

# Welcome

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

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

*March 12, 2023 — Third Sunday of Lent*



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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursdays ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

**Parish Staff:**

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music  
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator  
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator  
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**Parish Staff:**

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus  
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)  
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator  
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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** ~ 2075 Norwegian Street, Pottsville 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 schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

**Diocesan Secretary for Office of Safe Environment:**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS; P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105  
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**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak (800) 791-9209  
victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

**SJ = St. John XXIII**

**SR = St. Richard**

**Monday & Tuesday Masses are at St. John XXIII ~ Wednesday & Thursday Masses are at St. Richard**

<b>Monday, March 13</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Lewis Smith
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ  8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Anna and Leonard Navitsky
<b>Thursday, March 16</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Jim Tracy
<b>Friday, March 17</b> <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>Saturday, March 18</b> 2:45PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>  Mass Intention: Russel Triano  Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz
<b>Sunday, March 19</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR  6:00PM - 8:00PM Lenten Adoration, Confession, and Benediction: SJ	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Mass Intention: Ellen Davis  Mass Intention: Arthur DiCasimirro Sr.

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the people are thirsty and complaining. Moses strikes a rock with his staff, and God provides flowing water for the people to drink. Paul writes to the Romans that *we have been justified by faith*. In God's great love he sent Christ to die for sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a woman by a well in Samaria. Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

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

**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 **Andante in E Minor** by Alexandre François Boëly (1785-1858)

**Today's Mass intentions:** Joe and Anna Gazdick (*Saturday 3:30PM*)  
Dominic and Ida Totani (*Sunday 8:30AM*)

There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 19th:**

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Today's second collection is for Easter flowers. Upcoming collections are:

3/19~ Earthquake Relief (*Special Diocesan Collection-no designated envelope*)

3/26~ Parish Utilities

**Please Remember in your Prayers**

Linda Agosti, Ann Balas, William Bednar, Mark BeYoung, Joe Bones, Bob Bonner, Marge Coassolo, Ella Connolly, Paul Curley, Maria Cusati, Nina Day, Margie Felosci, Eddy Freer, Siobhan Ann Gladhill, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Valerie Higgins, Charlie Houser, Dr. Francis Kane, Paul Kerrick, Patrick Kotula, George Koval, Margaret Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Michael Matricion, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Eric Richardson, Helene Richmond, Joel Rivera, Jonathan Schimpf, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Joe Shustack Sr., Dominic Streisel, Edward Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson, Joseph Dannenfelser

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

Arthur Wilkie, Jr.

**Devotional Candles**

<b>St. John XXIII</b>	<b>St. Richard</b>
<b>Sanctuary Lamp:</b> In Memory of Maureen Ginda <b>Crucifix Candle:</b> For the health of Margaret Hager & Janice Kosciolek	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary:</b> Special Intention by Duke and Joan Demko

**Youth Formation****Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule**

<b>St. John XXIII</b>	<b>St. Richard</b>
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</b> March 12 <sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast after 8:30AM Mass March 19 <sup>th</sup> – Grades 1-8 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM March 26 <sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Rehearsal 2:00PM at All Saints March 29 <sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Mass 4:30PM at All Saints  Parents and students will dismiss to the Parish Hall after Mass for a brief social time before children dismiss to class.  We ask you to keep our 14 parish youth who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday in your prayers. They will receive their First Communion in May.  Please email youth@sj23tamaqua.org with any questions!	<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</b> Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, March 12th at 9:00AM Grades 1 - 4; Sunday, March 19th at 9:30AM Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, March 26th at 9:00AM  All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>except</u> when noted.  <b>Scout Meetings:</b> <b>Cub Scouts</b> – Thursday, March 16th, 6:00PM in Parish Hall <b>Boy Scouts</b> – Every Thursday, 7:00PM in Parish Hall

**Adult Formation**

**Adult Small Group:** Tuesday mornings in Lent from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the Parish Hall of St. John XXIII. Make Lent meaningful and experience spiritual growth this year by attending our Lenten Adult Small Group. It takes place on five consecutive Tuesdays which started Tuesday, February 28 and continues until March 28. Even if you missed the first two meetings, it is not too late to participate. Take a step to spend time deepening your relationship with Jesus.

**Adult Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings from 7:30PM until 9:00PM in the Meeting Room at St. Richard. Please note the different start time for the duration of Lent due to Stations of the Cross.

**RCIA Updates:** RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If there is an adult who wishes to become Roman Catholic and receive his or her sacraments, 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 Great Vigil of Easter, but this can also occur at other times of the year as well. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Roman Catholic.

