

# Welcome

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

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

*March 19, 2023 — The Fourth Sunday of Lent*



### **Church of St. John XXIII**

307 Pine Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

**Phone:** 570-225-7410 ~ **Fax:** 570-668-4406

**Email:** secretary@sj23tamaqua.org

**Website:** www.sj23tamaqua.org

**Facebook:** Parish of St John XXIII Tamaqua

**YouTube:** St John XXIII Catholic Church Tamaqua

### **Office Hours**

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

### **Parish Staff**

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator

Patricia Radocha, Business Manager

Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



### **Church of St. Richard**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

**Phone:** 570-467-2315 ~ **Fax:** 570-467-2462

**Email:** strichard@frontiernet.net

**Website:** www.strichard.org

**Facebook:** Church of St Richard

### **Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday ~ 9:00AM-2:00PM

Thursday ~ 9:00AM-12:00PM

### **Parish Staff**

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

Teri Howerter, Office Administrator

Mary Soberick, Business Manager

Krissy Wonsock, Director of Religious Education

### **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 to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

#### **Parish Prayer List**

To be placed on the Parish Prayers list, please call either Parish Office and someone will be happy to assist you. You can also call to be removed from the Prayer List when appropriate.

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

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS ~ P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

#### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

#### **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](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>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.
<b>Monday, March 20</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ 12:00PM Exposition: SJ 12:15PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ	<b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mass Intention: Andrew and Stella Pollack
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Robert Zaraca
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 6:30PM Confessions: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
<b>Thursday, March 23</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Joan Brazinsky
<b>Friday, March 24</b> <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>Saturday, March 25</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 Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>  Mass Intention: Toby McIntyre  Mass Intention: Sophia M. Lazur
<b>Sunday, March 26</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Mass Intention: Larry Petrole Mass Intention: Mike and Kaye

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** God sends Samuel to anoint the new king of Israel. Samuel surprises everyone by calling for and anointing David, the youngest of Jesse's sons. The Lord's Spirit rushed upon David. In the Epistle, Saint Paul tells the Ephesians to live as children of light. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man on the sabbath, breaking the sabbath rules. Sometimes doing God's will can seem strange, foolish, or even wrong to others. Jesse assumed his youngest son couldn't be the next king, so David was left to care for the sheep when Samuel came. The Pharisees thought Jesus sinned by healing on the sabbath. Are we preoccupied with what others will think, or are we focusing on doing God's will?

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26th:** Ez 37:12-24; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

**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 **Voluntary VI (Opus 5) in D Minor** by John Stanley (1712-1786)

There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.

## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### 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, Bernie Hasara, 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 Surfild, Mary Ann Thompson, Joseph Dannenfesler, Howard Mitchell, Michael Joseph Sfarra

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

Roberta Chinchar

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII

#### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Jimmer and Micah Young

#### Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Barbara Verano Cattarin

### St. Richard

#### Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention by Duke and Joan Demko

## YOUTH FORMATION

### Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

### St. John XXIII

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March 19 – Grades 1-8 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM

March 26 – No Youth Formation Classes

March 26 – Confirmation Rehearsal 2:00PM at All Saints

March 29 – Confirmation Mass 4:30PM at All Saints

April 2 – Grades 1-6 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM

April 9 – Easter Sunday – No Youth Formation Classes

Parents and students will dismiss to the Parish Hall after Mass for a brief social time before children dismiss to class.

Please email [youth@sj23tamaqua.org](mailto:youth@sj23tamaqua.org) with any questions!

### St. Richard

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-4; Sunday, March 19 at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 26 at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 2 at 9:30AM

Grades 1-8; Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday – No Classes

All classes are held in the Parish Hall except when noted.

#### SCOUT MEETINGS

**Cub Scouts** – Thursday, March 30 at 6:00PM in Parish Hall

**Boy Scouts** – Every Thursday at 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. It is not too late to 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 meetings, it is not too late to participate. Take a step to spend time deepening your relationship with Jesus as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

**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.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Earthquake Relief. This is a special Diocesan collection with no designated envelope. Please note that Easter flower memorial envelopes can still be accepted and will be placed upon the altar at Easter.

### Upcoming collections are...

3/26 ~ Parish Utilities

4/2 ~ Parish Facility Fund

## ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	12:00PM-3:00PM Cub Scout Derby in St. Richard's Parish Hall 6:00PM-8:00PM Adoration & Confession ( <i>the event formerly known as "Night Fever"</i> ) at St. John XXIII
Monday	12:00PM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament / 12:15PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII
Tuesday	10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group today and every Tuesday in Lent in Parish Hall at St. John XXIII
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Exposition / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal
Friday	3:00PM-6:00PM Lenten Dinner at St. Richard
Upcoming Events	
March 26	St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after the 8:30AM Mass
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 ( <i>Pierogi Making Class</i> ) in St. Richard Parish Hall
April 2	12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt at St. Richard
April 3	6:00PM Feast Day Mass at St. Richard followed by a parish social in the St. Richard Parish Hall
April 5	6:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting – K of C Upper Room above the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
April 8	11:00AM Basket Blessing at St. Richard – 12:00PM Church Decorating at St. Richard

### EASTER PASTRY AND CAKE ROLL SALE

The order forms for the Easter pastry and cake roll sale at St. John XXIII are due this weekend! Additional blank order forms are available in the Family Room. The final day of this pastry sale will be Sunday, March 19th. Order pick-up will be in the Parish Hall on Monday, March 27th between 5:15PM and 6:00PM. Thank you in advance for your support of this delicious fundraiser!

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the pancake breakfast this past Sunday, especially the parish youth in this year's Confirmation class as well and the Knights of Columbus and other adult helpers. They really do an excellent job. \$2,200 was raised as profit over the course of five breakfasts and donated to various charities. This was the final breakfast of the academic year, but more will be scheduled starting up in the autumn of 2023.

### CEMETERY CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the cemetery clean-up of all five parish cemeteries this past Saturday. Your effort is greatly appreciated.

### ST. JOHN XXIII MARCH LOTTERY RESULTS

Congratulations to the next batch of lottery winners:

March 6 – #897 – *No winner*

March 7 – #014 – Jack Triano

March 8 – #802 – *No winner*

March 9 – #436 – Henry and Grayson McCabe

March 10 – #119 – *No winner*

March 11 – #954 – *No winner*

March 12 – #281 – Alice Miller

### ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH CAFE IS OPEN

Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship, coffee, iced tea, and some tasty treats after all weekend Masses.

### COMMUNION

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.

### ANNUAL SCOUT DERBY

St. Richard's Cub Scouts Pack #725 will be hosting their Annual Derby this Sunday, March 19th from 12:00-3:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. We invite everyone to join in on the fun!

### 2nd LENTEN DINNER at ST. RICHARD – UPDATE

This Friday, March 24th is our 2nd Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner from 3:00PM-6:00PM. Dinner choices are Haddock, Crab Cakes, 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 **as soon as possible** by dropping them in the box marked "Fundraising" on the rectory porch.

#### Dinner Prep Schedule

**Wednesday, March 22nd** after morning Mass, making devil crabs and packing cole slaw.

**Thursday, March 23rd** after morning Mass, icing and packaging cakes and preparing rolls.

**Friday, March 24th** – Day of Dinner – Start Time: 1:00PM  
Need servers, kitchen help and 50/50 sellers

### EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

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 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). Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 to sign up. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and St. 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.

### VOTIVE/DEVOTIONAL CANDLES AT ST. RICHARD

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

