

Welcome

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

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February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Parish Staff

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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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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 24 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confession: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confession: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to The Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Tom Gerhard</p> <p>Mass Intention: Len Brylewski</p>
<p>Sunday, February 25 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Carmen Castagna</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Monday, February 26 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Josephine and Fred Andreas</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 27 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Molly Marie</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 28 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 6:30PM – 7:00PM Confession: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: In Memory of Irene Chaya</p>
<p>Thursday, February 29 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Robert Allesch</p>
<p>Friday, March 1 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, March 2 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confession: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confession: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to The Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Mary Buduski</p> <p>Mass Intention: In Memory of Madeline A. Trakes</p>
<p>Sunday, March 3 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Richard Kanaski</p> <p>Mass Intention: Leona Marcovich</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God calls Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, but provides a ram instead and promises blessings on all nations in response to Abraham’s trust. In the Epistle, we are reminded that God did not spare his own Son and so gives us everything with him. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from the cloud says: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3: Ex20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages: Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>There are no preludes for the duration of Lent. The postlude is Moderato in E Minor by Joseph Bernards (1844-1937)</p> <p>There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.</p>

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, Ben Shellhamer, Lou Ann Knittle, John Crammond, /Jean Perez, Mike Rottet

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

David Earl Clouser

Joseph Welsh Sr.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Sandra McGlinchey

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Robert Zeplin

St. Richard

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Joseph

In Loving Memory of my parents John & Mary Nolan

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**

Saturday, February 24 – First Reconciliation Retreat
12:30PM until 3:30PM Mass

Sunday, February 25 – No Youth Formation

Saturday, March 2 – First Reconciliation 10:00AM
*Please pray for our Second-grade students as they
prepare for their First Reconciliation.*

Sunday, March 3 – Youth Formation All Grades 1-8
Parent Session for parents of Grades 3-6 students

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

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

Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 3rd at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 10th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 17th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 24th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Thursday, March 7th at 6:00PM
in the Parish Hall

Sunday, March 10th from 1:00PM-3:00PM

Cub Scout Derby in the Parish Hall

Boy Scouts – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM
in the 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 Stained Glass Window Renovation - SR / Parish Cemeteries - SJ

Upcoming second collections are...

3/3 ~ Parish Facility Fund

3/10 ~ Easter Flowers

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	8:30AM Confession & Adoration / 9:00AM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Adoration / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Friday	5:30PM Rosary for Peace by the Mary statue in St. John XXIII church – enter through side door of Narthex
Saturday	10:00AM First Reconciliation at St. John XXIII
Upcoming Events	
March 3	11:30AM Volunteer Thank You Luncheon in St. Richard Parish Hall
March 4	6:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
March 10	6:00PM-8:00PM Adoration and Confession with Lenten music at St. John XXIII
March 11	7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall

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.

FEBRUARY BAPTISMS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

We would like to welcome our newest parishioners: Hazel Kate Zimmerman, Vivian Rose Smarr, Sylvania Mae Lightcap, and Giavanna Marie Hunara who were all baptized during the month of February.

EASTER PASTRY SALE

The “Freckled Moose” pastry and cake roll sale at St. John XXIII has begun! These are the same items that we sold last year. Order forms were included in last week’s bulletin, but extra order forms are currently located on the table in the Family Room. The final day of this pastry sale will be Sunday, March 10th. Pick up of ordered items will be in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on Thursday, March 21st between 4:00PM and 5:30PM.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We will participate in Operation Rice Bowl this year. At St. John XXIII, the “Rice Bowls” are on a table in front of the baptismal font, please take one. Extra “Rice Bowls” will be located on the table in the Family Room. At St. Richard, the “Rice Bowls” are in the vestibule. Since its inception in 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has provided more than \$330 million to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. At the conclusion of Lent, the Rice Bowls will be collected. We ask participants to convert Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to the parish for easier counting. We will then combine all the gifts and send one check to the Diocese.

PLEASE SILENCE/TURN OFF CELL PHONES

When you enter our church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God” however, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile phone. We thank you in advance for turning off your phones when you attend Mass.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church as well as the front pews of St. Richard Church.

THE ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Please participate in the survey which will continue until March 27th. Paper surveys were included in last week’s bulletin. However, if you need a paper copy, please contact the Parish Office or take one from the table in the St. John XXIII Family Room. If you prefer you may also complete the survey online. Parishioners of St. Richard should use <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/by9cdb> Parishioners of St. John XXIII should use <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/by71d5> All responses are kept confidential. You may drop off your completed survey at the respective Parish Office, the vestibule at St. Richard OR in the box in St. John XXIII Family Room.

SUPER BOWL BLOCK POOL 2024

Congratulations to the Block Winners and Thank You to everyone who played this year!

1st Quarter – Block #81, Norm Seibert
 2nd Quarter – Block #67, Audrey Milot
 3rd Quarter – Block #18, Roy Paisley
 Final Score – Block #16, John Setlock

Reverse Score Winners

1st – Block #81, Norm Seibert
 2nd – Block #10, Ron and Lou Ann Knittle
 3rd – Block #37, Cindy Montgomery
 Final – Block #38, PJ Wonsock

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Many thanks again to ALL our volunteers and those who purchased a Lenten Dinner & 50/50 chances. The first dinner profit was \$3,928! Also, congratulations to Michelle Chilinskas for being the 50/50 winner of \$792.50!

SINCERE GRATITUDE

Our parish of St. Richard’s would like to send a grateful thank you to Roy Paisley for his donation of the Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED). This device is a portable electronic device that diagnoses life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm. Having such an important piece of medical equipment, we will be conducting a training seminar by a medical professional after Easter. More details about the seminar will be posted as they become available. Those who are interested in volunteering for the seminar, may contact the Parish Office.

