

Welcome

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

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

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

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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.

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

Saturday, March 2 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confession: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confession: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Mary Budusky Mass Intention: In Memory of Madeline A. Trakes
Sunday, March 3 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Richard Kanaski Mass Intention: Leona Marcovich
Monday, March 4 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Tuesday, March 5 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Wednesday, March 6 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	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
Thursday, March 7 8:00AM Mass: SR	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Pat Kotula
Friday, March 8 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Lenten Weekday
Saturday, March 9 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confession: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confession: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Peter and Rose Stricek Mass Intention: Stephen Yutko
Sunday, March 10 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Forte Family Mass Intention: Gloria A. Berdanier

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God delivers his commandments. Paul explains to the Corinthians that the challenge the Gospel poses to Jews and Gentiles is also the power and wisdom of God to those who receive it. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple. When questioned about this, Jesus says he would rebuild the temple in three days if it was destroyed. Later, his disciples understood this to be a prediction of his resurrection.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

St. John XXIII

The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.

The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages:

Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174

There are no preludes for the duration of Lent.

The postlude is **Andantino in G Minor** by Adolf Hesse (1809-1863)

There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.

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, Mike Davis, Marie Klapinsky

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

David Earl Clouser

Joseph Welsh Sr.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p style="text-align: center;">St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Isabel "Bella" and David O'Leary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crucifix Candle In Memory of Veronica and Charles Merkel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of my Florence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sacred Heart In Memory of Francis "Buddy" Trackim</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p style="text-align: center;">St. John XXIII</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AFTER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Saturday, March 2 – First Reconciliation 10:00AM <i>Please pray for our Second-grade students who received their First Reconciliation today. These children will receive their First Holy Communion in May.</i></p> <p>Sunday, March 3 – Youth Formation All Grades 1-8 Parent Session for parents of Grades 3-6 students</p> <p>Sunday, March 10 – NO Youth Formation after Mass <i>All Youth Formation students are to stop into our Lenten Adoration and Confession today from 6:00PM-8:00PM</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Richard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024</p> <p>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</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</p> <p>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</p> <p>Boy Scouts – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

<p>Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.</p> <p>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.</p>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Parish Facility Fund

Upcoming second collections are...

3/10 ~ Easter Flowers

3/17 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation - SR / Parish Cemeteries - SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	11:30AM Volunteer Thank You Luncheon in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Monday	6:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
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 7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Upcoming Events	
March 10	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 6:00PM-8:00PM Adoration and Confession with Lenten music at St. John XXIII
March 11	6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
March 15	3:00PM-5:00PM Lenten Seafood Dinner in St. Richard Parish Hall
March 17	7:00PM Men's Group Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room

PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST

Construction has begun on the closet construction project in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. When complete, this new closet will contain all our cleaning supplies and equipment such as floor buffers and vacuums. This construction project should take 3-4 weeks to complete. During this time, the Parish Hall cannot be used for funeral viewings, but the front (stage) portion of the Hall can still be used for meetings as four tables with chairs will remain set up and the cafe will be open after all weekend Masses. Just please be careful and do not touch any of the wood or construction equipment.

EASTER PASTRY SALE

You have one more week to submit your orders for the "Freckled Moose" pastry and cake roll sale! Extra order forms are 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.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP IN ALL FIVE CEMETERIES

We are getting an earlier start this year on getting our five cemeteries in a presentable condition for Spring. All items that you want to keep **MUST BE REMOVED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 17th**. Starting on Monday, March 18th the cemeteries will be cleaned, and all decorations left on the graves will be discarded. You may put items back on the graves starting on Saturday, March 23rd which is plenty of time to put out Palm Crosses and Easter decorations. Any questions, please call Danny Reigel at 570-527-5973.

OPERATION RICE BOWL REMINDER

Extra "Rice Bowls" are located on the table in the Family Room at St. John XXIII and in the vestibule at St. Richard. 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.

THE ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after 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.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Please participate in the survey which will continue until March 27th. Paper surveys are available by contacting 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.

2nd LENTEN DINNER HAS BEEN MAILED

Friday, March 15th is St. Richard 2nd Lenten Dinner from 3:00PM - 5:00PM. Dinner choices are Haddock, Crab Cake, or Shrimp dinner, cost \$15 per dinner OR the Combo dinner, cost \$18 per dinner. Each comes with Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll and Choice of Cake.

Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by Friday, March 8th in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked "Fundraising" on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034. Thank you.

ANNUAL SCOUT DERBY

St. Richard's Cub Scouts Pack #725 will be hosting their Annual Derby next Sunday, March 10th from 1:00PM-3:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. We invite everyone to join in on the fun and support the Cub Scouts!

PASKA BREAD AT ST. RICHARD REMINDER

First come, first serve. Only 200 will be made so place your order **as soon as possible**. Please drop off your \$10 advance payment in any collection or the "Fundraising Box" on the rectory porch. The Paska Bread will be made Holy Thursday (3/28), and pickup will be Good Friday (3/29) from 3:00PM-7:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving a loss? Our support group will be holding its new sessions starting Monday, April 1st at 6:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Marie Finlan 570-590-9690.

