

Welcome

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

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

October 13, 2024

Twenty-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
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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
Mary Soberick, Business Manager
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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

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
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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, October 12 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 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Agnes Berger</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Sunday, October 13 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Anne Zeplin</p> <p>Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of our Nana Helen Keiser</p>
<p>Monday, October 14 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 15 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Dietrich and Matalavage Families</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 16 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Mary Anderson</p>
<p>Thursday, October 17 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr Mass Intention: Marcena (Karlavage) Coleman</p>
<p>Friday, October 18 (No Mass at either church on this day)</p>	<p>St. Luke, Evangelist</p>
<p>Saturday, October 19 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 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ben and Irene Davis and Valeria and Walter Ligenza</p> <p>Mass Intention: Edward Bleyzgis</p>
<p>Sunday, October 20 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p> <p>Mass Intention: David Joseph Oliva</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Solomon prayed for wisdom and received all good things in her company. The Letter to the Hebrews says the word of God is living and effective, able to discern thoughts of the heart. In the Gospel, a man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he has, give to the poor, and follow him. Jesus is the wisdom of God, more precious than power, riches, or beauty. To follow Christ is to place him at the center of our lives, to seek him before all the good things of this world, including ties to family, friends, and colleagues.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

St. John XXIII

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

The Mass of Renewal can be found on the following pages:

Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184

The prelude is **Piano Concerto No. 5, Opus 73 - Adagio un poco moto** by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

The postlude is **Voluntary on “Ode to Joy”** (from Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 9*) arranged by L. Dean Bye (b.1946)

The altar flowers are in memory of Mary Schock.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Charlie Houser, Shelley Lazarchick, Barb Houser, Magnolia Pavlovich, Fran Golder, Marie Cara, John Crammond, Debbie Delp, Angel Donovan, Maria O'Boyle / Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfeler Family, Anna May Garber, Gus Suglia, Mary Sloboda, Jennifer DiSante, Steven Ristilla / Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Marie Klapinsky, Stanley Kozlowski, Craig Goida

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

Margaret Kufrovich

Mildred Kovich

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Ben & Irene Davis and Valeria & Walter Ligenza

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Russell Triano

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of our Aunt Margie

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' 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, October 13 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8
(Sacramental Prep Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)

Sunday, October 20 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8
(Kids Small Group Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)

Sunday, October 27 – No Youth Formation

Youth Registration Information

Please return the PREP registration form along with
Payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.
Registration information or questions, contact Krissy
Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure
box on the rectory porch.

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 13th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, October 20th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 27th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub/Boy Scouts – Please refer to the bulletin for more
information when it becomes available.

ADULT FORMATION

October Adult Small Group: Join us for some great discussions, valuable information, and socialization while we take a glimpse at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and explore some videos, which include speakers Bishop Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, and more. Every Tuesday in October from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. This is open to parishioners of both parishes!

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. 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 Utilities

Upcoming collections are...

10/20 ~ World Mission Sunday/Hurricane Relief 10/27 ~ 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 12:00PM - 3:00PM – Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Tuesday	10:00AM - 11:30AM – Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – all are welcome to attend
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 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	
October 19-20	Tamaqua Hunger Campaign canned and dry goods food drive – bring your donations to church that weekend
October 19	4:30PM - 7:30PM Browsing & Bidding for Basket Raffle and also a Bake Sale in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
October 20	9:30AM - 1:00PM Browsing & Bidding for Basket Raffle and also a Bake Sale in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
October 20	Last day to purchase soup for the Tamaqua Community Soup Sale – go to https://tamaquahunger.tacp.info/
October 26	9:00AM - 11:00AM Tamaqua Community Soup Sale pick-up for all who ordered a quart of soup
October 28	6:00PM Because We Are Catholic Mass with Bishop Schlert at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City St. John XXIII pickle fundraiser order forms are due (Pickle pick-up is on November 13th in the Parish Hall)

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CareNet Baby Bottle Drive. We received a notice from CareNet that we raised \$619.63 from the baby bottles we collected. Thank you for your generosity for the pregnancy center and God Bless!

OUR BASKET RAFFLE IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY

It's not too late to donate a basket or sign up to bake something for the bake sale! Just bring your basket/items to the Parish Office this week during regular office hours.

DINNER AT DIMAGGIO'S IN NOVEMBER

Join us for a dinner at DiMaggio's on November 10th at 12:30 PM to benefit our Prayer Garden. The menu includes bruschetta, pizza bites, and garlic knots for appetizers; dinner salad; penne alla vodka; chicken parmesan; meatballs; dessert; coffee and soda. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids under 12, free for kids 2 and under. Tickets will be sold after Masses at St. John XXIII in the Family Room. Come and share some time together and help support the prayer garden.

REMINDERS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The 25% off "Friends Helping Friends" Boscov's shopping passes are available for \$5 in the St. John XXIII Family Room as are the pickle sale order forms and the basket raffle/bake sale sign-up sheets.

TOILETRIES DRIVE

St. John XXIII is having a hygiene drive from October 26 through November 9 for people and families in need. SJ23 Youth will be making Blessing Bags with the items collected that will be placed at the Tamaqua Giving Tree. Items can be dropped off into a basket in St. John XXIII Narthex – any hygiene product will be accepted. Suggested items include: toothbrushes/toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, combs, brushes, deodorant, female products, shampoo, conditioner, soap, washcloths, socks, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, pocket-size tissue packets. Please help us bring some dignity and needed items to people who are struggling and in need.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and fellowship.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church as well as the front pews of St. Richard Church.

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn who is our guest celebrant this weekend at both Saturday Masses.

SPECIAL 2nd COLLECTION: HURRICANE RELIEF

Recently multiple hurricanes have struck hard the Southeastern Region of the United States. The damage, the lives lost and the large areas in complete destruction is uncomprehensive. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that each bishop take up a collection within this diocese to aid in the recovery efforts. Funds raised will be administered through the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund while also working with the Catholic Charities USA for the distribution of monies.

Given the urgency of the need for the aid, Bishop Schlert has authorized this collection to be taken up this month. **The collection for both St. Richard and St. John XXIII parishes will be taken up all next weekend, (10/19 & 10/20).** This will be a cash collection; no special envelope will be provided. If you prefer to use an envelope, please mark the envelope "Hurricane Relief".

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Join us at St. Richard's this Sunday October 13th, following the 10:30AM Mass for Altar Server training with Deacon Ed. This is open to all those interested from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes for initial training or a refresher!

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls' Day is November 2nd and once again we will be offering a 5-day devotional candle that will be personalized with your "In Memory of.....". The cost is \$5, and they will burn at St. Richard from church open to close that week. Index cards and envelopes are in the Church for your convenience.

REMINDERS AT ST. RICHARD

Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising campaign (10/22), and the upcoming "Warm Your Heart Soup" sale (11/15 - Note: date change). Please refer to the Community Board in the Vestibule for details and updates.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM AT ST. RICHARD

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It's quick and easy! No register tapes are needed. just have the cashier scan your St. Richard key tag at checkout. Boyer's key tags can be found at both entrances of the church.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

If you have not received yours yet, please let us know. Please confirm that all your information on the form is correct and make any changes or corrections directly on the form and return the corrected form to your respective Parish Office. St. Richard parishioners please make a notation on the form "no changes" and return your form to the St. Richard Parish Office. St. John XXIII parishioners do not need to return forms that already have the correct information.

