

# Welcome

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

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

*March 31, 2024*

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*



**Church of St. John XXIII**

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**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**

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**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  
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Krissey 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** ~ 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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p><b>Saturday, March 30</b>  <i>(No 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses)</i>                  8:00PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>                  Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 31</b>                  7:00AM Mass: SR                  8:45AM Mass: SJ                  10:30AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>                  Mass Intention: Easter Memorials                  Mass Intention: Easter Memorials                  Mass Intention: Easter Memorials</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 1</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Monday Within the Octave of Easter</b>                  Mass Intention: Marie Ann Kupetz</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 2</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p><b>Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter</b>                  Mass Intention: Anne Zeplin</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 3</b>  <i>(No 8:00AM Mass/Confessions or Adoration)</i>                  6:00PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter</b>                  Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish on the patronal Feast Day</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 4</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Thursday Within the Octave of Easter</b>                  Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p><b>Friday, April 5</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p>	<p><b>Friday Within the Octave of Easter</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, April 6</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes                   Mass Intention: Joseph Swindro</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 7</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                  10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</b>                  Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Kane and Vaccaro Families                   Mass Intention: James Coogan</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Peter tells the story of Jesus’ ministry, death, and resurrection. In the second reading, Paul tells the Colossians that since they were raised with Christ, they must seek what is above. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. The other disciple arrived at the tomb first; he saw and believed. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Not even death could keep him from us. “Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.” (*Easter Sequence/Victimae Paschali #396 in Hymnal*)

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 7:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b></p>
<p><b>The Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p>
<p><b>The Heritage Mass</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232</p>
<p>The prelude is <b>Trumpet Tune in D Major</b> by John Stanley (1713-1786)                  The postlude is <b>Alleluia</b> from <b>Exultate Jubilate</b> by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)</p>
<p>The Easter flowers are made possible through the generosity of everyone who returned their Easter Flower Memorial envelopes. These Memorial envelopes are placed upon the altar for the duration of the Octave of Easter.</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, 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, Diane Cavanaugh, Hope Mroczka, Christine Trackim

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

Sara Patusky

RoseMary Dougherty

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of George and Florence Polinsky

### Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Mark T. Boyle

### St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

### St. Joseph

In Loving Memory of my father Michael Sniscak

## 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 31** – No Youth Formation – Happy Easter

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

**Sunday, April 14** – Youth Formation Grades 2-7  
Confirmation Practice at 1:00PM at St. Richard  
(Candidates and Sponsors must attend)

**Tuesday, April 16** – Confirmation 4:30PM at St. Richard  
(Arrival time: 3:45PM)

**Sunday, April 21** – Final Day: Youth Formation Grades 1-8  
Eucharistic Adoration & Family Potluck after 8:30AM Mass

#### St. Richard

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

Grades 1-8; Sunday, March 31st – No Classes

Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 7th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 14th at 9:30AM

\*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** – Next meeting to be announced

**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 Parish Facility Fund to help cover the cost of repairs to our church.

### Upcoming collections are...

4/3 ~ Feast of St. Richard

4/7 ~ Parish Facility Fund

4/14 ~ Parish Utilities

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

This Week	
Sunday	7:00AM Easter Mass: SR – 8:45AM Easter Mass: SJ – 10:30AM Easter Mass: SJ
April 1-7	Divine Mercy Novena every day at 3:00PM at St. John XXIII from Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday	Easter Monday – both Parish Offices Closed 6:00PM-7:30PM Grief Share Support Group in St. Richard Parish Hall
Wednesday	6:00PM St. Richard Feast Day Mass followed by social in Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal
Upcoming Events	
April 7	3:00PM Sung Divine Mercy Devotion/Confession/Benediction at St. John XXIII 7:00PM Men's Group – St. Richard Meeting Room
April 9	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting at St. Richard in the Parish Hall
April 11	7:00AM Mass at St. Richard ( <i>please note time change</i> )

### FOOD FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the collection of food on Holy Thursday. A large quantity of non-perishable food was collected and donated to the Tamaqua Food Pantry.

### PASCHAL CANDLE 2024 - "SAINT FRANCIS CROSS"

We thank the families for their donation of a new paschal candle at St. John XXIII "In Memory of the Keefer and Kubitsky Families."

### OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

Please convert Rice Bowl gifts to a single check made out to the parish for easier accounting. Please place your check in an envelope clearly labeled "Rice Bowl Donation" and deposit it in the Sunday collection. We will then combine all these gifts and send one check from the parish to the Diocese.

### ORGAN CONCERT IN APRIL – BINGO IN MAY

Tickets are available in the Family Room at St. John XXIII before and after all Easter Masses for both the Organ Concert in April and the Bingo in May. Get your tickets now to attend these two exciting parish events!

### DMI SURVEY – YOU HAVE TWO MORE DAYS

Thank you to all those who have already participated in the survey. A recent notification from the Diocese has announced that the online survey will continue until Tuesday, April 2nd.

**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>

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be no Anointing after Mass today because of Easter. The next Anointing after Mass will be on the weekend of April 27th and 28th.

### SUNG LORD'S PRAYER & EASTER DISMISSAL

The music to these can be found on page 157 and page 165 in the green Journeysongs hymnal. We will be singing the Lord's Prayer throughout the Easter season.

### THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS FROM ST. JOHN

Thank you to all who volunteered to decorate our church throughout the Lenten Season, prepare for Holy Week (especially the magnificent Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall on Holy Thursday) and beautifully decorate for Easter.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE

Because the Parish Hall is being used for overflow seating, the cafe will not be open on Easter Sunday.

### CHRIST IS RISEN!

On behalf of Fr. Finlan and all the parish staff, we would like to wish our parishioners, their families, and friends a Happy and Blessed Easter!

### PASCHAL CANDLE 2024 - "HOLY TRINITY"

God's blessings to Regina and Jeff Zoba for their donation of a new paschal candle at St. Richard "In Memory of John and Rose Sochacki."

### CANDLE REMINDER AT ST. RICHARD

Votive and Devotional Candles will resume being lit starting Saturday, March 30th for the 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass.

### PARISH OFFICES NEWS

In observance of the Easter holiday, both parish offices will be closed Monday, April 1st.

### GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

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 at 570-590-9690.

### FEAST OF ST. RICHARD

Please join us as we celebrate the patronal feast of our parish on Wednesday, April 3rd beginning with Mass at 6:00PM followed by a social in the Parish Hall. Please note there will be no 8:00AM Mass, Confessions or Adoration on this day.

### BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. RICHARD ~ REMINDER

Our Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! Please consider donating a basket! You can drop it at the Parish Office during business hours on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Raffle Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses starting next weekend April 6th & 7th. Advance tickets are \$20; At the Door are \$25. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish! If you have any questions, contact Jack Cusatis at 570-225-1771.

### THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS FROM ST. RICHARD

Thank you to all who volunteered to decorate our church throughout the Lenten Season, prepare for Holy Week and beautifully decorate for Easter. May God continue to bless you all!

Teamwork makes the dream work! So thankful to the various donors, Maureen Ryan, Erica Stoyer, and our own Easter Bunny for making our Annual Children of the Parish Easter Egg Hunt a success time and time again! Hoppy Easter! Thank you from Krissy Wonsock.

