

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator

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Parish Staff

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Mary Soberick, Business Manager

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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

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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, July 19 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Sunday, July 20 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Edward Porambo Mass Intention: Martin Galvin
Monday, July 21 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Lillian Tomsho
Tuesday, July 22 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	St. Mary Magdalene Mass Intention: Veronica and Charles Merkel
Wednesday, July 23 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Dennis Matalavage
Thursday, July 24 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Curtis J. Keefer Jr.
Friday, July 25 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. James, Apostle
Saturday, July 26 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Paul Gerard Yacobowsky Mass Intention: Marsha Cusatis
Sunday, July 27 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Solick and Menconi Families Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Lord promises Abraham and Sarah a son after they show abundant hospitality to their guests. In the second reading, Paul writes that he rejoices in his sufferings because he finds hope in Christ. In the Gospel, Martha becomes frustrated with Mary for not helping her serve Jesus. Jesus responds that Mary has chosen the better part. The Liturgy of the Word today highlights God's goodness through generosity. From blessing Abraham and Sarah with their long-awaited child to assuring Martha that she need not worry, the Lord knows our deepest needs and responds to them. May we model this compassionate response in all our relationships.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 27: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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 Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini by Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943) The postlude is Introduction from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The altar flowers are in memory of Thomas Rowlands.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich, Selina Coogan, Jennifer DiSanti / David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Elba Dannenfelser, Bernadette Nester, Marci Bonner / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, Mary Sloboda, Joseph Holly

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

Grace Brimmer

Thomas Rowlands

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of Joseph Englert
Crucifix Candle
In Memory of Kay Rottet

St. Richard
Blessed Virgin Mary
Special Intention
St. Richard
Healing for my sister-in-law and brother John

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:
Classes have concluded for the Summer

We wish all our parish youth a
relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation!

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SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS
Cub Scouts – Sunday, July 27th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Thank you to everyone who participated in our most recent small group series: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." We hope to announce the next series of Adult Small Groups soon.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. All are invited to attend.

OCIA (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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Churches in Central/Eastern Europe.

Upcoming collections are...

7/27 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

8/3 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	11:30AM Family Mass with Bishop Schlert and picnic at St. Catherine of Siena, Reading – more details on flyer
Monday	7:00PM St. John XXIII Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	10:30AM Washing of vases and organizing flower supplies followed by free lunch in the St. John XXIII Kitchen

Upcoming Events

July 26/27	Fr. Chakkungal from the Mission Co-Op will speak at all Masses at both parishes
July 27	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
July 30	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
July 31	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work – we hope you can help
August 2	St. Richard Parish Food Festival – 10:00AM until 3:00PM or sellout
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:00AM: St. Richard ~ 7:00PM: St. John XXIII

EVEN MORE THINGS ARE IN THE HALL TODAY

We thank everyone who took items home last week from the St. John XXIII Parish Hall... about 75-80% of the “stuff” was taken! Well, we have cleaned out even more closets this past week and the five tables are loaded to capacity again, and this time there is even a TV stand and a pair of black and chrome chairs for the taking. Please come to the Hall after Mass today and give these items a new home!

FREE LUNCH IF YOU HELP WASH VASES

Come to the St. John XXIII Parish Hall Kitchen this Thursday morning, July 24th at 10:30AM and help us wash flower vases and other items as we continue to set up our new flower room. All helpers will receive a free lunch of Chicken Parmesan and pizza catered by DiMaggio's.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

We congratulate St. John XXIII parishioner Mason Ligenza who was drafted this past week by the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team! He was picked in the 6th round and was the first high school player from Pennsylvania chosen in this year's Major League Baseball Draft. Mason is the son of Joe and Adrienne Ligenza. We are so happy for Mason and wish him all the best!

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP ON AUGUST 15th

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on Friday, August 15th. The Bishop of Camden will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM in the Ballroom of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Afterwards, he will be joined by the Mayor of Atlantic City for the tossing of a wreath into the Atlantic Ocean, symbolizing an act of thanksgiving for the blessings of the sea. The bus will leave from Leiby's Restaurant at 5:45AM. Everyone will receive a \$10 Resorts Casino gaming voucher. Departure from Atlantic City will be in the late afternoon to return to Leiby's around 7:30PM. The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets and sign-up sheets are available in the Family Room or call Marianne at 570-778-0948 or Mary Ann at 570-952-1413.

BASKET RAFFLE THIS COMING WEEKEND

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning invites you to join them for a Basket Raffle will take place this Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27 in the St. Ambrose Parish Center. Questions? Contact Monica Walborn at 570-622-4638.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

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.

CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Today our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK!

Next Round of Winners

7/7 #403, Mary Brassington, \$25
 7/8 #456, Joan Trackim, \$25
 7/9 #705, No Winner, \$25
 7/10 #876, Stephen Souchak, \$25
 7/11 #140, No Winner, \$25
 7/12 #577, Ann Ryan, \$50
 7/13 #045, No Winner, \$25

21ST ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Monday, July 28th at 8:30AM – boiling cabbage
 Tuesday, July 29th at 8:30AM – halupki making
 Thursday, July 31st at 8:30AM – bundukie making

If you are available and able, please consider volunteering. All help is appreciated! Current dates and times are subject to change as event nears.

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's annual event shopping passes are here! They are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the small table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope provided.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Our Basket Raffle is Saturday, September 13th. We are accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. **To donate**, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 **OR** the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

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, no matter how big or small. You can also make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

BOSCOV’S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is selling Boscov’s Shopping passes in the Family Room for \$5 each. The passes are valid for in-store or online purchases all day on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, only. The pass entitles the buyer to a 10%, 15%, or 25% discount on the lowest sale price of most items.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The celebration begins at 10:30AM Mass with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. More details to come.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

We are currently updating our Home Visitation/Communion Call List. If anyone would like to be added, please contact the Parish Office.

2025 MASS BOOK 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 basket, or dropped at the office.

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.

BOYER’S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing St. Richard fundraiser. It is quick and easy! No register tapes are needed, just have the cashier scan your St. Richard key tag at checkout. Boyer’s key tags can be found at both entrances of the church.

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