

Welcome

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

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

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



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



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Parish Staff

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

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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
victimassistance@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 11 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</p> <p>Mass Intention: Joseph and Catherine Coleman</p> <p>Mass Intention: William and Fannie Neverosky</p>
<p>Sunday, April 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p> <p>3:00PM Divine Mercy Liturgy and Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</p> <p>Mass Intention: Stan Karnish</p> <p>Mass Intention: Kay Conroy</p>
<p>Monday, April 13 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Romaine Karnish</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 14 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Dominic and Ida Totani Family</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 15 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Jordan Rizzo</p>
<p>Thursday, April 16 No 7:00AM Mass: SR 6:00PM Mass: SR (<i>Feast Day Mass</i>)</p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish for the patronal Feast Day</p>
<p>Friday, April 17 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, April 18 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p> <p>Mass Intention: Tokosh and Pancheri Families</p>
<p>Sunday, April 19 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: John and Rose Farber</p> <p>Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan Sr. and Daniel F. Guinan Jr.</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Apostles performed many signs and wonders. Many who were sick came to them and they were all cured. In the second reading, the goal of our faith is the salvation of our souls. In the Gospel, the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds and believe. Thomas was not present with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them, and thus he insists he will not believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus comes again and says, “Put your finger here ... believe.” In myriad ways, God makes himself known to us each day, offering us innumerable chances to meet him. Lord, give us eyes to see you and the courage to respond like Thomas, in faith, My Lord and my God!

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APR 19: Acts 2:14, 22-23; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1: 17-21; Lk 24: 13-35

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages: Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The postlude is Voluntary on Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” arranged by L. Dean Bye (b.1946)</p> <p>The Easter flowers are made possible through the generosity of everyone who returned their Easter Flower Memorial envelopes. These Memorial envelopes are placed upon the altar for the duration of the Octave of Easter.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Joan Manos, Kevin Druckenmiller, Marc Lesniak, Michael Dannenfelser, Bernard Bruni, Amy Gurcsik / David Rickert, Mildred Cara, Sandy Mehalko, Anna Marie Grossman, Tom Fredericks, Andrew Eremus, Rita Klekamp, Anthony Vevasis, Joan Strause, Regina Pavlovich, John Gallagher / Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed

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

Thomas Eroh

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of the Potosky and Hafer Families Crucifix Candle In Memory of Barry M. Hackenberg</p>	<p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp My Special Intention Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 <i>All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM</i></p> <p>Monday, April 13 – 4:30PM Confirmation <i>(All Saints Church, McAdoo)</i></p> <p>Please pray for our St. John XXIII and St. Richard students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.</p> <p>Also, please pray for the children from the parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on May 9th.</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES - UPCOMING EVENTS UPDATE Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 12th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 19th at 9:30AM *All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>Confirmation: Monday, April 13th at 4:30PM (All Saints) Make-up Class (Grades 1- 7): Sunday, April 19th from 5:00PM-7:30PM 1st Penance: Thursday, May 7th at 6:00PM 1st Holy Communion: Saturday, May 9th at 10:00AM Any questions, contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433</p> <p>CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Every Sunday from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Do you feel overwhelmed by the bible or guilty for not knowing it better? John Bergsma provides an easy-to-understand and fresh walk through salvation history with insights to help you to see how God's love story unfolds in scripture in his book: Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History (Expanded Edition). Join us for small group discussion as we explore this book and gain a deeper understanding of salvation history and ourselves. Book is required and is available through Amazon for \$18.58 + tax. Sign up in the Narthex or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835. Nine consecutive Tuesdays – April 14 through June 9 from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. This is an open invitation to all from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes. The topic is Psalms.

O CIA (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. Mystagogoy (living the mystery) to Pentecost. New inquirers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

4/19 ~ Parish Utilities

4/26 ~ 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 3:00PM Divine Mercy Sung Devotion and closing Benediction at St. John XXIII/ 5:00PM Confirmation Practice
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM Choir Rehearsal in the balcony of St. John XXIII – new members are always welcome 6:00PM St. Richard Patronal Feast Day Mass - no 7:00AM Mass
Upcoming Events	
April 19	All week – Clean-up of all five parish cemeteries – Please remove items that you wish to keep
April 23	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
April 24	7:00PM Organ Concert at St. John XXIII featuring Boston organist Andrew Sheranian – tickets \$15
April 25	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
April 25 - 26	<i>Because We Are Catholic</i> guest speaker at all weekend Masses
April 26	7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
April 29	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

PROFESSION OF FAITH/THE APOSTLES' CREED

During the fifty days of Eastertide, at Mass instead of saying the Nicene Creed as we usually do, we will be saying the Apostles' Creed. It can be found on **page 149** in the hymnal.

