

Welcome

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

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

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursdays ~ 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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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

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
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndioocese.org

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 4 <i>(No 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses)</i> 8:00PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>
<p>Sunday, April 5 7:00AM Mass: SR 8:45AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>
<p>Monday, April 6 No 7:00AM Mass today</p>	<p>Monday within the Octave of Easter</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 7 7:00AM Mass: SJ <i>(held at St. Richard)</i> 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 8 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy</p>
<p>Thursday, April 9 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thursday within the Octave of Easter Mass Intention: Margaret Haehnlen</p>
<p>Friday, April 10 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>Friday within the Octave of Easter</p>
<p>Saturday, April 11 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 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) Mass Intention: Joseph and Catherine Coleman Mass Intention: William and Fannie Neverosky</p>
<p>Sunday, April 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) Mass Intention: Stan Karnish Mass Intention: Kay Conroy</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Peter tells the story of Jesus’ ministry, death, and resurrection. In the second reading, Paul tells the Colossians that since they were raised with Christ, they must seek what is above. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. The other disciple arrived at the tomb first; he saw and believed. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Not even death could keep him from us. “Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.” *(Easter Sequence/Victimae Paschali #396 in Hymnal)*

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APR 12: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 3-9; Jn 20:19-31

St. John XXIII

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

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

The prelude is **Trumpet Tune in D Major** by John Stanley (1713-1786)

The postlude is **Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

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.

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

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

Ben Walker

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp**
In Memory of Leonard Zoba Jr.
Crucifix Candle
In Memory of John and Jennie

**St. Richard
Sanctuary Lamp**
My Special Intention
Blessed Virgin Mary
Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

**St. John XXIII
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026**

*All students will meet in the upstairs classrooms
after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM*

Sunday, April 5 – No Youth Formation (*Easter Sunday*)

Monday, April 13 – 4:30PM Confirmation
(*All Saints Church, McAdoo*)

*A donation was made in memory of Isabelle Yacobenas to
help defray the cost of the new Altar Server Robes. The
Knights of Columbus also hosted a pancake breakfast last
year to raise money for the new robes. Thank you both!*

**St. Richard
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026**

CCD/PREP CLASSES - UPCOMING EVENTS

Grades 1-8; Sunday, April 5th – No Classes

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 unless noted.

Confirmation- Monday, April 13th, 4:30PM
at All Saints in McAdoo

Make-up Class (Grades 1- 7) Sunday, April 19th
from 5:00PM-7:30PM

Any questions, contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433

CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Every Sunday from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall

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 inquirors welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for 4/5 ~ Easter.

Upcoming collections are...

4/12 ~ Parish Utilities

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

All Week	Divine Mercy Novena every day at 3:00PM at St. John XXIII until Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th
Monday	Both Parish Offices closed 6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall – new members always welcome
Tuesday	9:00AM Both Parish Offices reopen
Thursday	Regularly scheduled St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal is canceled for this week and will resume next week

Upcoming Events

April 12	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 3:00PM Divine Mercy Sung Devotion and closing Benediction / 5:00PM Confirmation Practice
April 14	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting held in the Parish Hall

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.

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 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.

PASCHAL CANDLE 2026 - "SAINT FRANCIS CROSS"

We thank the donors of the new paschal candle at St. John XXIII "In Memory of the Keefer and Kubitsky Families."

OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

Please convert Rice Bowl gifts to a single check made out to the parish for easier accounting. Please place your check in an envelope clearly labeled "Rice Bowl Donation" and deposit it in the Sunday collection. We will then combine all these gifts and send one check from the parish to the Diocese.

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.

EASTER SEASON ADULT SMALL GROUP

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

A table will be set up on the stage in the Hall for Safe Environment information starting next weekend. The policies will be available to read and sign, and the instructions for the clearances and trainings will also be available. 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.

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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Because the Parish Hall is being used for overflow seating, the cafe will not be open on Easter Sunday.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

On behalf of Fr. Finlan, Deacon Ed, and all staff from both parishes, we would like to wish everyone and their families a Very Happy and Blessed Easter! Also, because of the Easter holiday, both Parish Offices will be closed Monday, April 6th. Offices will reopen Tuesday morning at 9:00AM.

PASCHAL CANDLE 2026 - "HOLY EUCHARIST"

God's blessings to Regina and Jeff Zoba for their donation of the new paschal candle at St. Richard "In Memory of John and Rose Sochacki."

ST. RICHARD DINNER FUNDRAISER

Once again thank you so much to all our volunteers and all those who purchased our 2nd Lenten Dinner and 50/50 chances and to Tim Holt for being the 50/50 winner! Our recorded profit for this dinner was \$2,194.

VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER AT ST. RICHARD

The Votive and Devotional candles will resume being lit Saturday, April 4th (Easter Vigil).

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 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.

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.

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. For more information, see the concert flyer, speak to our Director of Music, Dale Bonenberger, or call the Parish Office at 570-225-7410.

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

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.

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