

Welcome

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

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

February 23, 2025

Seventh 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

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

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

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@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, February 22 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Tom Gerhard Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p>Sunday, February 23 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ida Totani Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Monday, February 24 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 25 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 26 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Thursday, February 27 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Friday, February 28 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, March 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Special Intention for Dan and Anita Dunn Mass Intention: Valerie J. Higgins</p>
<p>Sunday, March 2 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Linda Agosti Mass Intention: Tommy Peca</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, David spares the life of his enemy Saul, because Saul is God’s anointed. In the second reading, Paul speaks of the first man, Adam, from earth and the last Adam, from heaven. He says, “Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.” In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to love their enemies and be merciful as God is merciful, for they will be treated the same in return. Though our enemies may mistreat us, Jesus teaches us not to respond in judgment. Rather, we are to be loving and forgiving, just as our Father is kind and merciful. We must see others as God sees them, in the same way that David is able to see his enemy Saul as God’s anointed, and Jesus is able to see sinners as worthy of goodness and love.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 2: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

<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: Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p> <p>The prelude is Prelude No. 1 in C Major from the Well-Tempered Clavier by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Psalm 56 by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)</p> <p>The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for all God’s blessings to our parish.</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 / Andrew Eremus, Sue Manello, Sandy Mehalko

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

Jay Ryan

Charles Repenic

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp**

In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of
Dan and Anita Dunn

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Margaret Kenney and Ann Eroh

**St. Richard
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Special Intention

St. Richard

In Memory of Francis "Buddy" Trackim

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

**St. John XXIII
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025**

PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS
TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECEPTIONAL HYMN
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM

Sunday, February 23 – Grades 1-8 Youth Formation

Sunday, March 2 – Grades 1-8 Youth Formation
(*Sacramental Prep Parents meet in the Conference Room*)

Sunday, March 9 – Family Mass, Pancake Breakfast,
and Canned Food Collection – 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 16th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 23rd at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 2nd at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 9th at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, February 23rd
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 Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

3/2 ~ Parish Facility Fund

3/5 ~ Ash Wednesday

3/9 ~ Black and Indian Missions

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Wednesday	Free lunch; noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
March 3	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
March 5	Ash Wednesday – 8:00AM Mass SR; 12:10PM and 7:00PM Liturgy of the Word with Ash Distribution SJ
March 7	3:00PM-6:00PM St. Richard Lenten Seafood Dinner in the Parish Hall ~ Eat In or Take Out
March 9	9:30AM-10:30AM All-You-Can-Eat Pancake/Eggs/Sausage Breakfast in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
March 18	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall

SANCTUARY LAMP & CRUCIFIX CANDLES

There are still some Sanctuary Lamps and Crucifix Candles available at St. John XXIII for the month of March. Please contact the Parish Office during regular business hours if you would like to reserve any. Since there are still openings, individuals may request candles above the normal quota.

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. Each calendar sells for \$25 and entitles you to one 3-digit straight number for the entire year.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE CONTEST ENDS TODAY

Marian Catholic High School students are in the Diocesan wide competition to “Make A Joyful Noise” in support of Catholic Education! Our students put together a video and are competing with 26 of our fellow Diocesan Catholic schools for the most votes. VOTE (by donating) for our video and help Marian. Voting closes today, February 23rd. <https://www.weloveourcatholicschools.com/fundraising/marian-catholic-high-school>

TWO LENTEN RETREATS – REGISTER NOW

Men Alive in Christ invites you to renew and strengthen your hope and trust in Christ Jesus at our annual half day Lenten Reflection. This Retreat is this Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. It will be held at St. Catharine Siena Parish in Reading. For details, please contact Mike Akins at makins46@hotmail.com or text 610-914-0382.

The *Bishop's Commission for Women* will be offering a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 8, 2025. This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown. 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>.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION AT ST. JOHN XXIII

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, please call Joan Marie Roth at 570-599-9809 and leave your name, phone number, and the date of the Mass you request.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn as our guest celebrant at all four Masses this weekend. Anointing of the Sick will be administered by Fr. Finlan next weekend after all Masses.

BOYER'S SHOPPING SPREE – LAST CALL!

To purchase call/text Joann at 570-640-1034, **Jack** at 570-225-1771 **OR** drop by the Parish Office during business hours. \$10 per ticket. **Winners will be drawn this coming Saturday, March 1, 2025, after the 5:30PM Mass.**

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, March 7th from 3:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The tickets and 50/50 chances have been mailed. 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.

AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The AED Training AND CPR Training is scheduled for Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 12:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. The CPR Training is certified by the American Red Cross and is valid for two years. Those interested please contact the Parish Office during business hours to register.

SAVE THE DATE AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass of St. Richard Parish. More details to follow.

2025 MASS BOOK UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

Daily Mass dates are still 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.

FOOD TRUCK – INCLEMENT WEATHER

If there is a school delay, the Food Truck will still come at the regularly scheduled time. In case of a school cancellation, the Food Truck will not come, nor will it be rescheduled.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

Bulletin announcements and inserts may be emailed or called in **no later than** Tuesday at noon.

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.

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