

# Welcome

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

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

*June 16, 2024*

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Church of St. John XXIII**

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**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursaday ~ 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 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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p><b>Saturday, June 15</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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials                   Mass Intention: Mr. &amp; Mrs. Martin Kovich</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 16</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials                   Mass Intention: Father’s Day Memorials</p>
<p><b>Monday, June 17</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Michael Bubel Jr.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 18</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Ann Peverada</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 19</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Tina and Robert Demko</p>
<p><b>Thursday, June 20</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Helen and Frank Homcha</p>
<p><b>Friday, June 21</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this date)</i></p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, June 22</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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Charlie Odorizzi                   Mass Intention: Tokash and Pancheri Families</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 23</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Franklin Rother                   Mass Intention: James Coogan</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Ezekiel speaks for the Lord God, saying he will plant a majestic cedar on the mountain of Israel. Paul writes that we walk by faith, not by sight, and we must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus likens the kingdom of God to a man who scatters seed and harvests it when it is ripe, and also compares the kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into a large plant. Jesus uses the images of the sower and the mustard seed to explain the kingdom of God. Although seemingly small or insignificant, these examples demonstrate that great things can happen through the work of God. The kingdom must grow to become like Ezekiel’s lofty cedar tree, which is full of the fruits of the kingdom. All our efforts in building the kingdom, even if they seem small, will be blessed by God.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 23:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107: 23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

<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 Mass of Spirit and Grace</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204</p> <p>The prelude is <b>Reflection on Faith of Our Fathers</b> by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)                  The postlude is <b>The Heavens Are Telling</b> by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)</p> <p>The altar flowers are given in honor of all fathers, both living and deceased.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

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, Esther Paisley, Dean Campbell, George Koval, Ann Palmer, Joan Manos, April Brown / Jennifer DiSante, Mary Sloboda, Christine Knox

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

Elizabeth Murphy

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Honor of All Living and Deceased Fathers <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Deceased Members of the Longhi Family</p>	<p><b>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Loving Memory of my parents Marty and Mary Yanacek <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention</p>
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## YOUTH FORMATION

**Childres' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule**

<p><b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS ENDED FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR</b></p> <hr/> <p>We wish the very best to all the graduates and we hope that all students have an enjoyable summer break.</p>	<p><b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024</b> <b>Religious Education has ended for this academic year.</b> Everyone have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!</p> <p><b>SCOUT MEETINGS</b> <b>Cub Scout Closing Ceremony</b> Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. <b>Cub/Boy Scouts</b> – Scout meetings have concluded for the summer.</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 Father's Day.

**Upcoming collections are...**

6/23 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR /Parish Cemeteries: SJ      6/30 ~ Holy Father – Peter's Pence

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

This Week	
Sunday	Tamaqua Summerfest Festival/Train Rides 10:00AM until 4:00PM on West Broad and South Railroad Streets
Thursday	11:00AM Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at the Tamaqua Train Station – lunch will follow the meeting
Upcoming Events	
June 23	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
June 24-30	No Daily Masses this week – Fr. Finlan away (Saturday & Sunday Mass schedules remain the same)
June 24	6:00PM Pierogi Making (peel/cook potatoes and make filling) in St. Richard Parish Hall
June 25	6:00PM Pierogi Making (dough rolling and filling pierogi pockets) in St. Richard Parish Hall
July 1-5	No Daily Masses this week – Fr. Finlan away
July 4	Independence Day – both parish offices closed

### 10th ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP & DINNER

The 10th Anniversary of the founding of St. John XXIII Parish is fast approaching. To celebrate this occasion, on Sunday, July 14, 2024, Bishop Schlert will celebrate Mass at St. John XXIII at 10:30AM (there will be no 8:30AM Mass that day). Immediately following Mass there will be a parish dinner at LaDolce Casa-DiMaggios. Through the generosity of several sponsors, we are able to keep the cost of this three-course dinner at only \$25/person. Children ten years of age and under are \$15/child. Tickets are on sale now before and after Masses in the St. John XXIII Family Room and at the Parish Office. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

### FATHER'S DAY LOTTERY DRAWING – \$1,000 PRIZE

**Today is the final day to purchase a ticket to win the \$1,000 prize!** Tickets are on sale in the St. John XXIII Family Room before and after weekend Masses. Match the PA State Lottery Pick 4 Daily Number (EVENING drawing - 7:00PM) on Sunday, June 16, 2024, and **win \$1,000.00!** Straight only/no wild ball. Ticket cost is \$3.00 with ten chances (numbers) per ticket.

### THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN ENDS TODAY

The Baby Bottle Campaign that started on Mother's Day ends this weekend. There is a basket in the Narthex near the bulletin table for you to return your bottles. Thank you for your participation, it is greatly appreciated.

### BE PART OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Anyone is welcome to be part of this committee. Please speak to Danny Reigel (570-527-5973) or call Lisa Frederick in the Parish Office (570-225-7410) and they will put you on the list to be notified of the next Cemetery Committee Meeting.

### A WORD OF THANKS

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Danny Reigel and his team of dedicated workers who have worked so hard over the past few weeks to beautify the grounds around our church. We are also grateful for the six new planters which were donated and placed alongside the church.

### ST. JOHN PARISH CHOIR ON SUMMER BREAK

There will be no regularly scheduled Thursday evening choir rehearsals until September (except one in July to prepare for the Bishop's Mass). Also, the Monday and Tuesday morning Masses will be without music for the summer as well.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

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

### ST. RICHARD LOTTERY CALENDARS

And we're off...the first set of winners are listed below. Once again thank you to everyone who purchased our Lottery Calendars so far. Remember you are still able to purchase July tickets until June 27th. **Please note that if a ticket has not been returned and recorded and the number comes up, the winnings will not be awarded.** Contact Joann 570-640-1034 with any questions or to become a seller. GOOD LUCK!

#### JUNE 2024 LOTTERY WINNERS

**06/01** #506, Jamie Tomasko, \$50  
**06/02** #163, Mary Ann Gormas, \$25  
**06/03** #230, No Winner, \$25  
**06/04** #846, No Winner, \$25  
**06/05** #941, No Winner, \$25  
**06/06** #521, No Winner, \$25  
**06/07** #505, No Winner, \$25  
**06/08** #830, No Winner, \$50

### 75th ANNIVERSARY AT ST. RICHARD

Next year, we will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary. In preparation for this milestone event, we are asking if anyone would like to share any pictures, books, articles, please do so! The pictures/articles will be scanned, and the original returned to you. Please consider sharing your memories with us! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### 20th ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

We have been making pierogi in preparation for our annual food festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please meet us in the Parish Hall at 6:00PM on June 24th & 25th. More dates may be added later. Any questions, please contact Erica Stoyer @ 570-778-4029.

### "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Boscov's annual event shopping passes are early this year! They are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the small table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope provided.

### 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.

### BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org) or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443. Thank you to all those who have already contributed!

