

Welcome

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

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Deacon Edward J. Girard

April 2, 2023 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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

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
Monday, April 3 8:00AM Mass: SJ 12:00PM Confessions: SJ 12:15PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ 6:00PM Mass for Feast Day of St. Richard: SR	Monday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Joseph and Catherine Coleman Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish on the patronal Feast Day
Tuesday, April 4 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Jean Lutwin
Wednesday, April 5 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	Wednesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Thursday, April 6 <i>(No morning Mass at St. Richard)</i> 7:00PM Mass/Procession to Altar of Repose: SJ 8:00PM - 10:00PM Adoration in Parish Hall: SJ 10:00PM Night Prayer at Altar of Repose: SJ	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) Mass Intention: Deceased Priests from the Diocese of Allentown
Friday, April 7 3:00PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: SJ 7:00PM Stations and Veneration of the Cross: SR	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Saturday, April 8 <i>(No 3:30PM or 5:30PM Masses)</i> 8:00PM Mass: SR	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass Intention: Easter Memorials
Sunday, April 9 7:00AM Mass: SR 8:45AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SJ	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials Mass Intention: Easter Memorials

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The introductory reading from Matthew's Gospel is Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The prophet Isaiah speaks as the suffering servant who has trusted in the Lord while submitting to persecution. In the second reading, Paul speaks of Jesus' total self-gift and God's subsequent exaltation of Jesus. In the reading of the Passion, we hear of Judas' betrayal, the Passover supper Jesus shared with his disciples, and the death of Jesus on the cross. The congregation's last words in today's communal Gospel reading are those of the centurion: "*Truly, this was the Son of God!*" This is the central proclamation of our faith that we should strive to profess more fully this Holy Week.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 9th: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

The choral prelude is **Adoramus Te** from **The Seven Last Words of Christ** by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

The postlude is **Präludium in G Minor** (BWV558) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The altar arrangement is in memory of Charles Odorizzi.

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 Mace, Sr.

Jerry McGeehan

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Michael and Lillian Sedar and Carol Troxell

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Sophia and William Milot

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of my father Michael Sniscak

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

April 2 – Grades 1-6 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM
April 9 – Easter Sunday – No Classes
April 16 – Grades 1-2 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM
April 23 – Grades 1-6 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM
April 29 – First Holy Communion Retreat: 10:30AM-3:30PM
May 6 – First Holy Communion Mass: 10:00AM

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!

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, April 2 at 9:30AM; Grades 1-4
Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday – No Classes
Sunday, April 16 at 9:00AM; Grades 5-8
9:30AM; Grades 1-4

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

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – Thursday, April 13 at 6:00PM in Parish Hall
Boy Scouts – Every Thursday at 7:00PM in Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

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: 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 Roman Catholic.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday: Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30AM Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023 at the Cathedral of Saint Catherine of Siena in Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are adults who were baptized, received their First Holy Communion, but were never confirmed. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Finlan to discuss registration details.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Facility Fund which is a blue envelope.

Please note that Easter flower memorial envelopes can still be accepted and will be placed upon the altar at Easter.

Upcoming second collections are...

4/9 ~ 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	12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt at St. Richard
Monday	8:00AM Mass / 12:00PM Exposition and Confessions / 12:15PM Stations of the Cross at St. John XXIII 6:00PM Feast of St. Richard Mass followed by a parish social in the hall at St. Richard
Tuesday	8:00AM Mass / 8:30AM-9:00AM Confessions / 8:30AM-9:30AM Holy Hour Adoration at St. John XXIII
Wednesday	8:00AM Mass / 8:30AM-9:00AM Confessions / 6:30 Confessions / 7:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Richard
Thursday	7:00PM Holy Thursday Mass followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00PM at St. John XXIII
Friday	3:00 PM Good Friday Service of the Passion of the Lord with Veneration and Communion at St. John XXIII 7:00PM Stations and Veneration of the Cross at St. Richard
Upcoming Events	
April 8	11:00AM Morning Prayer and Basket Blessing at St. Richard – 12:00PM Church Decorating at St. Richard 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass 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 Easter Sunday Masses at St. John XXIII
April 10	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
April 11	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting at St. Richard
April 16	St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after the 8:30AM Mass
April 23	3:00PM-6:00PM Polka Dance featuring the Pennsylvania Villagers in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – \$15
April 26	6:00PM First Penance at St. Richard

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to the eleven Confirmation candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Wednesday. Please continue to keep them in your prayers!

FOOD FOR THE POOR ON HOLY THURSDAY

We would like to revive the ancient tradition of collecting food for the poor on Holy Thursday. Please bring a non-perishable food item with you to Mass on Holy Thursday.

TWO NEW REFRIGERATORS

Thank you to Dan Odorizzi for donating not one, but two mini-fridges to St. John XXIII. There is now a refrigerator on the balcony to keep the choir's water bottles chilled as well as a self-service refrigerator in the Parish Hall by the Café bar. Thank you to Tony Odorizzi from Bowe & Odorizzi Law Offices for keeping the Parish Hall fridge stocked with various cold beverages. Please help yourself to one of these ice-cold beverages today after Mass!

ST. JOHN XXIII MARCH LOTTERY RESULTS

Congratulations to the next batch of lottery winners:

March 20 – #699 – *No winner*
 March 21 – #603 – Douglas C. Shamonsky
 March 22 – #296 – *No winner*
 March 23 – #364 – Mary Dakosty
 March 24 – #476 – Dell Swartz
 March 25 – #410 – Kathy Riccetti
 March 26 – #761 – Cindy Racho

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

We anticipate large crowds at both the 8:45AM and 10:30AM Masses and the Parish Hall will be set up for overflow seating as it was on Christmas Eve. If you are planning to attend the second Mass, please do not arrive before 10:00AM to allow time for the lot to clear from the first Mass. When parking your car, please be considerate and only take one space. If you are able, please consider street parking and save the lot for those with mobility issues.

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.

WITH GRATITUDE

Many thanks again to ALL our volunteers and those who purchased a Lenten Dinner and 50/50 chances. The dinner profit for our 2nd Lenten Dinner was \$2,882! Also, congratulations to Ms. Margaret Homcha for being our 50/50 winner of \$767! We are truly blessed here at St. Richard.

MAY LOTTERY CALENDARS

Spring is in the air and so is our lottery calendar fundraiser. The calendars have been mailed so keep an eye on your mailboxes. If you are unable to purchase or sell them, no problem...but please return the unsold calendars as soon as possible either by placing in the collection or dropping in the "Fundraising" box on the rectory porch so we can recirculate them.

Any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034. Thank you all for your continued support of our parish.

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.

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.

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.

