

Welcome

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

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

*May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday*



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

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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

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.

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| <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 7:00PM Tamaqua Baccalaureate Service: SJ</p> | <p>Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons Mass Intention: Newly Ordained Deacons</p> |
| <p>Monday, May 20 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p> | <p>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Mass Intention: Joe and Anna Gazdick</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, May 21 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p> | <p>Weekday Mass Intention: Violet LaBella</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, May 22 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p> | <p>Weekday Mass Intention: Gloria Berdanier</p> |
| <p>Thursday, May 23 8:00AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Weekday Mass Intention: Mike Konidas</p> |
| <p>Friday, May 24 <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p> | <p>Weekday</p> |
| <p>Saturday, May 25 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 Most Holy Trinity Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Francis Keiser</p> |
| <p>Sunday, May 26 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>The Most Holy Trinity Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Krizin-Chwojko Family Mass Intention: Joseph Dereskavich</p> |

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today’s first reading, the Apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and able to preach in different tongues of the mighty acts of God. In the second reading, Paul teaches that there are many parts and different gifts, yet one body and one Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the disciples who are hiding in fear. He offers peace, breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, and sends them to forgive sins. Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving birth to the Church. The Spirit always gives. The Spirit not only gives but renews life as well. Like the disciples, we are continuously renewed by the Spirit for service in Jesus’ name.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

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| <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 Contemplation on Veni Sancte Spiritus by Charles Callahan (1951-2023) The postlude is Fugue sur l’Hymne Ave Maris Stella by Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Sam Lazarchick.</p> |
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Mary Helen Rehatchek, 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 Lazarchick, TJ Dombrowski, Mildred Ceci, Esther Paisley, Dean Campbell, George Koval

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

George Woodward Sam Lazarchick John P. McTiernan

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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| <p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp Special Intention of Massimiliano Longo Crucifix Candle In Memory of Ann Pervada</p> | <p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp In Loving Memory of Suzanne Hurst Blessed Virgin Mary In Loving Memory of my mother Mary Sniscak Sacred Heart Special Intention</p> |
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

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| <p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS ENDED FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR</p> <hr/> <p>The children from our parish received their First Holy Communion two weeks ago. We ask you to continue 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>The following children received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11th. Please keep them in your prayers.</p> <p>McKenna Nicole Gill, John Anthony Cambra IV, Jude Patrick Ruffner, Chase Anthony Lebby, Sienna Loren Napoli, Connor Joseph Faenza, Braeden Nicholas Barkus, Seraphina Grace Foster</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
Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

5/26 ~ Parish Utilities 6/2 ~ Parish Facility Fund 6/16 ~ Father's Day

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

| This Week | |
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| Sunday | 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 |
| Monday | 6:00PM Pierogi Making (peel/cook potatoes and make filling) in St. Richard Parish Hall |
| Tuesday | 6:00PM Pierogi Making (dough rolling and filling pierogi pockets) in St. Richard Parish Hall |
| Thursday | 11:00AM Church cleaning at St. John XXIII – anyone is welcome to help – many hands make light work 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal |
| Upcoming Events | |
| May 26 | Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass |
| May 27 | Memorial Day – 8:00AM Memorial Day Mass at St. John XXIII – both parish offices closed |
| May 29 | 6:00PM 75th Anniversary Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall |

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

St. John XXIII Cash Bingo is today! It will be held 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 or at the door starting at noon today.

TODAY MARKS THE END OF THE EASTER SEASON

Today is the fiftieth day of Easter, otherwise known as Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost officially ends the Easter season, but before we go full force into Ordinary Time, there are two solemnities on the following two Sundays: The Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday) on May 26th and The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 2nd. Today we will be singing the same dismissal that we did on Easter Sunday, which can be found on **page 165** in the hymnal.

FINAL WEEKEND FOR THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pentecost brings our Easter Season to a close, so this is the final weekend of us saying The Apostles' Creed at Mass. It can be found on **page 149** in the hymnal. Starting next week, we will go back to saying the Nicene Creed.

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION - JUNE 2 - 8:30AM MASS

On Sunday, June 2nd after the 8:30AM Mass, all 2024 graduates (grade school/high school/college) are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee and doughnuts compliments of the Holy Name Society. Everyone is invited to attend!

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2024 *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Your gift will allow our Diocese to meet the many and varied needs of people in our community. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

As previously announced, Richard's office Administrator email had been compromised. This issue has been resolved, however **DO NOT USE, OPEN OR REPLY** to the "frontiernet.net" email address. 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 **ONLY** use these new emails going forward.

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.

IT'S LOTTERY TIME AT ST. RICHARD!

We have sent the lottery ticket for the months of June and July. One ticket (back-to-back) cost \$10.00. This is for the two months. We hope you can purchase these two tickets or even help us sell some. Every five tickets you sell you will receive a free one! Contact Joann or Stanley at 570-640-1034 to become a seller. If you are unable to purchase the lottery tickets, please return them in the collection basket, the secured boxed marked "Fundraising" on the porch, or through the mail.

The **return deadline** for the June Lottery is May 30th. Good Luck to everyone!

AUTOMATED ELECTONIC DEFIBRILLATOR

Back in February, we were blessed to have this important piece of medical equipment donated to our parish and community. The device is portable and diagnoses life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias and can treat them through defibrillation, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm. We are in the process of finalizing a training seminar by a medical professional. The office has received a few volunteers for the training, however spacing is limited and there are still spots available. If you are interested in the training seminar, please contact the St. Richard Parish Office. Details will be posted as they become available.

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.

