

Welcome

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

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

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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

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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

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS ~ P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105
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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.

<p>Saturday, April 19 <i>(No 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses)</i></p> <p>8:00PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</p> <p>Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>
<p>Sunday, April 20</p> <p>7:00AM Mass: SR</p> <p>8:45AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p> <p>Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p> <p>Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p> <p>Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>
<p>Monday, April 21</p> <p>8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Monday within the Octave of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: John and Regina Potosky</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 22</p> <p>8:00AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ</p> <p>8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Marge Romano</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 23</p> <p>8:00AM Mass: SR</p> <p>8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR</p> <p>8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Thursday, April 24</p> <p>8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Jane DiCasimirro</p>
<p>Friday, April 25 <i>No Mass at either church on this day.</i></p>	<p>Friday within the Octave of Easter</p>
<p>Saturday, April 26</p> <p>2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ</p> <p>3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR</p> <p>5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mass Intention: Michael Bright</p> <p>Mass Intention: Mike Konidas</p>
<p>Sunday, April 27</p> <p>8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p> <p>3:00PM Divine Mercy Sung Liturgy: SJ</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</p> <p>Mass Intention: Dave Frederick</p> <p>Mass Intention: John and Jean Andrusyshyn</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, APRIL 27: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:1-31

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

The postlude is **Festive Trumpet Tune** by David German (b.1954)

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...

Andrew Eremus, Sue Mannello, George Koval / Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage, Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfesler / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas, Carol Reigel

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

Mario Moscolo

Kathleen Conroy

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of John and Jennie

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of John and Regina Potosky

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of my wife Florence Marie Nolan

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 RECESSIONAL HYMN
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM

Sunday, April 20 – No Youth Formation (Easter)

Saturday, April 26 – First Communion Retreat
Grade 2 10:30AM- 3:00PM

Sunday, April 27 – Youth Formation Grades 3-6
Grades 1 & 7 Sacramental Prep and Parent Meeting

Please pray for the children from the parishes of
St. John XXIII and St. Richard who are preparing
to receive First Holy Communion on May 10th.

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-8; Sunday, April 20th
No Classes Happy Easter

Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 27th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, May 4th at 9:30AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, May 8th at 6:00PM - 1st Penance
Saturday, May 10th at 10:00AM - 1st Holy Communion

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, April 20th
No scout meeting – Happy Easter

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the 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 Easter.

Upcoming collections are...

4/27 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

5/4 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	7:00AM Easter Mass: St. Richard – 8:45AM Easter Mass: St. John – 10:30AM Easter Mass: St. John Divine Mercy Novena every day at 3:00PM at St. John XXIII from Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday	Easter Monday – both Parish Offices Closed
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall / Choir Rehearsal canceled today
Upcoming Events	
April 27	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 3:00PM Sung Divine Mercy Devotion and Benediction at St. John XXIII
April 30	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
May 2	7:00PM Organ Concert at St. John XXIII featuring the organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City
May 4	10:30AM Anointing of the Sick Mass with Bishop Schlert – St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven PA
May 5	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
May 13	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
May 16 /17	St. Richard Spring Basket Raffle Shop and Drop in the Parish Hall (see updated flyer for details)
May 18	St. Richard Spring Basket Raffle in the Parish Hall – 10:00AM-2:00PM last call – drawings begin at 2:15PM

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Fr. Finlan and the entire parish staff wish our parishioners, their families, and friends a happy and blessed Easter!

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.

THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

Thank you to all who volunteered to decorate our church throughout the Lenten Season, prepare for Holy Week (especially the magnificent Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall on Holy Thursday) and beautifully decorate 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 2025 - "SAINT FRANCIS CROSS"

We thank the families for their donation 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.

ORGAN CONCERT – FRIDAY, MAY 2 – 7:00PM

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door and in the St. John XXIII Parish Office. A limited number of VIP tickets for \$75 are also available for seating up in the balcony around the organ for those who want to experience the performance from just a few feet away from 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

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

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.

THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS FROM ST. RICHARD

Many thanks again to ALL our volunteers and those who purchased a Lenten Dinner and 50/50 chances. We ask for your patience as all the numbers are being finalized.

This year's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was just shy of 50 kids, had 950 eggs out and our very own Easter Bunny joined us... and the most important part of the event was the beautiful weather! Thank you to all those who donated, our Easter Bunny, and Erica Stoyer for jumping in and helping me! Thank you all from Krissy Wonsock.

Thank you to all who volunteered to clean and decorate our church throughout the Lenten Season, prepare for Holy Week and beautifully decorate for Easter. May God continue His blessings upon all of you!

PASCHAL CANDLE 2025 - "JUBILEE"

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."

DEACONATE CANDIDATES GATHERING

On April 26th, the 2028 Cohort of Candidates for the Permanent Deaconate will be gathering at St. Richard's for instruction. We will start our day at 9:00AM with morning prayer and would like to invite everyone to join us! Not only is this an opportunity for the cohort to see our parish and area, but also for our parish to meet the 16 men in formation.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE 2025 UPDATE

Our Spring Basket Raffle is less than a month away! The event will begin on Friday May 16th and Saturday May 17th Shop and Drop (NOTE time change - see revised flyer) and Sunday May 18th for last call Shop and Drop - drawings to begin at 2:15PM. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. For more information, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 or the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

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

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

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. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

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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