

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
August 2, 2026
Eighteenth 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
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator
Patricia Radocha, Business Manager
Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator



Church of St. Richard

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Office Hours

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

Parish Staff

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor
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@allentowndiocese.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.

Saturday, August 1 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Paul Gerard Yacobowsky Mass Intention: Blessings upon our Parish
Sunday, August 2 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: David Sweeney Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst
Monday, August 3 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
Tuesday, August 4 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SR	St. John Vianney, Priest Mass Intention: Bill Fazio
Wednesday, August 5 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Rosemary Gibas
Thursday, August 6 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	The Transfiguration of the Lord Mass Intention: Nester Palumbo
Friday, August 7 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, August 8 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Charlie Odorizzi Mass Intention: Jacqueline S. Riotto
Sunday, August 9 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Gerlach Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah invites us to partake of God's riches, promising an everlasting covenant. In the second reading, Paul declares the certainty of Christ's love and says nothing can separate us from the love of God. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses five loaves and two fish to feed five thousand people, with twelve baskets leftover. Daily life brings with it both blessings and trials. It is easy to think we walk alone when we are in the midst of especially difficult times. This is when it is most important to remember that Jesus is with us always: nothing will be able to separate us from his love. Our challenge is to remain rooted in our faith and trust this promise.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 9: 1 Kngs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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 Where'er You Walk from Semele by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The postlude is Andante in C Major – Opus 102, No. 6 by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) The altar flowers are in memory of Christopher Dunn.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

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 / 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 Murray, Paul Goida, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Dannenfelser

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

Margaret Petrole

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Sonny and Gerrie

Crucifix Candle

In Honor of Ava, Sienna, and Mason

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

My Special Intention

Sacred Heart

Special Intention

St. Joseph

In Memory of Vera and John Koval Jr.

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

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Thank you to everyone who participated in our most recent series. Adult Small Group is finished now for the summer, and a new series will begin in the Fall.

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 Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

8/9 ~ Parish Utilities

8/15 ~ Assumption of Mary

8/16 ~ Parish Utilities:SR / Mission Co-Op: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Saturday	9:00AM – 4:00PM (or sellout) St. Richard Parish Food Festival / Rosary for Peace at 3:20PM at St. John XXIII
Mon.-Tues.	New Daily Mass Schedule begins at 9:00AM at St. Richard Church
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

August 9	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
August 11	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
August 15	9:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a holy day of obligation this year)

WEEKEND MASS TIME CHANGE AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Starting this weekend (August 1st/2nd) the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. John XXIII are moved by a half hour. Saturday Mass is now at 4:00PM and Sunday Mass is now at 9:00AM. And remember, Fr. Richard says Masses on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00AM at St. John XXIII Church. Our new schedule is as follows:

Saturday: 3:00PM-3:45PM Confessions; 4:00PM Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM Mass

Tuesday: 8:30AM Adoration, Holy Hour, and Benediction

Wednesday: 9:00AM Mass

Thursday: 9:00AM Mass; 9:30AM Adoration and Confession

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS HAVE SHIFTED

Up until now, the Monday and Tuesday Mass intentions were for St. John XXIII, and the Wednesday and Thursday Mass intentions were for St. Richard. Given our new weekday Mass schedule where Monday and Tuesday 9:00AM Masses are held at St. Richard and Wednesday and Thursday 9:00AM Masses are held at St. John XXIII, we need to switch the intentions for the remainder of the year. So, Monday intentions get switched to Wednesday, Tuesday intentions get switched to Thursday, Wednesday intentions get switched to Monday, and finally Thursday intentions get switched to Tuesday. This way all St. John XXIII Mass intentions will be said at St. John XXIII and St. Richard Mass intentions will be said at St. Richard.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

If you have not returned your completed clearances, please do so. Volunteers who do not have occasions to be around children or do not have leadership positions do not have to get full background checks but still need to read policies and watch a video on Protecting God's Children. Contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY ON AUGUST 15th

Tickets for the Saturday, August 15th bus trip to Atlantic City for the Wedding of the Sea Festival are on sale in the Family Room for \$45 before and after weekend Masses. The price includes a casino voucher and round-trip transportation from Leiby's to Atlantic City. The bus will depart from Leiby's parking lot at 5:45AM and leave Atlantic City at 5:45PM.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

Bosco's Shopping Passes are available in the St. John XXIII Family Room before and after weekend Masses.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

THANK YOU

A thank you to Fr. Tony Chakungal, the Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, who celebrated Mass this past weekend at both parishes and shared his missionary experience and made an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Missionary Co-op collection will take place on the weekend of August 15th/16th at St. John XXIII and August 22nd/23rd at St. Richard.

WEEKDAY MASSES CHANGE AT ST. RICHARD

Beginning this Monday, August 3rd, St. Richard weekday Masses will be celebrated on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:00AM. The previously scheduled Mass intentions for Wednesdays will be celebrated on Mondays, and the Mass intentions scheduled for Thursdays will be celebrated on Tuesdays.

22ND FOOD FESTIVAL IS IN THE BOOKS

St. Richard would like to express a sincere THANK YOU to all who volunteered, donated, and patronized our Annual Food Festival! Our parish could not have done it without our parishioners, volunteers, business sponsors, and our community. God Bless each of you! Check next week's bulletin for all the numbers and winners!

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDAR

Winners

7/20 #593, Karen Kenaley, \$25

7/21 #878, No Winner, \$25

7/22 #495, Brassington Kids, \$25

7/23 #954, Walt, \$75

7/24 #285, No Winner, \$25

7/25 #060, No Winner, \$25

7/26 #824, Krystal Kane, \$75

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. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

Boscov's Shopping Passes are now available in the Family Room before and after weekend Masses. For a \$5 donation, you receive a 25% discount off their Lowest Sale Prices for one day only – Wednesday, October 21, 2026. It's a great way to save money, and our Parish keeps 100% of the proceeds from these donations.

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.

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.

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.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

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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