David O'Leary  Mass Intention: Frank and Gladie Syzdek

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** The first reading recalls the Passover. On that night, God punished the Israelites' adversaries and glorified his chosen people who were *offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution*. In the second reading, the author writes that by faith Abraham was obedient to God's call and saw the fulfillment of God's promises. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the vigilant and faithful servants who are celebrated for their readiness to receive their master the moment he arrives. Faith is a gift from God who provides all things for us. God provided as he promised to Abraham, the Israelites, and the disciples. As what they hoped for was realized, their trust grew and deepened. We, too, have received the gift of faith and can trust God to provide for us. We can always be ready, and our waiting will not be in vain.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 17:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2,3,4,18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p>The <b>Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The <b>Mass of Spirit and Grace</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204</p> <p>The prelude is <b>Andante Sostenuto in F Major</b> by Pietro Mascagni (1865-1945)                  The postlude is <b>Hornpipe from Water Music</b> by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Anthony Perilli.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Marci Bonner / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Mary Sloboda, Joseph Holly / Magnolia Pavlovich

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

George Stoffey

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Anthony Perilli <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Deceased Members of the Totani Family	<b>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention <b>Sacred Heart</b> Kathleen Brinn, Prayers for Healing
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## YOUTH FORMATION

### Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b>  Youth Formation is right around the corner! <b>Registration will open on Sunday August 10, 2025.</b> Registration forms will be available in the Parish Hall. Forms can be returned with cash or check in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation." <b>Grade 1</b> (Classes will begin in January!) <b>*Grade 2 Registration- \$70</b> <i>Blessed First Reconciliation/ First Communion</i> <b>*Grade 3-6 Registration- \$70</b> <i>A Family of Faith</i> <b>*Grades 7 &amp; 8 (Confirmation) Registration- \$70</b> <i>Chosen</i>	<b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</b>  <b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b> <b>Registration is now open.</b> Need registration information or have questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.  <b>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> <b>Cub Scouts</b> – Sunday, August 17th 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall
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## ADULT FORMATION

**Adult Small Group:** Thank you to everyone who participated in our most recent small group series: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." We hope to announce the next series of Adult Small Groups soon.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. All are invited to attend.

**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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

8/15 ~ Assumption of Mary

8/17 ~ 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
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM Altar Server Night Out at Heisler's – open to all altar servers in both parishes
Friday	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:00AM: St. Richard ~ 7:00PM: St. John XXIII Atlantic City Bus Trip – Please see the flyer or the write-up below for more information

### Upcoming Events

August 19	6:00PM St. Richard 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall
August 24	Back to School Blessing at St. Richard following the 10:30AM Mass

#### ALTAR SERVER NIGHT OUT IS THIS THURSDAY

Our rescheduled Altar Server Night Out at Heisler's is this Thursday, August 14th. This is open to all altar servers in both parishes. Miniature Golf starts at 6:00PM followed by ice cream.

#### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP ONLY 10 SEATS REMAIN

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City this Friday, August 15th. The Bishop of Camden will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM in the Ballroom of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Afterwards, he will be joined by the Mayor of Atlantic City for the tossing of a wreath into the Atlantic Ocean, symbolizing an act of thanksgiving for the blessings of the sea. The bus will leave from Leiby's Restaurant at 5:45AM. Everyone will receive a \$10 Resorts Casino gaming voucher. Departure from Atlantic City will be in the late afternoon to return to Leiby's around 7:30PM. The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets and sign-up sheets are available in the Family Room or call Marianne at 570-778-0948 or Mary Ann at 570-952-1413.

#### SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

A special dinner for anyone who volunteers in any way at St. John XXIII is being planned at Basile's Restaurant. Mark your calendar now. More details will be forthcoming in the near future.

#### BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Bosco'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.

#### A PROFOUND ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

As Catholics, we are called to lead lives of Stewardship. **August is National Make-A-Will Month**, and an ideal time to put this calling into action. The Diocese of Allentown wants to encourage all of our community members to set aside time this month to think through their estate plans. To help you make your will and make your impact, we've partnered with "FreeWill" to offer an online estate planning service. Through their platform, you can create your will and have access to other essential estate planning documents for free. The process is simple and secure. By creating your will and estate plans now, you can have:

**Peace of mind:** A will allows you to provide for your loved ones and safeguard all the blessings God has entrusted to your care.

**Security:** Creating your will and estate plan allows you to communicate important financial and healthcare decisions, so you're prepared for whatever the future may hold.

#### 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.

#### A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn as guest Celebrant at both the Saturday Masses this weekend.

#### LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

CONGRATULATIONS once again to all the winners and THANK YOU to all who supported our lottery fundraiser. Our profit for the lottery was \$2,241!

##### Final Winners

7/28 #852, Marie Ann Ogozaklek, \$25

7/29 #331, Letitia A. Leitzel, \$25

7/30 #994, Irene Pupko, \$25

7/31 #701, No Winner, \$100

#### ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE

This year's annual food festival has come to an end. Check back to next week's bulletin for our recorded profit as we are still tallying all the figures. Thank you again to everyone who made our parish festival a HUGE success we could not have done it without you! And do not forget to patronize our business sponsors. God Bless! Hope to see you all next year!

##### Food Festival Drawing Winners - Congratulations!

First prize \$200 (#1323) – Mark Kufrovich

Second prize \$150 (#0552) – Ron Knittle

Third prize \$100 #3383) – Margie Fritz

Fourth prize \$50 (#1827) – Helene Richmond

Fifth prize \$50 (#3212) – Jim Weber

#### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!

We are growing, which is AMAZING!! So, help us out and sign up for the Masses that work for your schedule! We ask that you consider taking 1 Saturday a month as that is our most needed! If you are interested in Altar Serving or know someone who is, please reach out to Deacon Ed or Krissy Wonsock to schedule your training!

#### 2025-2026 CCD/PREP AT ST. RICHARD

2025-2026 CCD/PREP registrations are now being accepted. Those currently in our program please check your email. If your child is not currently enrolled and you need information, please contact Krissy Wonsock and collect the paperwork located in the vestibule. Your child should be entering grades 1st through 8th and must be an active parishioner of St. Richard's Parish. If newly joining our program, we will need a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. Please reach out to Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 with any questions.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS AT ST. RICHARD

The Back to School Blessing is **Sunday, August 24th** following the 10:30AM Mass. We also give each child a goodie bag and we could use a few donations. We need 40 each in individual size: cereal boxes, juice box/bag/bottle, tissue packs, hand sanitizer, pencils, glue sticks, skittles, and mints. Able to donate? Contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

#### **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 annual event shopping passes are here! They are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the small table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope provided.

#### **ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE**

Our Basket Raffle is Saturday, September 13th. We are accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. **To donate**, contact the Parish Office at 570-467-2315 **OR** one of the Fundraising Committee members.

#### **BOYER’S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER**

We just received a rebate from Boyer’s Food Markets totaling \$128.32! 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.

#### **FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**

Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember that every gift counts. Please make your gift today at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

no matter how big or small. You can also

**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.

**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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