

Welcome

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

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March 26, 2023 — The Fifth Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Parish Staff

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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 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

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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

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

Saturday, March 25 2:45PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Toby McIntyre Mass Intention: Sophia M. Lazur
Sunday, March 26 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Larry Petrole Mass Intention: Mike and Kaye
Monday, March 27 8:00AM Mass: SJ 12:00PM Confessions: SJ 12:15PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Jimmy Tracy
Tuesday, March 28 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: John and Anna Shickora
Wednesday, March 29 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	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Francis "Buddy" Trackim
Thursday, March 30 8:00AM Mass: SR	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Members of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Friday, March 31 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Lenten Weekday
Saturday, April 1 2:45PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: Barbara Verano Caltarin Mass Intention: Thomas F. Demko
Sunday, April 2 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass Intention: John Quinn Mass Intention: Blessings for our Parish

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Ezekiel prophesies that God will raise his people from their graves. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul promises that those who live in the Spirit will receive life through the Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, and many people come to believe in him. It takes courage to truly believe in God's promises. He promises to raise the dead from their graves and put his own Spirit in us so that we may live. What does this mean for us this Lent, when we journey with Jesus toward his cross? How can our Lenten observance bolster such courageous faith?

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

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 **Mosso Moderato in A Minor** by Heinrich Götze (1836-1906)

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 Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson, Members of the Dannenfels Family, Howard Mitchell, Michael Joseph Sfarra, David Rickert

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

Leonard G. Shubeck

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Forte Family Crucifix Candle In Memory of Violet Labella</p>	<p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Saint Joseph In Memory of Susan, Martin Kovich Sr. and Jr.</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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 with any questions!</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sunday, March 26 at 9:00AM; Grades 5-8 Sunday, April 2 at 9:30AM; Grades 1-4 Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday – No Classes All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>except</u> 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</p>
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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. This Tuesday, March 28th is the final Lenten Small Group. Even if you missed the other 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 Parish Utilities. There is no designated envelope for today's second collection. Please note that Easter flower memorial envelopes can still be accepted and will be placed upon the altar at Easter.

Upcoming second collections are...

4/2 ~ Parish Facility Fund

4/9 ~ Special Easter Collection using the "He Is Risen" Easter offering envelopes.

The first collection on Easter is for the regular red/purple bordered weekly offering envelopes.

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Anointing of the Sick after all weekend Masses St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday	5:15PM-6:00PM Pastry and Cake Roll pick-up in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall (<i>all items are frozen</i>) 6:00PM Fundraising Meeting in the 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
Wednesday	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Schlert for St. John XXIII youth – 4:30PM at All Saints Church, McAdoo
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6:00PM CYO Fundraiser (<i>Pierogi Making Class</i>) in St. Richard Parish Hall
Upcoming Events	
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 8:00PM Easter Vigil at St. Richard (<i>No 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses</i>)
April 9	7:00AM Easter Sunday Mass at St. Richard – 8:45AM and 10:30AM Masses at St. John XXIII
April 23	3:00PM-6:00PM Polka Dance featuring the Pennsylvania Villagers in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – \$15

EASTER PASTRY AND CAKE ROLL PICK-UP

Order pick-up will be in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on Monday, March 27th between 5:15PM and 6:00PM. Thank you in advance for your support of this delicious fundraiser!

ST. JOHN XXIII YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We are now “Live” Streaming on YouTube. Our Masses are available for viewing on YouTube as an easier way to view on your Smart TV, computer, or mobile device. Simply navigate to YouTube and search by typing in key words “St. John XXIII Tamaqua” or “St. John 23 Tamaqua” and you will find our YouTube channel: “St. John XXIII Catholic Church, Tamaqua”. Click on the “Live” tab to view our video streams which will be listed in chronological order. Be sure to hit the Subscribe button. You can also continue to view via our Website and Facebook.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

Church cleaning at St. John XXIII in preparation for Easter will take place this Thursday, March 30th beginning at 9:00AM. Many hands make light work.

ST. JOHN XXIII MARCH LOTTERY RESULTS

Congratulations to the next batch of lottery winners:

- March 13 – #322 – Mike Montag
- March 14 – #274 – *No winner*
- March 15 – #411 – Romaine Karnish
- March 16 – #918 – *No winner*
- March 17 – #554 – M.A.O.
- March 18 – #415 – *No winner*
- March 19 – #873 – The Castle’s

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all weekend Masses at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

MANY THANKS ONCE AGAIN

Thank you to all our parishioners, volunteers and those both near and far who sponsored our 2nd Lenten Dinner and made it a success! Please check back in next week’s bulletin 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 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). 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. To sign up or if you are able and willing to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER

Starting Sunday, April 2nd through Friday, April 7th 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, April 8th for the Easter Vigil Mass.

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. All the above prices are the same at St. John XXIII except that their small votive candles are \$1.

