

# Welcome

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

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

*April 21, 2024*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



**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  
Mary Soberick, Business Manager  
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, April 20</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 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>                   Mass Intention: John and Regina Potosky                   Mass Intention: Setlock and Falls Families</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 21</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>                  Mass Intention: Christine J. Huegel                   Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 22</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Easter Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Michael Bright</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 23</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p><b>Easter Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Michael F. Pogwist</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 24</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p><b>Easter Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: George Kaminsky</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 25</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>St. Mark, Evangelist</b>                  Mass Intention: John and Anna Demko</p>
<p><b>Friday, April 26</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p>	<p><b>Easter Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, April 27</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 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>                   Mass Intention: Joseph and Catherine Coleman                   Mass Intention: Margaret Haehnlen</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 28</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>                  Mass Intention: Marge Romano                   Mass Intention: William and Fannie Neverosky</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Peter testifies that a disabled man has been healed in the name of Jesus Christ, the One through whom salvation comes. In the second reading, John reflects on the Father’s love for us, through which he has made us his children. In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and freely lays down his life for them. Jesus tells us that he suffered and died for us because of the depth of God’s love for us; this is what a Good Shepherd does for those in his care.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28:** Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-5

<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>Sheep May Safely Graze</b> by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)                  The postlude is <b>Festive Trumpet Tune</b> by David German (b.1954)</p>
<p>The altar flowers are in memory of Thomas C. Gerhard.</p>

## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

Jean Perez, Mike Rottet, Mike Davis / Mary Helen Rehatchek, George Woodward, Hope Mroczka, Roy Paisley /  
Kathy Sanchez, Joe Shustack Sr., Sue Taiko, Paul Setlock, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Marie Klapinsky,  
Mary Helen Rehatchek, Diane Cavanaugh, Hope Mroczka, Christine Trackim, Roy Paisley, Elizabeth Tarutis,  
Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Bill Savage, Jim Sanders, Michael Konidas, Helen Grier, Virginia Higgins, Craig Goida,  
David Rickert, Adele Lech, John Crammond

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

Linda Amato

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of John and Jennie

### Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Christine J. Huegel

### St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention

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

**Saturday, April 27** – First Communion Class Retreat  
10:30AM until 3:30PM Mass

**Saturday, May 4** – First Communion at St. John XXIII

We thank everyone who made the Confirmation Mass this past  
Tuesday with Bishop Schlert so beautiful. We also ask you to  
keep all our recent Confirmands in your prayers.

#### St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 21st at 9:00AM  
Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 28th at 9:30AM

#### First Penance

Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00PM

Grades 1-8; Sunday, May 5th at 9:30AM – Last Class

\*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

#### SCOUT MEETINGS

**Cub Scouts** – Sunday, April 21st at 4:30PM 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. New inquiries are welcome. 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 collections are...

4/28 ~ Parish Utilities

5/5 ~ Parish Facility Fund

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

This Week	
Tuesday	6:30PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	8:30AM Church cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work, please come and help us clean 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal
Upcoming Events	
April 28	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
May 4/5	Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal – Lay Speaker at all weekend Masses at both parishes
May 4	10:00AM First Holy Communion at St. John XXIII Parish
May 5	7:00PM Men’s Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
May 9	Ascension Thursday Mass Schedule (holy day of obligation) – 8:00AM at SR, 7:00PM at SJ
May 11	10:00AM First Holy Communion at St. Richard Parish
May 11/12	Mother’s Day Carnation Sale & Baby Bottle Campaign at St. John XXII
May 14	7:00PM Mass of Remembrance for miscarriage and other child loss at St. John XXIII
May 19	St. John XXIII Cash Bingo held at the West Penn Fire Company, New Ringgold – more details on flyer

### A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Mark O’Hearn back to the organ bench of St. John XXIII. Mark is playing Saturday Mass this weekend.

### A WORD OF THANKS

We were honored to have Daniel Brondel give such an amazing concert at our church this past Friday. Thank you to everyone who made this concert such a success. We are also thankful that Daniel was able to fill in for Mark Pacoe, who recently had a bad fall down the stairs at the Cathedral and underwent surgery last week. Both Mr. Brondel and Mr. Pacoe are organists at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City.

### MOTHER’S DAY CARNATION SALE/BABY BOTTLE

In honor of Mother’s Day, we will be supporting two area women’s centers with their efforts to help pregnant women with their needs – Birthright in Frackville and CareNet of Carbon County. We will host our annual carnation sale for Birthright, and this year will add a baby bottle campaign for CareNet. The carnations will be available in St. John XXIII Narthex for both Masses on Mother’s Day weekend – suggested donation \$2.00. The baby bottle campaign will begin on Mother’s Day weekend and end on Father’s Day – bottles will be available in St. John XXIII Narthex and Parish Hall. Take a bottle, fill it with change or gift card or check, and return it on Father’s Day. For more information, look for a flyer and check the events page on our parish website [www.sj23tamaqua.org](http://www.sj23tamaqua.org) or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE – MAY 14 – 7:00PM

A Mass of remembrance for miscarriages and other child loss will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00PM at St. John XXIII. The rosary will begin at 7:00, followed by Mass and then a gathering in the hall with light refreshments. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for your loved one, write an intention, and sign the book of innocents.

### SUNG LORD’S PRAYER & APOSTLES CREED

The music to the Lord’s Prayer can be found on **page 157** in the green Journeysongs hymnal. We will be singing the Lord’s Prayer throughout the Easter season. Also, we will be saying the Apostles’ Creed instead of the usual Nicene Creed. The Apostles Creed can be found on **page 149** in the hymnal.



The 2024 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at

[www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443. Thank you!

**You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
May the glory of the Lord last forever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!**

Congratulations to the following who received the sacrament of Confirmation; Connor Joseph Francis Bowman, Zachary John Patrick Gallagher, Alexandra Mary Elizabeth Bet, Lillyanna Jane Elizabeth Dudash, Cameron Matthew Michael Chilinskas, Zoey Grace Angela Quintinsky, Nicholas Michael Polakovic, and Gregor Bernard Poleshuk.

**May God Bless you and keep you always!**

### PARISH PRAYER LIST UPDATE

The names on the prayer list have been revised. If you would like to add a person’s name, please contact the respective parish office.

### 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.

### PLEASE SILENCE/TURN OFF CELL PHONES

When you enter our church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God” however, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile phone. We thank you in advance for turning off your phones when you attend Mass.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and goodies.