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER & EASTER DISMISSAL

The music to these can be found on **page 157** and **page 165** in the green Journeysongs hymnal. We will be singing the Lord's Prayer throughout the Easter season. Today is the last day of the Octave of Easter. But the season of Easter (Eastertide) is a total of fifty days which concludes with the feast of Pentecost. This year, Pentecost falls on May 24th.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP WEEK OF APRIL 19th

Cemetery clean-up in all five of the parish cemeteries is fast approaching. Please start removing all the decorations that you would like to keep. We do not know which cemetery will be cleaned on what day, so please do not replace any decorations on graves until after next weekend.

ORGAN CONCERT – FRIDAY APRIL 24th

Andrew Sheranian, organist. 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. We are grateful for the generosity of the concert sponsors: the Boyle, Odorizzi, and Sweeney Families, as well as the reception sponsors: Basile's Italian Restaurant and our Parish Choir. For more information, see the concert flyer, speak to our Director of Music, Dale Bonenberger, or call the Parish Office at 570-225-7410.

EASTER SEASON ADULT SMALL GROUP

Please see write-up on previous page under "Adult Formation."

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

A table is set up in the Parish Hall and the instructions and policies are available to read and sign. If you volunteer at St. John XXIII, please visit the table after Mass to pick up your packets and/or read the policies. The clearances you need to complete are different for everyone, depending on the ministries you are in. The clearances need to be completed as soon as possible. Contact Cheryl with any questions – 484-866-3835.

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.

THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS FROM ST. RICHARD

This year's Annual Easter Egg Hunt we went egg-crazy! 800 eggs, 50 children and a visit from our own Easter Bunny!

Thank you to all those who donated to help us be able to have this every year! Thank you to all who volunteered to clean and decorate our church throughout the Lenten Season, prepare for Holy Week, and beautifully decorate for Easter. May God continue His blessings upon you!

ST. RICHARD FEAST DAY

This Thursday, April 16th, St. Richard will hold their annual patronal Feast Day Mass followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. There will be no 7:00AM Daily Mass that morning. The Feast Day of St. Richard is April 3rd; however, this year if was on Good Friday therefore the Feast Day Mass had to be rescheduled.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE 2026

Our Spring Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! The event will begin on Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th with drawings to begin on Sunday, May 17th at 1:00PM. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. See flyer on the bulletin board in the Vestibule for more details.

MASS BOOK UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

Mass dates are still available. Please also consider the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests must include the 2026 Mass Intention Form and the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend fee. The 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.

REMINDER

Bulletin announcements, including flyers, must be submitted no later than Tuesday at noon to the respective Parish Office.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Just have the cashier scan the key tag at checkout. Key fobs are located at both entrances of St. Richard Church and on the table in the Family Room and in the Parish Hall of St. John XXIII Church.

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 the front pews of St. Richard and the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church.

CONFESSIONAL REMODEL UPDATE

The roof directly above the confessional has developed a leak, and we plan to put a new roof on this section of the building. Until that happens, construction is halted. During this time, we will hold confessions in the actual confessional space, but please be aware that it's stripped down to the studs and concrete.

CONFESSIONAL REMODEL UPDATE

Our old confessional at St. John XXIII has been demolished, and a new one is being built in its place, however there is a delay. The roof directly above the confessional has developed a leak, and the roof in this section is at the end of its estimated life. We plan to put a new roof on this section of the building and until that happens, construction is halted for fear of more water infiltration. During this time, we will hold confessions in the actual confessional space, but please be aware that it's stripped down to the studs and concrete.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Meals-On-Wheels needs volunteers to help deliver meals to the Tamaqua area. If you are able to help, please contact Colleen at either taadcc@verizon.net or 570-668-6556.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

There is a limit of two Masses (one weekday, one weekend), one Sanctuary Lamp, and one Crucifix Candle. All requests must include the 2026 updated form along with a \$10 stipend per request. Forms are in the Parish Office and the Parish Hall. Requests must be made in person. Questions may be directed to Lisa in the Parish Office.

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have already donated to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes follow the Mahanoy Area School District for weekday Masses. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be NO weekday Mass. For Tuesday morning Holy Hour and Stations, we will follow the Tamaqua Area School District.

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 at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

MORE ATTEMPTS AT FRAUD

Over the past few weeks, someone has been impersonating Fr. Finlan and sending text messages and emails to parishioners from fake accounts pretending to be Fr. Finlan. None of these messages are legitimate. Fr. Finlan will never text or email requests for help or money or gift cards. If you do receive one of these fraudulent messages, just delete it and do not reply, but please let your respective Parish Office know.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

Thank you to all the volunteers who cleaned and decorated our church throughout the Lenten Season, prepared for Holy Week, especially the magnificent Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall on Holy Thursday, and beautifully decorated the church for Easter. Also, thank you to everyone who participated in the collection of food on Holy Thursday. A large quantity of non-perishable food was collected and donated to the Tamaqua Food Pantry.

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