

Welcome

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

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

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)



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

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, February 1 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 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) Mass Intention: Wanda Zammer Mass Intention: Thomas F. Demko</p>
<p>Sunday, February 2 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) Mass Intention: Isabelle Yacobenas Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Monday, February 3 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr Mass Intention: Linda Agosti</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 4 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 5 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Robert Allesch</p>
<p>Thursday, February 6 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Mass Intention: Patrick Kotula</p>
<p>Friday, February 7 <i>No Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, February 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Coleman Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz</p>
<p>Sunday, February 9 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bill Paslawsky Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kovich</p>

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Malachi prophesies about the coming of the Lord's messenger and his mission to purify the Lord's people. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews explains that Jesus shared in our humanity in order to free us from the power of death and intercede for us as high priest before God. In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph bring the child Jesus to present him to the Lord in obedience to Mosaic Law. We can imagine that Simeon and Anna might have been tempted to give up hope that the Lord would fulfill his promise. But they persevered and continued to trust in God – continued to listen to the promptings of the Spirit – until the day finally came when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus and they recognized him as the Christ. Let us follow their example and trust in God on our own faith journey.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

<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: Gloria – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon) plainsong tone adapted by Bruce E. Ford (b.1947) The postlude is Marcia Religiosa from Alceste by Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Anthony and Mary Fabrizio.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Francis Burke, Jean Hunsinger, Ed Surfield, Diane Cavanaugh, Anne Palmer, Elizabeth Tarutis / Cindy Clark,
Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller,
Kathy Sanchez, Therese Ristilla, Peter Krizin, Jennifer DiSante, Magnolia Pavlovich, John Dietrich Jr.,
Dennis Matalavage, Pat Tracy /

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

Marge Felsoci

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of James "Jimmer" Young Jr. and Micah Young

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Theresa Englert

St. Richard 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, February 2 – Youth Formation Grades 1-8
(Sacramental Prep Parents meet in the Conference Room)

Sunday, February 9 – Family Mass & "Soup-er Bowl"
Canned Food Collection & Pancake Breakfast Grades 1-8
All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast in the Parish Hall
9:30AM-10:30AM – Everyone is invited
See flyer for more information!

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 2nd at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 9th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 16th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 23rd at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, February 2nd
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

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...

2/9 ~ Parish Utilities

2/16 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Monday	St. Blaise Feast Day – individual “Blessing of Throats” at the 8:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII 6:00PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	12:30PM – Holy Name Meeting and Luncheon in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
February 9	9:30AM-10:30AM All-You-Can-Eat Pancake/Eggs/Sausage Breakfast in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
February 11	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
February 15	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
February 16	7:00PM Men’s Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped at or attended the “Culture of Life” food sale and bake sale last weekend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BABY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The next baby food distribution will be Saturday, February 15 from 9:00AM until 11:00AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. By appointment only; register at least 3 days prior; call 570-225-8620 or email tamaquasvdp@outlook.com. Open to Tamaqua Area School District and members of St. John XXIII Parish. No Requirements for income or WIC Eligibility. The next SVDP Meeting will be Thursday, February 20th at 10:00AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

2025 LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is still selling 2025 Lottery Calendars before and after the weekend Masses in the Family Room off the Narthex. Each calendar sells for \$25 and entitles you to one 3-digit straight number for the entire year. Those calendars purchased in 2025 are only eligible from purchase date. If you would like a specific number, contact a committee member to verify its availability. Proceeds benefit church projects. Winners will be contacted directly by a member of the committee and at the end of each month, a list of winners from that past month will be posted on the bulletin board in the Family Room.

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.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Bishop's Commission for Women will be offering a Lenten Retreat for women on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The retreat is entitled Lent: A Time of Forgiveness and Healing. This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown. The Keynote speaker will be Auxiliary Bishop Keith Chylinski of Philadelphia. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert and Bishop Chylinski. There will be time for Adoration and Confession. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Space is limited, please register early. Please visit the following link for more details and to register for the retreat: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing>.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship!

ST. RICHARD JANUARY LOTTERY WINNERS

1/19 #111, No Winner, \$25
1/20 #533, June Holt, \$25
1/21 #829, Sandra Zemlavage, \$25
1/22 #242, No Winner, \$25
1/23 #225, Sharon Mazalusky, \$25
1/24 #670, Irene Acalin, \$25
1/25 #236, No Winner, \$50

BOYER'S SHOPPING SPREE

\$10 per ticket. Event details are on the ticket. Please return all unsold tickets as soon as possible. **Sellers needed** call/text Joann at 570-640-1034. You may also purchase tickets in the Parish Office during business hours.

CANDLEMAS WEEKEND AT BOTH PARISHES

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is celebrated on February 2nd each year and traditionally concludes the extended Christmas season. On Candlemas, the faithful take their candles to church, where they are blessed and brought home to be used for the rest of the year. Candlemas candles are available this weekend for a suggested offering of \$5 per box. Each box contains two candles. Please use the basket provided for your offering.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, March 7th is our Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner from 3:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The tickets and 50/50 chances are currently in the Vestibule and in alphabetical order. Please return your tickets and chances in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked “Fundraising” on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

75TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT ST. RICHARD

The Anniversary Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall.

2025 MASS BOOK UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

There are many daily Mass dates 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. The forms must be fully completed with the enclosed Mass stipend/Candle fee. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

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.

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES
Bulletin announcements and inserts may be emailed or called in
no later than Tuesday at noon.