

Welcome

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

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

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord



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

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

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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 additional 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.

SJ = St. John XXIII**SR = St. Richard**

Saturday, January 6 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Epiphany of the Lord Mass Intention: Michael J. Baddick Mass Intention: Blessings upon our Parish
Sunday, January 7 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Epiphany of the Lord Mass Intention: Irene Emerich Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
Monday, January 8 8:00AM Mass: SJ	The Baptism of the Lord Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Camerini Family
Tuesday, January 9 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30am – 9:30AM Adoration & Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Wednesday, January 10 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30am – 9:30AM Adoration & Benediction: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Living & Deceased Members of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Thursday, January 11 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Eleanor Eichman
Friday, January 12 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Weekday
Saturday, January 13 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Dr. George Lenyo Mass Intention: Linda (Yanonis) Souchak
Sunday, January 14 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Solick and Menconi Families Mass Intention: Thomas Holt Jr.

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah promises that Jerusalem will be a light for all nations. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul explains the revelation that the Gentiles are members of the same body of Christ. In the Gospel, magi from the east look for the newborn king, finally finding the child with his mother, Mary. We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately. Instead, we must receive Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. And as we heard in the first reading: Then you shall be radiant ... your heart shall throb and overflow. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14: 1 Sm3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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:

Gloria – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **The Three Kings** by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

The postlude is **March of the Three Kings** – 13th Century Carol from Provence, France

The Christmas flowers are in memory of all the people listed in the Christmas Memorials that are placed upon the altar.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Marge Coassolo, TJ Dombrowski, Dee Harvan, Valerie Higgins, Margaret Kufrovich, Kathy Sanchez,
Joe Shustack Sr., Barbara Houser, Rich Campbell, David Rickert, Craig Goida, Bernard Hasara

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

Joseph H. Bones

Michael Mazur

Anne Zeplin

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of David Sweeney

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Ida and Marty Thomasco

**St. Richard
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Special Intention

St. Joseph

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rehatchek

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

**AFTER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL
DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Sunday, January 7– Youth Formation Grades 1-7
*(Kids Small Group Parent Session held in the upstairs
classroom)*

Sunday, January 14 – Family Mass & Community Day
Grades 1-8
*(Eucharistic Adoration after Mass on the 14th. Youth and
their families should remain in the church after Mass)*

Sunday, January 21– Youth Formation Grades 1-6 & 8
*(First Communion and Confirmation Parents meet with
Deacon Ed)*

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 7th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 14th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-4; Sunday, January 21st at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 28th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – First Meeting of the New Year!
Thursday, January 11th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

Boy Scouts – Every Thursday at 7:00PM in Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. 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. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming second collections are...

1/14~ Parish Utilities

1/21 ~ Stained Glass Window Repair - SR
Cemetery Fund for maintenance at all five parish cemeteries - SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	7:00PM Men's Group Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	1:00PM Cemetery Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal 7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Friday	11:00AM Undecorating at St. John XXIII – volunteers are welcome!
Saturday	9:00AM Undecorating at St. Richard – volunteers are welcome!
Upcoming Events	
January 14	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass

THE FEAST DAY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD...

...is this Monday, January 8th. There will be Mass at 8:00AM at St. John XXIII Church with the Parish Choir. This feast day officially brings our Christmas season to a close. Please join us if your schedule permits.

ST. JOHN XXIII LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is in the Family Room on the bottom shelf. This is your last chance to claim your lost items that have been here for months before they are discarded.

FUNDRAISING ANNOUNCEMENT

St. John XXIII has received a total of \$2036.26 from Boyer's and Redner's. Here's a quick recap of how you can participate

Boyer's
Simply pick up a key fob from one of the baskets located in the Family Room of the church or in the Parish Hall. At checkout, have the cashier scan your fob and we will automatically receive a 1% rebate paid twice per year.

Redner's

In order to participate, you will need a Redner's reward card or key fob. They are available at Redner's Customer Service Department. If you already have one, then you are good to go. Once again, have the card or fob scanned at checkout. But, with Redner's you will need to save your entire grocery receipt. The receipt must show the Save-A-Tape total which is located just below the bar code. **Without the Save-A-Tape Total, the receipt is worthless!** Drop your Save-A-Tape receipts in one of Redner's boxes located in the Family Room or the Parish Hall. Once we receive \$5000 or more in receipts, then we submit it for the 1% rebate.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case 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.

2024 MASS BOOK AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Masses and candles can be purchased during regular business hours in the Parish Office.

2024 MISSALS AND CALENDARS

St. Joseph Missals (\$5 each) and Parish Calendars (free) are still available in the Vestibule/Family Room.

ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after all weekend Masses for coffee and Christmas cookies.

A PERSONAL NOTE

A special Thank You from Stanley and Joann for the gifts we received during the holiday season! We want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Blessed, and Prosperous New Year!

FINAL DECEMBER LOTTERY WINNERS

12/25 #866, No Winner, \$100; **12/26** #099, No Winner, \$25
12/27 #152, No Winner, \$25; **12/28** #937, No Winner, \$25
12/29 #091, No Winner, \$25;
12/30 #127, Lenny Zakrewesky, \$50;
12/31 #896, Tony Miller, \$100

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE AT ST. RICHARD

Great things are happening for 2024. Our first meeting is Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our discussions will be the Annual Lenten Seafood Dinners (2/15/2024 and 3/15/2024), but our BIGGEST topic will be a Basket Raffle set for April 18th, 19th, and 20th. In order to make these fundraisers a great success, we need your help especially with the Basket Raffle. Come and join us on January 9th at 6:00PM.

COOKS WITH COLLARS STARTS JANUARY 12th!

Fr. Finlan needs your help!

Our GREAT Baker Fr. Finlan made homemade Paska Bread for the first time and will represent both parishes in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and often (deadline February 12th) for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit the parishes. Thanks for making Fr. Finlan a winner!

HELP NEEDED AT ST. RICHARD

Saturday, January 13th starting at 9:00AM we are asking for volunteers to help undecorate the church. If you are able to stop by and lend a hand, it would be appreciated.

2024 MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Mass Intentions and Devotional Candles are being accepted through the **current** 2024 Form (found in church or online). The forms must be fully completed with the \$10 per Mass stipend &/or Candle offering enclosed.

PARISH PRAYER LIST FOR 2024

Starting January 1, 2024, the names will remain on the Prayer List for three months and will then be removed. If at any time you would like to add or remove a person's name, please call the Parish Office.

