

Welcome

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

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

May 5, 2024
Sixth 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
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Office Hours

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Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
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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 ~ 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 more 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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p>Saturday, May 4 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Daniel and Catherine Tracey Mass Intention: Mary Frances Dunleavy</p>
<p>Sunday, May 5 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: David Gary II Mass Intention: Frank and Gladie Syzdek</p>
<p>Monday, May 6 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Mae and Lewis Smith and Family</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 7 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 8 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p>Thursday, May 9 8:00AM Mass: SR 7:00PM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests Mass Intention: Theresa Tracey</p>
<p>Friday, May 10 <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, May 11 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Mother’s Day Memorials Mass Intention: Mother’s Day Memorials</p>
<p>Sunday, May 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Intention: Mother’s Day Memorials Mass Intention: Mother’s Day Memorials</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today’s first reading, Peter humbly speaks while the Holy Spirit falls upon those who are listening, resulting in more baptisms. In the second reading, John writes of our call to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love. He calls them friends, no longer slaves. As the paschal mystery continues to unfold before us, Jesus focuses our attention on love being at the heart of discipleship. Jesus’ words and actions were always rooted in his profound love for us. As disciples, we grow closer to Jesus and his mission by sharing God’s love with others. In God’s love, he is revealed.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

St. John XXIII

The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.

The Heritage Mass can be found on the following pages:

Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **Voluntary on Immaculate Mary** by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

The postlude is **Rondeau** by Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

The altar flowers are in memory of Sam Alonge.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Mary Helen Rehatchek, George Woodward, Hope Mroczka, / Kathy Sanchez,
Joe Shustack Sr., Sue Taiko, Paul Setlock, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Marie Klapinsky,
Diane Cavanaugh, Hope Mroczka, Christine Trackim, Roy Paisley, Elizabeth Tarutis,
Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Bill Savage, Jim Sanders, Helen Grier, Valerie Higgins, Craig Goida,
David Rickert, Adele Lech, John Crammond, Sam Sparich, Andrew Eremus /

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

Michael Konidas Edna T. Romanick

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of John Longhi
Crucifix Candle
In Memory of Joseph Zelinsky

St. Richard
Blessed Virgin Mary
Special Intention
St. Richard
Healing for Barbara – Strength for Pete

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, May 12 – May Crowning at St. John XXIII
at the 8:30AM Mass

The children from our parish received their
First Communion this past Saturday. We ask you
to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers.

Austin Allen
Sophia Bruno
Kendall Davis
Lukas Grimminger
Miranda Hartz
Patrick Osenbach

St. Richard
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

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, May 5th at 4:30PM
(location to be 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. 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 Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

5/9 ~ Ascension Thursday 5/12 ~ Mother's Day

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	7:00PM Men's Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
Thursday	Ascension Thursday Mass Schedule (holy day of obligation) – 8:00AM at St. Richard, 7:00PM at St. John XXIII St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal cancelled this week because of Ascension Mass
Friday	6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Saturday	10:00AM First Holy Communion at St. Richard Parish
Upcoming Events	
May 11/12	Mother's Day Carnation Sale & Baby Bottle Campaign at St. John XXII
May 12	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
May 14	7:00PM Mass of Remembrance for miscarriage and other child loss at St. John XXIII 7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
May 19	12:00-3:00PM BBQ Chicken Dinner in St. Richard Parish Hall 1:00PM St. John XXIII Cash Bingo held at the West Penn Fire Company, New Ringgold – more details on flyer
May 27	Memorial Day – 8:00AM Memorial Day Mass at St. John XXIII – both parish offices closed

ASCENSION THURSDAY IS THIS THURSDAY

Don't forget that Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses this Thursday, May 9th, are 8:00AM at St. Richard and 7:00PM at St. John XXIII.

SERVICE AWARD AT ST. JOHN XXIII

St. Vincent de Paul Society will present an 8th Grade Service Award of \$100 each to one boy and one girl graduating from the 8th Grade who: 1) Intends to enter Marian High School as an incoming freshman and 2) Has demonstrated service to his/her Parish, School, and Community. Applications are available at SJRS and in the Parish Office and due on May 22.

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 at both Masses on Mother's Day next 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 or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

BINGO – MAY 19 – 1:00PM DOORS OPEN AT NOON

St. John XXIII Cash Bingo is less than a month away! It will be held on Sunday, May 19th at the West Penn Fire Co. #1 in New Ringgold. There will also be a bake sale and basket raffle. Doors open at Noon and Bingo starts at 1:00PM. Tickets are \$25 and are available in the St. John XXIII Family Room in the narthex before and after Mass. More info is on the flyer.

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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

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

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)

Please keep the following children in your prayers while they continue their journey with God as they received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time on May 2, 2024: Braxton Gregory Barrett, Chase Anthony Lebby, Mia Marie Huseby, Sofia Grace Patricia Firkal, Michael Serafino Turrano, Greyson Gary Grutza, Jack Michael Yawornicky, Shayla Grace Hutnyan, Aubrey Danica Setlock, Jason Edward Dudash Jr., Scott Anthony Blozousky Jr, Carlo Vincent Capone, George Jason Pinkey, Lula Cindy Angelo, Sienna Loren Napoli, Connor Joseph Faenza, Braeden Nicholas Barkus, Seraphina Grace Foster.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER AT ST. RICHARD UPDATE

Please join us for our 3rd Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 19th from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. We offer take-out, dine-in, and limited delivery. Dinner includes 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Applesauce, Roll, and choice of cake for \$15. The remaining mailing has been sent so keep an eye on your mailboxes. Any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Prep

Friday, May 17th—starting at 8:30AM: cake icing/cutting, packing dinner rolls, setting up tables

Sunday, May 19th (day of dinner) – starting at 5:00AM: getting potatoes and chicken ready

ST. JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL EVENT

Help support our Students and our School! Our 2024 Race for Education is May 13th (rain date May 16th), and we are asking everyone to support our students! Our students can be sponsored online at <https://www.sjrschool.com/support/rfe> or you can mail it to us at 50 Meadow Avenue Tamaqua, PA 18252. Please be sure to list the student that you are sponsoring in the "write note" section of your transaction. Every little bit helps for a quality Catholic education of our children.

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. Make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443. Thank you!

