

Welcome

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

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

March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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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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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.

<p>Saturday, March 9 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Peter and Rose Stricek</p> <p>Mass Intention: Stephen Yutko</p>
<p>Sunday, March 10 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Forte Family</p> <p>Mass Intention: Gloria A. Berdanier</p>
<p>Monday, March 11 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: The Ginda Family</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 12 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: Bobby Dugas</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 13 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: Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Thursday, March 14 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Thomas Holt Jr.</p>
<p>Friday, March 15 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, March 16 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Shatusky, Freeh, Stefanek, and Ritsick Families</p> <p>Mass Intention: In Memory of my husband Alvin Fritz</p>
<p>Sunday, March 17 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Michelle Walsler</p> <p>Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Flaherty Family</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading chronicles the fall of Jerusalem because of the people’s unfaithfulness, and the fulfillment of the prophecies through Cyrus, king of Persia. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks of the richness of God’s mercy and the immeasurable riches of his grace. The Gospel tells of Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus and the immense love God has for us. God has poured out his grace upon us.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

<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 Adagio in C Minor by Louis Niedermeyer (1802-1861)</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, Mike Davis, Marie Klapinsky /

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

Ronald Rokita

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Michelle Walser Crucifix Candle In Memory of Robert Zaraca</p>	<p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII AFTER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN</p> <p>-----</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> <i>You are not required to stay for the full two hours.</i></p> <p>Sunday, March 17 – Youth Formation All Grades 1-8</p> <p>Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday</p> <p>Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024</p> <p>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 Grades 1-8; Sunday, March 31st – No Classes</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</p> <p>Cub Scouts – Thursday, March 21st 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

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 Easter Flowers.

Upcoming second collections are...

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

3/24 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 1:00PM-3:00PM Annual Cub Scout Derby in St. Richard Parish Hall – come and support our cubs! 6:00PM-8:00PM Adoration and Confession with Lenten music at St. John XXIII – cake and coffee in the Hall
Monday	6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting in St. Richard 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
Friday	3:00PM-5:00PM Lenten Seafood Dinner in St. Richard Parish Hall
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
Upcoming Events	
March 17	7:00PM Men’s Group Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room

PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST

Work continues on the closet construction project in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. This new closet will contain all our cleaning supplies and equipment such as floor buffers and vacuums. This construction project should take another week or so 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 and the cafe will be open after all weekend Masses. Just please be careful and do not touch any of the construction equipment.

THE ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass.

EASTER PASTRY SALE

Today is the last day to submit your orders for the “Freckled Moose” pastry and cake roll sale. 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

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.

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.

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! The survey 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 AT ST. RICHARD

This Friday, March 15th from 3:00PM-5:00PM. Please return tickets and chances **as soon as possible**. Questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

Dinner Prep Schedule

Wed. March 13th at 9:00AM; making crab cakes and peeling potatoes

Thurs. March 14th at 9:00AM; packing coleslaw and rolls, icing/packing cakes, and hall set up. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule if you are able and would like to volunteer preparing &/or serving the day of the dinner. Questions contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Rain or Shine) will be Sunday March 24th, starting at 12:00PM. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is imperative to sign up so that we can prepare for the children accordingly. Prizes and a visit from our special guest will be outside (weather permitting). This is open to all children within St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes. Prizes and donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. To sign up or donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

PASKA BREAD AT ST. RICHARD REMINDER

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

HOLY SATURDAY (3/30) AT ST. RICHARD

11:00AM Blessing of Baskets followed by Church decorating. If you are able, lend a hand as we prepare our church for Easter.