## Parish News and Updates

This Week	
Sunday	Pancake Breakfast immediately after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM Volunteer Dinner at St. Richard
Monday	12:00PM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament / 12:15PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII 7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting – St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group today and every Tuesday in Lent in Parish Hall at St. John XXIII 7:00PM Fundraising Meeting at St. Richard
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Exposition / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting and St. Patrick's Celebration in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting – K of C Upper Room above the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Saturday	Cemetery Clean-Up for all 5 parish cemeteries – <b>Volunteers Needed</b> – meet in SJ23 Parish Hall at 8:00AM 9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – SJ23 Parish Hall – call 570-225-8620
Upcoming Events	
March 19	12:00PM-3:00PM Cub Scout Derby in St. Richard's Parish Hall 6:00PM-8:00PM Adoration & Confession (the event formerly known as "Night Fever") at St. John XXIII
March 24	3:00PM-6:00PM Lenten Dinner at St. Richard
March 29	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Schlert for St. John XXIII youth – 4:30PM at All Saints Church, McAdoo
March 31	6:00PM CYO Fundraiser (pierogi making class) in St. Richard Parish Hall
<p><b>EASTER PASTRY SALE AND FREE SAMPLES:</b> The Easter pastry and cake roll sale at St. John XXIII continues! Free samples of various cake rolls and pastries will be given out after the Saturday 3:30PM and the Sunday 8:30AM Masses. Additional blank order forms are available in the Family Room. The final day of this pastry sale will be Sunday, March 19. Pick up will be in the Parish Hall on Monday March 27 between 5:15PM and 6:00PM.</p> <p><b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS THIS SUNDAY:</b> The final Pancake Breakfast of this academic year will take place on Sunday, March 12 immediately after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and children under 3 are free. The parish youth in the Confirmation class as well and the Knights of Columbus and other adult helpers really do an excellent job. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee are served. We thank everyone who has supported our breakfasts in the past and look forward to another delicious meal!</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN XXIII MARCH LOTTERY RESULTS:</b> Congratulations to the following winners: March 1 – #322 – Mike Montag March 2 – #351 – Mary Carroll March 3 – #757 – Theresa Falerge March 4 – #780 – Phyllis Miller March 5 – #796 – The Ski's</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN PARISH CAFE IS OPEN:</b> Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship, coffee, iced tea, and some tasty treats after all weekend Masses.</p> <p><b>COMMUNION:</b></p>	
<p><b>SPECIAL THANK YOU:</b> A special thank you to Fr. Karpyn for being our guest celebrant for the weekend Masses at St. Richard.</p> <p><b>ANNUAL SCOUT DERBY:</b> St. Richard's Cub Scouts Pack #725 will be hosting their Annual Derby Sunday, March 19th from 12:00PM -3:00PM in the Parish Hall. We invite everyone to join in on the fun!</p> <p><b>2nd LENTEN DINNER at ST. RICHARD:</b> Friday, March 24th is our 2nd Annual Lenten Dinner from 3:00PM - 6:00PM. Dinner choices are Haddock, Crab Cake, or Shrimp dinner, cost \$15 per dinner OR the Combo dinner, cost \$18 per dinner. Each comes with 3 sides, Dinner Roll and Choice of Cake. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked "Fundraising" on the rectory porch. Thank you.</p> <p><b>EASTER EGG HUNT at ST. RICHARD:</b> The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Rain or Shine) will be Sunday April 2nd, starting at 12:00PM. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is <u>imperative</u> to sign up so that we can prepare for the children accordingly. Prizes and a visit from our special guest will be outside (weather permitted). Please contact Krissy Wonsock at (732) 687-0433 to sign up. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes and donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock.</p>	

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church. Please make sure the usher knows that you will be receiving Communion at your seat.

**DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY:**

This year, St. Patrick's Day is a Friday in Lent. What is a good Catholic to do? To resolve this conundrum, Bishop Alfred Schlert has joined many other bishops around the country in granting a dispensation to the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown this year, provided they abstain from meat on the day before or the day after March 17.

**VOTIVE AND DEVOTIONAL CANDLES at ST.**

**RICHARD:** Votive Candles (blue and red candles) for *private intentions*, suggested offering of \$4.

The Devotional Candles (amber candles) for *announced intentions*, will continue to be the suggested donation of \$10.

The special Sanctuary Lamp with *announced intention* will also be \$10.