

Welcome

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

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

January 28, 2024

Fourth 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

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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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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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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 27 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Anthony Macchiano Mass Intention: Robert J. Allesch Sr.
Sunday, January 28 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: All Catholic School Teachers and Students Mass Intention: Michael Mazur
Monday, January 29 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Charlie Odorizzi
Tuesday, January 30 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM – 9:30AM Adoration & Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Leo Davidovich Jr. and Andrew Smarr Sr.
Wednesday, January 31 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM – 9:30AM Adoration & Benediction: SR	St. John Bosco, Priest Mass Intention: Bill Fazio
Thursday, February 1 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Michael F. Pogwist
Friday, February 2 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	The Presentation of the Lord
Saturday, February 3 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Robert Rehatchek
Sunday, February 4 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Anne Zeplin Mass Intention: James and Catherine Weber

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Moses says God will raise up a new prophet who will speak the words of God. In the second reading, Paul contrasts the divided loyalties of married people with those who are unmarried and have only the desire to please the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus commands an unclean spirit to be quiet and come out of a man in the synagogue. When Jesus speaks or teaches, his words have power – for example in today's Gospel by driving out demons. In our lives, Jesus can free us from anxiety and bring us into union with the Father in the kingdom to come. Unlike all the preceding prophets, Jesus does not simply convey God's word and commands, he is God's word in the flesh. His power derives from the Father, for he and the Father are one.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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:

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

The prelude is **Prelude in F Major** by Adolph Hesse (1808-1863)

The postlude is **Marcia Religiosa from "Alceste"** by Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)

The altar flowers are in memory of Sally Best-Haas.

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, Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Bill Savage, Sue Taiko, Paul Setlock, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Maryann Zakrewsky, Sandra McGlinchey, Ben Shellhamer, Lou Ann Knittle, John Crammond

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

Emanuel Roman

Theresa Englert

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Lawrence and Joseph Petrole

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Merrill Koenig

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

Sacred Heart

Helen Hutira, Happy Birthday in Heaven-Miss You

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 28 – No Youth Formation Today

Sunday, February 4 – Youth Formation Grades 1-7

Sunday, February 11 – Family Day Mass Grades 1-8
Pancake Breakfast after Mass in Hall – 9:30AM-10:30AM

ALL ARE INVITED FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Just come to the Parish Hall immediately after Mass on

Sunday, February 11th

Cost: \$10 per person

(Kids are free!)

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

Grades 5-8; Sunday, January 28th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 4th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 11th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 18th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 25th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – Thursday, February 8th at 6:00PM
in the Parish Hall

Boy Scouts – First Thursday of the month 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 Catholic Relief Services.

Upcoming second collections are...

2/4 ~ Parish Facility Fund

2/11 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Catholic Schools Week Begins / Culture of Life in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after weekend Masses Communion to the Homebound immediately after 8:30AM Mass 7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	6:00PM Organ Concert Publicity Meeting in St. John XXIII Parish Hall – help is needed – all are welcome 7:00PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting immediately following the Organ Publicity Meeting 7:00PM Finance Council Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
Thursday	8:30AM Church cleaning at St. John XXIII – Many hands make light work! 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal
Upcoming Events	
February 7	4:45PM-5:30PM Cappriotti's Food Fundraiser pickup in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
February 14	Ash Wednesday – 8:00AM Mass at St. Richard, 7:00PM Mass at St. John XXIII

CAPRIOTTI'S SUPER BOWL FOOD SALE

Order forms and payment are due TODAY! The food items are frozen and must be picked up on Wednesday, February 7 in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall between 4:45PM and 5:30PM. The seller must pick up all the items on their order form and deliver it to the recipients. If someone else will be picking up your order, please call Terese Ristila at 570-225-1512 or Jen Karnish at 610-577-5891.

CULTURE OF LIFE CELEBRATION JANUARY 27&28

What is a "Culture of Life"? How can you be a part of this culture? Come & see. Saturday, January 27 after the 3:30PM Mass and Sunday, January 28 after the 8:30AM Mass in St. John XXIII Hall. Information will be available, as well as a food sale (eat in or take out), bake sale, raffles, and more. Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after all weekend Masses this weekend.

ORGAN RECITAL PUBLICITY MEETING – JAN. 29

The organist from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City is coming to Tamaqua to give a concert on our Walker organ on Friday evening, April 19th. Assistance is needed to properly publicize this concert. If you can help, please come to the publicity meeting this **Monday, January 29th at 6:00PM** in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

FUNDRAISING MEETING – JANUARY 29

Immediately following the Organ Recital Publicity Meeting on Monday, we will have a meeting of the St. John XXIII Fundraiser Committee. It's a new year, and we will be trying some new things – including BINGO! So, we have a lot of planning to do! New members are always welcome.

MASSES AND CANDLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

We still have open slots for 2024 Masses, the Sanctuary Lamp, and the Crucifix Candle. Just stop into the Parish Office during regular office hours and Lisa will be happy to process your request.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS REMINDER

Anyone wanting to receive a copy of their 2023 Contribution Statement for tax preparation please call the respective Parish Office during business hours.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

SPECIAL MEETING AT ST. RICHARD

Fr. Finlan is convening a meeting on February 6th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall to plan the celebration for the upcoming 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish in 2025. All those interested are welcome to attend.

JANUARY 2024 LOTTERY WINNERS

01/15 #735, No Winner, \$100
01/16 #678, Gregory J. Bruno, \$25
01/17 #023, Krissy Wonsock, \$25
01/18 #163, Angela Ceci, \$25
01/19 #421, No Winner, \$25
01/20 #459, Cathy Clingerman, \$50
01/21 #433, No Winner, \$25

LENTEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, February 16th is our Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner from 3:00PM-5:00PM. 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. Sign-up sheets are currently in the vestibule for volunteers with dinner prep and day of dinner. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

THREE MORE WEEKS TO GO!

Fr. Finlan is representing both parishes in COOKS WITH COLLARS. Donations can be made through the site or dropped in the parish collection at Mass. To donate online, go to www.cookswithcollars.org and click on Fr. Finlan's picture and it will take you to the full video. From there click on the brown colored box ("Support..."). This is where you will be able to donate and write in your personal message. Vote early and often (deadline February 12th) for OUR Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit the parishes.

BLOCK POOL AT ST. RICHARD UPDATE

The Fundraising Committee once again is holding a Block Pool for the Super Bowl on February 11th. They are \$25 per Block. Random numbers will be picked for each quarter (1st, 2nd & 3rd) and for the final score. For details, see flyer insert. Once the pool is full, printouts of the block will be available in the vestibule so you can track during the game. To get your block or any questions, contact Erica at 570-778-4029. Blocks will also be available after Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

