

Welcome

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

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

May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursdays ~ 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



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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday ~ 9:00AM-2:00PM

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
Mary Soberick, Business Manager
Krissy 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 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

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.

<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>
<p>Monday, May 13 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: John Longhi</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 14 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 7:00PM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>St. Matthias, Apostle Mass Intention: Richard Campbell Mass Intention: Mass of Remembrance</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 15 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Mary Ann Pronio</p>
<p>Thursday, May 16 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Easter Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Members of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Friday, May 17 <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p>	<p>Easter Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, May 18 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Rose Mary Dougherty Mass Intention: Craig Petzold</p>
<p>Sunday, May 19 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today’s first reading, Matthias is selected by lot to replace Judas and be counted as a witness to the Resurrection. In the second reading, John explains that God has revealed his love by sharing his Spirit with us and by sending his Son for our salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus prays that the Father will preserve his disciples in union with him, protect them from the evil one, and sanctify them in his truth. In other words, he prayed for their holiness. This is a good reminder that what matters most is our holiness, and holiness comes through our union with God, the source of all holiness. Let us strive to live in a manner that reflects this purpose.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:36b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>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</p> <p>The prelude is Ave Maria by Franz Schubert (1797-1828) The postlude is Voluntary on Hail Holy Queen by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Robert and Mildred Keefer.</p>

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, Valerie Higgins, Adele Lech, John Crammond, Sam Sparich, Andrew Eremus / Helen Grier, Craig Gioda, David Rickert, Magnolia Pavlovich, Shelley & Sam Lazarchick

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

Anna Marie Morten Edna T. Romanick John P. McTiernan

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Honor of All Living and Deceased Mothers Crucifix Candle In Memory Deceased Members of the Forte Family</p>	<p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of my husband Bob Harvan Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII AFTER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sunday, May 12 – May Crowning at St. John XXIII at the 8:30AM Mass</p> <p>The children from our parish received their First Communion last Saturday. We ask you to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers.</p> <p>Austin Allen Sophia Bruno Kendall Davis Lukas Grimminger Miranda Hartz Patrick Osenbach</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024</p> <p>Sunday, May 12th at 10:30AM Mass May Crowning</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS</p> <p>Cub Scouts – Sunday, May 19th at 4:30PM (location to be to be announced)</p> <p>Boy Scouts – First Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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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 Mother's Day.

Upcoming collections are...

5/19 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

5/26 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Mother's Day Carnation Sale & Baby Bottle Campaign at St. John XXII Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	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
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal 7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Friday	6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620 10:00AM First Holy Communion at St. Richard Parish
Upcoming Events	
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 7:00PM Baccalaureate Service for Tamaqua Area High School 2024 graduates at St. John XXIII
May 27	Memorial Day – 8:00AM Memorial Day Mass at St. John XXIII – both parish offices closed

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 this weekend – the suggested donation is \$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 only one week away! It will be held next 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. Please note that we can use more donors of baked goods for the bake sale. A sign-up sheet for the bake sale is also in the Family Room.

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.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

As most are aware, St. Richard's office Administrator email had been compromised. This issue has been resolved, however **DO NOT USE, OPEN OR REPLY** to strichard@frontiernet.net. Also, the parish office and Fr. Finlan have received new emails for St. Richard. The new emails are listed below.

Parish Office - strichardadmin@ptd.net

Fr. Finlan – strichardpastor@ptd.net

Please use these new emails going forward to contact either the Parish Office or Fr. Finlan. Again I apologize for any inconvenience and confusion this may have caused and thank all those who assisted in getting through this ordeal and correcting the issue.

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

20th ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

We will be having pierogi making sessions to start getting ready for this summer's festival. If you are interested in volunteering and want to help, please meet us in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary, we provide training.

Mondays we will peel and cook the potatoes and make the filling. Tuesdays we will do the dough rolling and pierogi filling. We will start at about 6:00PM on the following dates:

May 20th & May 21st, June 3rd and 4th and June 17th & 18th.
More dates may be added later if necessary.

Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Erica Stoyer @ 570-778-4029.

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!

