

Welcome

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

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

August 11, 2024

Nineteenth 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



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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
victimsassistance@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.

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| <p>Saturday, August 10 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Vigil to the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Michael Mazur</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p> |
| <p>Sunday, August 11 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Mark T. Boyle and Joe Leskosky</p> <p>Mass Intention: Sister Josita Karnish</p> |
| <p>Monday, August 12 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p> | <p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Thomas and Sara Gallagher</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, August 13 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p> | <p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Rich Campbell</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, August 14 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p> | <p>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</p> <p>Mass Intention: Thomas Holt Jr.</p> |
| <p>Thursday, August 15 8:00AM Mass: SR</p> <p>7:00PM Mass: SJ</p> | <p>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)</p> <p>Mass Intention: Blessings upon our Parish</p> <p>Mass Intention: Leonard Zoba Jr.</p> |
| <p>Friday, August 16 <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p> | <p>Weekday</p> |
| <p>Saturday, August 17 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Vigil to the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Russell and Anne Valenti</p> <p>Mass Intention: Paul and Frances Yurick Sr.</p> |
| <p>Sunday, August 18 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p> | <p>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p> <p>Mass Intention: John J. Cavanaugh</p> |

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Elijah prays for death but is instead awakened by an angel of the Lord who commands him to eat and drink before traveling to the Lord’s mountain, Horeb. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to imitate God and treat each other lovingly. Jesus responds to the murmurings of the crowd reaffirming his claim that he is the living bread, come down from heaven, source of eternal life. In the Eucharist, the Lord has given us a great gift: his whole self – body, blood, soul, and divinity. This can be challenging to accept since our eyes see what looks like bread. But those who see and receive this gift with the eyes of faith, trusting in the Lord’s words that he is the bread of life, can rejoice in his promise of eternal life.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18: Prv 9: 1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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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 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 Enter His Courts With Praise by Shirley Porter (1928-2017) The postlude is Fanfare on Now Thank We All Our God by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Mary Anderson.</p> |
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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, Magnolia Pavlovich, Fran Golder, Marie Cara, John Crammond

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

Mary Anderson

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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| <p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Kathryn Rottet and George T. Eckert Crucifix Candle In Memory of Charlie Odorizzi</p> | <p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Ray Sirois Sacred Heart Special Intention</p> |
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childres' 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>Heisler's Altar Server's Night Out Because of the rain this past Thursday, we have postponed our Heisler's Night Out until Thursday, August 22. It will still be at 6:00PM. <i>(A Flocknote text/email message with all the pertinent information has been sent.)</i></p> <p>Youth Registration Information Please return the PREP registration form along with payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation". Envelopes can be placed in the offering basket during Mass, mailed in, or brought in to the Parish Office during regular business hours.</p> | <p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is now open. Those previously registered should have received an email. If you need registration information, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.</p> <p>Return forms & payment in the collection basket or the secure box on the rectory porch.</p> <p>CCD/PREP Teachers Needed Every other Sunday (September 2024 - May 2025) Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub/Boy Scouts – Scout meetings will resume soon. Please refer to the bulletin for more information as it becomes available.</p> |
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ADULT FORMATION

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| <p>Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Utilities

Upcoming collections are...

8/15 ~ Assumption of Mary

8/18 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

| This Week | |
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| Sunday | Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass |
| Tuesday | REMINDER: 7:00PM Fundraising Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall – new members welcome |
| Thursday | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule – 8:00AM at St. Richard / 7:00PM at St. John XXIII |
| Saturday | 9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620 |
| Upcoming Events | |
| 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 |
| September 3 | 6:30PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome |

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Karpyn who is the guest Celebrant at both Saturday Masses this weekend.

FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

We just received a check for \$931.33 from Boyer's Food Market! This represents the six-month period from January 1 thru June 30. THANK YOU to everyone for participating! It's so easy! Just have the cashier scan your fob at checkout, and if entitled, you can still get your senior discount on Tuesdays. If anyone needs a fob, or wants to share one with friends or family, there is a supply of them in both our Family Room off the Narthex and the also on the table in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!

THE SECOND COMMUNION HYMN TODAY

The choir will sing "Taste and See" by James E. Morre, Jr. Please feel free to join in the singing of this beautiful hymn.

Refrain Taste and see, taste, and see the goodness of the Lord.

V1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me. **V2:** Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. **V3:** Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that God is good; in God we need put all our trust.

"GODSPELL" COMES TO TAMAQUA

"Godspell" (*the rock opera from the 1970s*) is coming to Tamaqua next **Sunday, August 18th**. Sing for America, a semi-professional theatrical group from the Lehigh Valley, will perform 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. The performance is sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association and the Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAFNN). **Admission is free** and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken. A fellowship time with refreshments follows the performance.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEMBER MASS

St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley (Summit Hill) on Sunday, **September 29th** at **12:30PM**. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Rose Marie Hechler 570-386-2249.

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.

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.

LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners and THANK YOU to all who supported our June and July Lottery Calendars.

Final July 2024 Lottery Winners

07/28 - #633, Ashley McLaughlin, \$50

07/29 - #516, No Winner, \$25

07/30 - #948, Pedro Murphy, \$25

07/31 - #301, No Winner, \$25

ANOTHER FOOD FESTIVAL IS "IN THE BOOKS"

St. Richard would like to express a sincere **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered, donated, and patronized our 20th Annual Food Festival! Our parish could not have done it without our parishioners, the volunteers, business sponsors and our community. God Bless every one of you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to "123 Cafe" in Mahanoy City for sponsoring our multi-chance drawings for this year's Festival!

We also ask for your patience - additional advertisements and the remaining bills are still coming into the office.

HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us on **Sunday, September 8th** from 12:00PM-3:00PM. Dine in or take out. Cost is \$15 per dinner. The dinner envelopes are currently in the vestibule for pickup. Please return the dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by September 1st. Any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

2024-2025 CCD/PREP

CCD/PREP Registration is now open. This is for grades 1-8. Those who have been previously registered should have received an email from Krissy Wonsock. If you need registration information, please reach out to Krissy at 732-687-0433. Paper copies are available in the vestibule starting this weekend. Please return registration form and payment (*made payable to: "St. Richard Church"*) in the collection basket or the secure box on the rectory porch.

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

The Back to School Blessing is scheduled for **Sunday, August 25th**. We present each child with a back to school goodie bag. Donations are appreciated! We could use Huggie drinks, individual bags of goldfish snacks, individual candy, pencils, erasers, glue sticks or you could make a monetary donation. Please contact Krissy Wonsock with questions or donations. Thank you as always for your support and generosity!

SAINT JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL JOB OPENING

Position: Full Time Facility Custodian/Maintenance Worker
For duties 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.

