

# Welcome

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

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

*August 18, 2024*  
*Twentieth 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**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

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**Facebook:** Church of St Richard

### **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  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

#### **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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p><b>Saturday, August 17</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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Russell and Anne Valentini                   Mass Intention: Paul and Frances Yurick Sr.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, August 18</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes                   Mass Intention: John J. Cavanaugh</p>
<p><b>Monday, August 19</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Joseph Romano</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, August 20</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p><b>St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</b>                  Mass Intention: Peter Krizin</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, August 21</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p><b>St. Pius X, Pope</b>                  Mass Intention: Mildred Ceci</p>
<p><b>Thursday, August 22</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                  Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan Sr. And Daniel F. Guinan Jr.</p>
<p><b>Friday, August 23</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, August 24</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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Mary Buduski                   Mass Intention: Anthony, Estelle, Tony, and Stephen Derlunas</p>
<p><b>Sunday, August 25</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Michael Hosak                   Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Wisdom has built her house, set her table, and invited those who lack understanding to come and dine. In the second reading, Paul advises the Ephesians to live carefully and wisely. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that he is the living bread come down from heaven and that all who eat his flesh and drink his blood will have eternal life. Jesus preaches that those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain in him and he in them. It is through our participation in the Eucharist that we are united most intimately to Christ. We need to eat to sustain our bodily life. We need to consume the bread of life to sustain our spiritual life with Christ. The Eucharist is essential to life in Christ.

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 25:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

<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>Arioso</b> by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)                  The postlude is <b>Fanfare on Hail Holy Queen</b> by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in honor of Angie Petit-Frere and Matt Moyer who were married in our church on Saturday.</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, Debbie Delp, Angel Donovan

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

Randy Nicolosi

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Michael Bright <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Leona Marcovich &amp; Linda Strmensky</p>	<p><b>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp</b> Deceased Members of Nolan &amp; McElhenny Families <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention <b>Sacred Heart</b> Good Health &amp; Healing for Roy Paisley and Peace &amp; Prayers for Ann</p>
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## YOUTH FORMATION

### Children's 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><b>Heisler's Altar Server's Night Out</b> Heisler's Night Out is this Thursday, August 22 at 6:00PM. <i>(A Flocknote text/email message with all the pertinent information has been sent.)</i></p> <p><b>Youth Registration Information</b> 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 into the Parish Office during regular business hours.</p>	<p><b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</b></p> <p><b>2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is now open.</b> Need registration information or have questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433. Registration forms also available in the vestibule.</p> <p>Return form &amp; payment in the collection basket or the secure box on the rectory porch.</p> <p><b>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> <b>Cub/Boy Scouts</b> – Scout meetings will resume soon. Please refer to the bulletin for more information as it becomes available.</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 the Stained-Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ

### Upcoming collections are...

8/25 ~ Mission Cooperation

9/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund

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

This Week	
Sunday	“Godspell” musical – 6:00PM – Trinity UCC Church in Tamaqua – more information on the flyer or below
Upcoming Events	
August 25	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass Back to School Blessing at St. Richard after the 10:30AM Mass
August 28	Free lunch - noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Cafe Food Truck
September 2	Labor Day National Holiday – both Parish Offices closed today
September 3	6:30PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members always welcome
September 8	12:00PM until 3:00PM – Halupki Dinner – St. Richard Parish Hall – dine in or take out
September 14	1:00PM Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion – St. Jerome (New) Cemetery, 501 Jerome Street, Tamaqua
September 16	6:00PM BWAC Mass with Bishop Schlert – at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Mahanoy City

### FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pampered Chef fundraiser – we met our goal! Orders for the Kowalonek’s Kielbasy fundraiser are due on September 6th. Blank order forms are still available in the Family Room. Tickets for our “Giant Bucks” Lottery Drawing are available before and after Mass in the Family Room. Our next Fundraiser Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!

### BOYER’S KEY FOB PROGRAM AT ST. JOHN XXIII

We received a check for \$931.33 from Boyer’s Food Market! 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 St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

### “GODSPELL” COMES TO TAMAQUA

“Godspell” (*the musical from the 1970s*) is coming to Tamaqua this **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 (TAFFN). **Admission is free** and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken. A fellowship time with refreshments follows the performance.

### MY HEART PILGRIMAGE TO THE HEART OF JESUS

The Diocesan Pilgrimage will be held on **Friday, September 20th**, at The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. All the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown are invited! No registration is required. If you have questions about the Pilgrimage, please email [pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org)

### 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 once again to all the winners and THANK YOU to all who supported our lottery fundraiser. Our profit for the lottery was \$4,102!

### ANNUAL FOOD FEST UPDATE

Well, our annual festival is now officially over, and this year’s recorded profit was \$10,688! Thank you again to everyone who made our 20th parish festival a HUGE success and do not forget to patronize our business sponsors. God bless and hope to see you all next year!

#### Food Festival Drawing Winners - Congratulations!

First prize \$200 (#3475) – James Kristoff  
Second prize \$150 (#3919) – Mr. & Mrs. Ryan  
Third prize \$100 (#1353) – Jean Ann Ridall  
Fourth prize \$50 (#1644) – Karen Chilinskas  
Fifth prize \$50 (#3803) – Terry Purcell

### BOYER’S KEY FOB PROGRAM AT ST. RICHARD

We just received a rebate from Boyer’s Food Markets totaling \$105.96! Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It is an easy way to earn money for our parish. If anyone would like a key fob, they are located at both entrances of the church.

### BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

The Back to School Blessing is scheduled for **next Sunday, August 25th**. We present each child with a back to school goodie bag. Donations are appreciated! Please contact Krissy with questions or donations. Thank you as always for your support and generosity!

### HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

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. If you need registration information or have questions, please contact Krissy at 732-687-0433. Paper copies are currently in the vestibule. Please return registration form and payment (*made payable to: “St. Richard Church”*) in the collection basket or the secure box on the rectory porch.

### “FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS” AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco’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.



