

Welcome

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

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

August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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
victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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, August 3 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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of my husband Bill O'Brien</p>
<p>Sunday, August 4 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Gary Nothstein Mass Intention: Olivia and Elijah</p>
<p>Monday, August 5 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: David Sweeney</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 6 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>The Transfiguration of the Lord Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 7 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Gloria A. Berdanier</p>
<p>Thursday, August 8 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>St. Dominic, Priest Mass Intention: Kenneth Adam</p>
<p>Friday, August 9 <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, August 10 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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael Mazur Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Members of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Sunday, August 11 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mark T. Boyle and Joe Leskosky Mass Intention: sister Josita Karnish</p>

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, God feeds his people bread from heaven to sustain them in the desert. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to put on their new selves in Christ. In the Gospel, a few verses after feeding the crowd loaves and fishes, Jesus shares God's offer of true bread that endures for eternal life, that is, Jesus himself. The people expected, and trusted, that God would provide for their every need ... except when they didn't. The Lord expected that his people would obey his commands and follow his guidance ... except they often didn't. Notice who fails in this relationship: it's not God! God provided daily bread to sustain them in the desert. He provides for us the true bread of life – Jesus – to sustain us for eternity. The Lord never fails us, providing for our every need.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Mass of Spirit and Grace 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 Jesus Christ Our Blessed Savior from Enchiridion (1524) arranged by David N. Johnson (1922-1987) The postlude is Allegro from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Linda Agosti.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Jennifer DiSante, Mary Sloboda, Margaret Kufrovich, Therese Ristilla / Lou Ann Knittle, Elizabeth Tarutis, Diane Cavanaugh, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Andrew Eremus, Mary Helen Rehatchek, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Bill Savage, Linda Yulanavage, David Rickert, Craig Goida / Charlie Houser, Shelley Lazarchick, Helen Grier, Barb Houser

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

David Bickleman

Linda Agosti

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Gary Nothstein

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of David Sweeney

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Fr. Francis Baransky

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Francis

In Memory of Francis "Buddy" Trackim

YOUTH FORMATION

Childres' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS ENDED
FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Heisler's Altar Server's Night Out

Thursday, August 8 at 6:00PM

(Rain Date: August 22)

Youth Registration Information

Please return the registration form along with payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation". Envelopes can be placed in the offering basket.

St. Richard
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP Teachers Needed

Every other Sunday (September 2024 - May 2025)
Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub/Boy Scouts – Scout meetings have concluded for the summer.

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 Parish Facility Fund

Upcoming collections are...

8/11 ~ Parish Utilities

8/15 ~ Assumption of Mary

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Defibrillator training immediately after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Monday	6:30PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
Thursday	7:30PM Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
August 11	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
August 13	7:00PM Fundraising Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule – 8:00AM at St. Richard / 7:00PM at St. John XXIII
August 25	Back to School Blessing at St. Richard after 10:30AM Mass
August 28	Free lunch – noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Cafe Food Truck

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to the cleaning team who cleaned our church this past Thursday and also thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Community Café Food Truck this past Wednesday. About 100 people came for a free lunch and several enjoyed their meal in our Parish Hall. The food truck will be back in Tamaqua in our parking lot on Wednesday, August 28th. Mark your calendars and plan to lunch with us!

AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

There is one training session left. It is scheduled for today **Sunday, August 4th after the 8:30AM Mass**. The training is in the Parish Hall and is approximately an hour and a half and includes the basics of CPR.

MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul invites all current members of our parish SVdP conference to attend Mass at St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley (Summit Hill) on Sunday, **September 29th at 12:30PM**. There will be a “Meet and Greet” with refreshments following the Mass. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Rose Marie Hechler 570-386-2249.

“GODSPELL” COMES TO TAMAQUA

“Godspell” (*the rock opera from the 1970s*) is coming to Tamaqua on **Sunday, August 18th**. Sing for America, a semi-professional theatrical group from the Lehigh Valley, performs the musical beginning at **6:00PM** at Trinity United Church of Christ, which is located at located at the corner of Washington and Lafayette Streets in Tamaqua. “Godspell” is a series of a parables, most of which are based on the Gospel of Matthew; three of the parables featured are only in the Gospel of Luke. Memorable songs from the production include “Day By Day,” “All Good Gifts,” and “By My Side.” The performance is sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association and the Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAFFN). **Admission is free** and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken. A fellowship time with refreshments follows the performance.

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.

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.

ST. RICHARD LOTTERY CALENDARS

Please note that if a ticket has not been returned **and** recorded **and** the number comes up, the winnings will not be awarded. Questions, contact Joann 570-640-1034.

JULY 2024 LOTTERY WINNERS

07/21 - #066, Colleen Babinsky, \$50
07/22 - #4650, Chelsea Valentine, \$25
07/23 - #544, Kim Rupert, \$25
07/24 - #430, Marty Finlan, \$25
07/25 - #410, No Winner, \$25
07/26 - #146, No Winner, \$25
07/27 - #7916, No winner, \$50

COOKS WITH COLLARS 2024

Fr. Finlan would like to thank all those who donated to the Diocesan Cooks with Collars 2024 fundraiser. As a parish here at St. Richard, we raised \$1,693! As with all our fundraisers, the money will go to necessary maintenance for the parish and replace outdated equipment.

CATECHISTS NEEDED AT ST. RICHARD

CCD/PREP children are in need of catechist's (teachers) for the upcoming 24/25 year! It is every other Sunday between September and May On the job training and all clearances/trainings are provided by the diocese, no cost to you! If interested, please contact Krissy at 732-687-0433.

SAINT JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL JOB OPENING

Position: Full Time Facility Custodian/Maintenance Worker
Reporting Functions: Reports to Principal/Pastor and/or Principal/Pastors designee

Job Function: Responsible for performing custodial duties, minor maintenance, and other miscellaneous duties to ensure that school buildings and facilities have a pleasant and presentable appearance and are maintained in a healthy, safe, and sanitary manner for students, staff, and the public. For more information and the application, please see the school website: www.sjrschool.com/about/employment.

MY HEART, PILGRIMAGE TO THE HEART OF JESUS

The 1st Local Diocesan Pilgrimage, will be held on **Friday, September 20, 2024**, at The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. All the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown are invited! No registration is required. The Pilgrimage Includes: Mass with Bishop Schlert, Confession/Adoration, keynote address by Megan Murphy, time for personal prayer, explore everything the Centre has to offer, interactive activities and Eucharistic Procession. If you have questions about the Pilgrimage, please email pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

