

Welcome

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

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

March 17, 2024
Fifth 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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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.

SJ = St. John XXIII

SR = St. Richard

<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 Walser</p> <p>Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Flaherty Family</p>
<p>Monday, March 18 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Edward Gensure</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 19 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>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 20 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: Lamar “Bud” Fisher</p>
<p>Thursday, March 21 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Linda and David Strmensky</p>
<p>Friday, March 22 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, March 23 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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: Barbara Cattarin</p> <p>Mass Intention: Virginia Martin</p>
<p>Sunday, March 24 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: Russell Triano</p> <p>Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies the Lord will one day establish a new covenant with his people whereby he will write his law upon their hearts. The author of Hebrews says that Jesus’ prayers and supplications were heard because of his reverence. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the time for him to fulfill his purpose is upon him. Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves him.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

<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 Mosso Moderato in A Minor by Heinrich Götze (1836-1906)</p> <p>There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.</p>
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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, 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 / Mary Helen Rehatchek, George Woodward

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

Earl Bridyham

Helen Susarchick

Bernard Hasara

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Russell Triano

Crucifix Candle

For the Special Intention of Rolanda Mettias

St. Richard

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Richard

Francis "Buddy" Trackim

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, March 17 – Youth Formation Grades 1-6 & 8

Sunday, March 24 – No Youth Formation – Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 31 – No Youth Formation – Happy Easter

Sunday, April 7 – Youth Formation Grades 1-6 & 8

Sunday, April 14 – Youth Formation Grades 1-7
Confirmation Practice at 1:00PM at St. Richard
Candidates and Sponsors must attend.

Tuesday, April 16 – Confirmation 4:30PM at St. Richard

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

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

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

Sunday, April 14th at 1:00PM; Confirmation Practice

Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30PM; Confirmation

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00PM
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 the Stained-Glass Window Renovation - SR / Parish Cemeteries - SJ

Upcoming second collections are...

3/24 ~ Parish Utilities

3/29 ~ Holy Land Shrine/Good Friday

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	7:00PM Men's Group Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	Cemetery clean-up in all five parish cemeteries – all items that you wish to keep must be removed by March 17
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	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting and St. Patrick Celebration in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall "Freckled Moose" Pastry Sale order pick-up in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall from 4:00PM until 5:30PM 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
March 24	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt at St. Richard (rain or shine)-open to ALL children from both parishes
March 30	11:00AM Prayer/Basket Blessing followed by Church decorating at St. Richard in preparation for Easter

HELP IS NEEDED WITH CLEANING ON MONDAY

As our closet construction project in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall comes to a close, we need help to give the Parish Hall a good cleaning. The regular members of our cleaning crew will be having a cleaning tomorrow, Monday, March 18th, that will begin right after morning Mass. They will be focusing on the church, narthex, sacristies, and bathrooms. **What we need are other people who are not regular members of the cleaning crew to focus on the Parish Hall** and possibly the stairways and hallway outside the classrooms on the third floor. Because of the recent rain on days when wood needed to be cut, all the sawing and sanding needed to be done in the Hall which means that there is a layer of dust over everything that now must be cleaned up. Won't you please consider giving an hour or two of your time this Monday morning to help us clean up the construction dust and mop the floors?

EASTER PASTRY SALE PICK-UP ON THURSDAY

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

All items that you want to keep must be removed by today, 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.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Due to the last 2 weekends of this month are Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday respectively, there will be no Anointing after Mass for the month of March. The next Anointing after Mass will be Sunday, April 27th, and April 28th.

MANY THANKS FROM ST. RICHARD

Thank you to ALL our volunteers and those who bought a Lenten Dinner & 50/50 chances. Check back next week for our dinner profit and the 50/50 winner!

EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Rain or Shine) will be next 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. This is open to all children within St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes. Prizes and donations would be greatly appreciated. To sign up or donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER

Starting Sunday, March 24th through Saturday, March 30th at St. Richard there will be no Votive or Devotional candles lit for the beginning and duration of Holy Week. The only candle to remain lit is the Sanctuary Lamp. Candles may resume being lit starting Saturday, March 30th for the Easter Vigil Mass.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY REMINDER

Thank you to all those who already submitted their surveys and there is still a little time so please participate! **Surveys are to be completed and submitted by Friday, March 22nd.** Paper surveys are available by contacting the Parish Office. 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.

PASKA BREAD AT ST. RICHARD REMINDER

Only 200 will be made so place your order **as soon as possible.** Drop 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.

