

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Deacon Edward J. Girard, Parish Life Collaborator
Reverend Monsignor William F. Glosser, Canonical Pastor
Very Reverend Eugene P. Ritz, Weekend Assistance
Reverend Richard Kwaku Boateng, Weekday Assistance
Dale F. Bonenberger, Director of Music
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Office Hours

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9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor
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
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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.

Saturday, June 27 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Franklin Rother Mass Intention: 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings to Dan and Susan Baddick
Sunday, June 28 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Craig Goida Mass Intention: Francis Trackim
Monday, June 29 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Tuesday, June 30 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)	Weekday Mass Intention: John Farber Jr.
Wednesday, July 1 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
Thursday, July 2 No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday
Friday, July 3 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday, July 4 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael and Lillian Sedar and Carol Troxell Mass Intention: Jacqueline S. Riotto
Sunday, July 5 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Tanya Chwojko Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Elisha is cared for by a woman of influence; Elisha promises that God will give her a son in return for her generosity. She served Elisha because she knew he was a holy man of God. Jesus promises that whoever receives those he has sent receives not only him, but his heavenly Father as well. When we open our hearts to receive the Lord and his messengers, we receive the best reward: God's divine presence with us. In the Letter to the Romans, we are reminded that we are buried through baptism in Christ's death and that we shall also live with him. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him. Today's closing hymn is a paraphrase of this Gospel passage.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30

St. John XXIII The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal. The Mass of Spirit and Grace can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204 The prelude is Largo in G Major from Xerxes by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The postlude is Marziale in D Major by Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846) The altar flowers are in memory of the Keefer, Rihacek, and Beyrent Families.
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Pastor Jack Murry / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Jack Praskac, Amy Gurcsik, Marc Lesniak / George Koval, Jackie Richardson, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gurcsik, David Rickert, Dan Rickert, Maureen Moe, Stacy Lora, Sue Taiko, Michael Spleen, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Amy DeBenedict Behler, John Gallagher

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

Barbara Delay

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Catherine Koenig Crucifix Candle In Memory of Joseph and Marge Romano	St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp Francis Trackim Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES Classes have concluded for the Summer We wish all our parish youth a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation!	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS Classes have ended for the Summer CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Scouts have ended for the Summer
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ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Relationships are difficult, and it seems like we are losing the skills needed to be able to “relationship” well and love well. These skills have been referred to as “THE ART OF LIVING” and are not being passed down like they used to be. Join us as we explore and discuss Dr. Edward Sri’s videos on The Art of Living and the Freedom to Love. Dr. Sri breaks down each of the four cardinal virtues, the ways we can strengthen our practice of these virtues, and the vices that oppose them. Using real life examples, thoughtful storytelling, and the rich history of the Catholic Church’s saints and theologians, you will be inspired to love others more deeply and authentically. Sign up in the Family Room or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835. Five Tuesdays – June 30 through July 28 from 10:00AM-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.

OCIA is an ongoing process designed especially for people who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church. It is also for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation by celebrating the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office. New inquirers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today’s second collection is for the Holy Father Peter’s Pence.

Upcoming collections are...

7/5 ~ Parish Facility Fund

7/12 ~ Parish Festival:SR Parish Cemeteries:SJ

7/19 ~ Churches in Central/Eastern Europe

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	10:00AM Adult Small Group – every Tuesday until July 28th in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:30PM Bereavement Card Sending Ministry Meeting – St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall (for more information see below)
Wednesday	9:45AM monthly Rosary for Peace outside by the statue of Mary – bring a chair

Upcoming Events

July 13	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
July 17, 18, 19	St. Joseph's Festival – 462 West Ludlow Street, Summit Hill – all details are on the flyer on the bulletin board

NEW BEREAVEMENT CARD SENDING MINISTRY

We will have a meeting for anyone who would like to learn more about this ministry on Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. There is no obligation to participate in the ministry if you come to the meeting.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR PEACE ON JULY 1st

This Wednesday, July 1st, at 9:45AM, we will pray a “Patriotic” Rosary near the outdoor statue of Mary in the St. John XXIII parking lot. Individuals and families are warmly invited to join us as we pray for each state, on this the 250th anniversary of our country's independence, and join in singing patriotic songs. Please bring a folding chair. Rosaries will be available.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A CATECHIST

It starts when we say “I believe” with a humble heart that says “yes” to living as a disciple of Jesus. Catechesis is a gift that allows us to formally teach others to do the same. It is a desire to surround people of all ages with a community of believers who love, understand, and practice the faith. If God is calling you to be a catechist, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Melissa Grimminger for more information.

ST. JOSEPH SPECIAL LEARNING CENTER IS HIRING

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals for several part-time positions, including Physical Therapist, Behavioral Support Specialist, and Administrative Assistant. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about these opportunities, please call SJC at 570-622-4638 and ask to speak with Bob Giba. Join us in making a difference in the lives of children and adults with special needs.

CONFESSIONAL REMODEL UPDATE

Our confessional remodel is finally finished. We thank the parishioner who generously funded this project and wishes to remain anonymous. The original scope of this project did not include anything regarding the window, but now with the confessional looking so beautiful and the window so prominent, another generous parishioner has come forward and has offered to pay for a stained-glass window to me made for the confessional. We have been in touch with the Baut Studio, and they have informed us that it will take six months for a custom window to be made. We very well may now have the nicest confessional in the Diocese! Thank you for your generosity!

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII 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 and the balcony.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. We invite you to take this opportunity to join Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. And Mrs. Robert and Katie (Babinsky) Van Horn who were married this past Saturday in St. Richard Church. May they be blessed with a life of health and happiness!

ST. RICHARD FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall, a meeting will be held regarding the upcoming Food Festival on August 1st. All those involved with the festival are encouraged to attend.

JULY LOTTERY AT ST. RICHARD

You should have received the Lottery Calendars for July in the mail. We are hoping we can count on you to purchase or sell them. **Each ticket costs \$10.00.** *Please disregard the cost stated in the letter.* If you cannot, no worries, please return them. If you choose to purchase them, return the bottom portion with payment. All tickets may be placed in any collection, dropped in the “Fundraising” box on the Rectory porch, or sent by mail. Interested in selling? Please contact Joann at 570-640-1034. Remember...every five tickets you sell you receive a free one! All tickets must be returned by June 30th. Thank You!

22ND ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL – AUGUST 1ST

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 7th at 9:30AM – making pierogies
Thursday, Jul 16th at 9:30AM – making meatballs
Monday, July 27th at 9:30AM – boiling cabbage
Tuesday, July 28th at 9:30AM – making halupki
Thursday, July 30th at 9:30AM – making bundukies
Friday, July 31st (time TBD) - setting up tent and hall
If you are able and available, please consider volunteering. All help is appreciated! Current dates and times are subject to change as event nears.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to help deliver meals in the Tamaqua area, please contact Samantha Gibbons at 570-449-8271.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

A table is set up on the stage in the St. John XXIII 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 packet. Several packets have never been picked up. Contact Cheryl with any questions – 484-866-3835.

PLEASE CLAIM YOUR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The Lost and Found shelf in the St. John XXIII Family Room is overflowing. There are reading glasses, umbrellas, many single earrings, jewelry, and lots of miscellaneous items. All unclaimed items will be donated or discarded in the near future; many of these items have been on the shelf for months.

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.

MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Mass dates for both weekdays and weekends are still available. Also available is the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests must include the 2026 Intention Form and the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend fee.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Please visit www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or use one of the envelopes and make your gift today.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

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

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.

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.

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