

Welcome

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

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

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

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Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

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
victimsassistance@allentowndioocese.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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p>Saturday, April 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Michael Sedar, Lilian Sedar, and Carol Troxell Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan Sr. & Daniel F. Guinan Jr.</p>
<p>Sunday, April 6 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Robert and Ann Zeplin Mass Intention: Eli, Olivia, and Paul</p>
<p>Monday, April 7 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Gogal and Chesney Families</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 8 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: John Gerlach</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 9 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 6:30PM – 7:00PM Confessions: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Margaret Haehnlen</p>
<p>Thursday, April 10 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p>Friday, April 11 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, April 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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: William J., Joan, William K., and James Boner Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Sunday, April 13 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Vaccaro and Kane Families Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Lord recounts his marvelous deeds of the past but points forward to something new. In the second reading, Paul looks to continue his pursuit of hope, rooted in the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus is presented with a woman who was caught in adultery. Rather than recommend her stoning, Jesus asks the crowd to consider their own sins first. He then sends the woman on in repentance. In this Lenten season, our readings reflect on mercy and repentance. Indeed, repentance is at the foundation of our Lenten calling. May we truly examine our hearts for ways we can seek God’s abundant mercy and grow in our relationship with him. Like the woman caught in adultery, we must be willing to allow Jesus to see our shortcomings if we wish to receive the forgiveness he offers.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 13: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14–23:56

St. John XXIII

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

The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages:

Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174

There are no preludes for the duration of Lent.

The postlude is **Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee** Max Drischner (1891-1971)

There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Andrew Eremus, Sue Mannello, George Koval / Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage, Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfesler / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez

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

Edward Lyba

Donna Soley

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Inez and Ida Totani

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Dennis, David, and Daniel Dannenfesler

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, April 6 – Youth Formation Grades 1-7

Sunday, April 13 – No Youth Formation

Sunday, April 20 – No Youth Formation

CONGRATULATIONS to the six Confirmands from the Parish of St. John XXIII who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday March 19, 2025:
Edward Ignatius Akins, Isabella Christina Grimminger
John Hubert Kovatch V, Ryan Francis Metters
Jeffrey Gregory Oakes III, Roy Michael Sword

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, April 6th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group for Lent: Thank you to everyone who participated. The series concluded this past Tuesday.

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...

4/13 ~ Parish Utilities

4/18 ~ Holy Land Shrine/Good Friday

4/20 ~ Easter

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	St. John XXIII BINGO at West Penn Fire Company – doors open at noon, BINGO starts 1:00PM – Tickets \$25
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting held in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting held in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Wednesday	6:30PM-8:30PM – Palm Weaving Class in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – Sign-up sheet in the Family Room
Thursday	9:00AM Church cleaning in preparation for Holy Week at St. John XXIII – Come and lend a hand as we tidy up 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Friday	3:00PM-6:00PM St. Richard Lenten Dinner in the Parish Hall
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
Upcoming Events	
April 13	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt at St. Richard (rain or shine)-open to ALL children from both parishes
April 24	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
April 30	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Mark O'Hearn who is the guest organist at the Saturday 3:30PM Mass this weekend. Mark is the Director of Music at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield.

CASH BINGO IS TODAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 6th

BINGO will be held today, Sunday, April 6th at the West Penn Fire Company (21 Municipal Road, New Ringgold). Doors open at noon, BINGO starts at 1:00PM. Each admission ticket includes 20(twenty)-\$50 game sheets and 4(four)-\$100 special sheets. Pre-purchase your admission ticket and receive a free game sheet for a \$500 Jackpot game! BINGO tickets are still available in the back of the church in the Family Room after all weekend Masses for \$25 each. For more information, see the BINGO flyer or contact Mary Ann at 570-952-1413.

PALM WEAVING CLASS – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

A palm weaving class instructed by Ann Girard (*Deacon Ed's wife*) will be held this Wednesday, April 9th from 6:30PM until 8:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Admission is \$10 per person which includes palms, supplies, and light refreshments. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Family Room or contact Cindy at 570-952-4336 or see the flyer for more details.

ORGAN CONCERT – FRIDAY, MAY 2nd

Mark Pacoe, the Organist and Associate Director of Music at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, will give an Organ Concert on Friday, May 2nd at 7:00PM here on the Walker Organ at St. John XXIII Church. A charcuterie, wine, cake, and coffee reception will follow the concert in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 and are available in the Family Room before and after all weekend Masses as well as in the St. John XXIII Parish Office during normal business hours. A limited number of VIP tickets for \$75 are also available for seating up in the balcony around the organ for those who want to experience the performance from just a few feet away from the organ. For more information, see the concert flyer, speak to our Director of Music, Dale Bonenberger, or call the Parish Office at 570-225-7410.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

FROM ST. RICHARD PARISH OFFICE

Tax deadline is April 15th, if you'd like your **2024 Contribution Statement**, please contact the rectory office. ALSO, because there was a mailing issue, please contact the rectory office if you had not received the St. Richard's **envelope packet for March/April**.

2ND LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, April 11th from 3:00PM - 6:00PM. The mailing includes dinner tickets, 50/50 chances, Paska Bread and Easter Candy Sale Order Forms. **Please return** your tickets, chances and order forms **by this Monday, April 7th** in any Mass collection or drop them in the "Fundraising" box" on the rectory porch. Additional copies of the Paska Bread and Easter Candy Order Forms are in the Vestibule. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be next 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. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes/donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. To sign up or donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER

Starting Sunday, April 13th through Saturday, April 19th at St. Richard there will be no Votive or Devotional candles lit for the beginning and duration of Holy Week. The only candle to remain lit is the Sanctuary Lamp. Candles will resume being lit starting Saturday, April 19th for the Easter Vigil Mass.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE 2025

Our Spring Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! The event will begin on Friday May 16th and Saturday May 17th (Shop and Drop) and Sunday May 18th for last call Shop and Drop with the drawings beginning at 2:15PM. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. See flyer for more details.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

We are currently updating our Home Visitation/Communion Call List. If anyone would like to be added or know someone who would, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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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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