

Welcome

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

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

March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent



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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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

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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, March 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 First Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Jim Bialek</p>
<p>Sunday, March 9 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>First Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: John and Margaret Unitis Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst</p>
<p>Monday, March 10 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: The Camerini Family</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 11 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Andy Bugdanavage</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 12 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 6:30PM – 7:00PM Confession: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Thursday, March 13 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: John and Anna Demko</p>
<p>Friday, March 14 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, March 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 Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Charlie Tracy Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz</p>
<p>Sunday, March 16 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Charles Gillott Sr. Mass Intention: Monica Surfield</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Moses explains to the people how they are to offer their first fruits to the Lord. In today’s Epistle, Paul explores the connection between faith, its profession, and salvation and justification. Today’s Gospel tells us that after his baptism, Jesus spends forty days in the desert where he encounters the devil and resists his temptations. One way Jesus prepared for his public ministry was to go into the desert, filled with the Holy Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. We may have to confront a similar experience during Lent: While striving to follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, we encounter temptations to abandon our good resolutions. Jesus’ example shows us the disposition we must have if we are to triumph over the enemy.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17–4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages: Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>There are no preludes for the duration of Lent. The postlude is Andantino in A Minor by Jacob Blied (1844-1884)</p> <p>There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.</p>
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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, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage / Andrew Eremus, Sue Mannello, Sandy Mehalko, George Koval / Vicky Karnish, Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin

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

David Quick

Charles Gillott Sr.

Geraldine Cipko

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Sr. Rose Immaculate and Mary Wagner

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of the Deceased of the Jewells and Forte Families

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

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 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**

Sunday, March 16 – Grades 1-8 Youth Formation
Confirmation Practice 2:00PM at St. John XXIII

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 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 9th
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 Black and Indian Missions.

Upcoming collections are...

3/16 ~ Parish Utilities

3/23 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sat. / Sun.	Safe Haven Sunday Weekend Olive wood items for sale after all Masses at both parishes in their Parish Halls
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	8:30AM Confession & Adoration / 9:00AM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII 10:00AM-11:30AM Adult Small Group – Tuesdays during Lent in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Adoration / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard
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	
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
April 6	St. John XXIII BINGO at the West Penn Fire Company – doors open at noon, BINGO starts 1PM – Tickets \$25

THE SEASON OF LENT IS HERE

So begins our Lenten journey to prepare us for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and Easter. In addition to a Lenten Small Group series that starts this Tuesday (more info on that is on the previous page), we will also be offering Stations 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 are no preludes for the duration of Lent, just silence before Mass, we will sing the Latin Chant Mass, 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 not be organ and cantor at the Monday and Tuesday weekday 8:00AM Masses. As we begin this holy and introspective season, we hope all parishioners will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and also make use of the wonderful recourses that are available at FORMED.org.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We will participate in Operation Rice Bowl this year. At St. John XXIII, the “Rice Bowls” are on a table in front of the baptismal font, please take one. Extra “Rice Bowls” will be located on the table in the Family Room. At St. Richard, the “Rice Bowls” are in the vestibule. Since its inception in 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has provided more than \$330 million to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. At the conclusion of Lent, the Rice Bowls will be collected. We ask participants to convert Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to the parish for easier counting. We will then combine all the gifts and send one check to the Diocese.

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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after the Saturday Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship. We also hope that you will join us on Sunday for the Pancake Breakfast that is being prepared by the Knights of Columbus and the parish youth.

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 UPDATE

Our parishes along with all parishes in the Diocese of Allentown are setting aside this weekend, March 8th and 9th, as Safe Haven Sunday to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture. Today’s awareness is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. There are complimentary copies of the book “Equipped” by Covenant Eyes in the Vestibule at St. Richard and in the Parish Hall at St. John XXIII. This book includes a unique seven-day text to opt in program. This challenge provides practical tips any adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people. Thank you for celebrating with us!

MANY THANKS FROM ST. RICHARD

THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets for our 1st Boyers’ Shopping Spree and CONGRATULATIONS to the winners! Check next week’s bulletin for a list of the winners. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Jack Cusatis for researching, organizing and selling the tickets for this fundraising event. Jack is just one of our many great volunteers in our Parish and our community!

AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The AED Training & CPR Training is scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd at 12:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. The CPR Training is certified by the American Red Cross and valid for two years. **Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 18th.** Those interested please contact the Parish Office during business hours to register.

CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday April 13th, (Rain or Shine) starting at 12:00 PM. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is imperative to sign up so that we can prepare for the children accordingly. Prizes and a visit from our special guest will be inside the Parish Hall. Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 to sign up. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes and donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock.

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. 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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