

Welcome

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

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

August 25, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursdays ~ 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

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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.

<p>Saturday, August 24 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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Buduski</p> <p>Mass Intention: Anthony, Estelle, Tony, and Stephen Derlunas</p>
<p>Sunday, August 25 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael Hosak</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p>Monday, August 26 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Ronald Rokita</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 27 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>St. Monica Mass Intention: Paul and Mary Dirnberger</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 28 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Fr. Finlan on his 30th Ordination Anniversary</p>
<p>Thursday, August 29 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Passion of St. John the Baptist Mass Intention: Thomas LaKata</p>
<p>Friday, August 30 <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, August 31 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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Terance Love</p> <p>Mass Intention: Gloria Berdanier</p>
<p>Sunday, September 1 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael Bubel Jr.</p> <p>Mass Intention: Joseph Pucklavage</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Joshua calls upon Israel to commit to serve God above all other gods. In the second reading, Paul uses marital imagery to teach about Christ’s love for his Church. In the Gospel, some disciples find Jesus’ teaching about the bread of life too difficult to accept. Peter trusts Jesus and commits to continue following him. It can be challenging to be people of faith. Accepting and understanding the magnitude of the Lord’s love for us, including the mystery of Jesus handing himself over for us, may be difficult at times. But faith is a gift, so although we may struggle, we can trust God to grant us the grace we need to commit to serving him and following his Son.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 1: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

<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 for the Saturday 3:30PM Mass is Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) The prelude for the Sunday 8:30AM Mass is I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light by Kathleen Thomerson (b.1934) The postlude is Finale from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Randy Nicolosi.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Jennifer DiSante, Mary Sloboda, 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, Maria O'Boyle, Stanley Kozlowski, Marie Kalpinsky

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

Margaret Kufrovich

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Michael Hosak Crucifix Candle In Memory of Paul and Mary Dirnberger</p>	<p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childres' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS ENDED FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR</p> <hr/> <p>Sacramental Prep Informational Meeting Sunday August 25th after the 8:30AM Mass in the Parish Hall.</p> <p>All classes begin on Sunday, September 8th</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 into 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. Registration information or questions, contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.</p> <p>Registration forms available in the vestibule. Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure box on the rectory porch.</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES: Grades 1-4; Sunday, September 8th at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, September 15th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, September 29th at 9:00AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub/Boy Scouts – Scout meetings are being planned. 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 Mission Cooperation (Mission Co-Op)

Upcoming collections are...

9/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund

9/8 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass Back to School Blessing at St. Richard after the 10:30AM Mass
Wednesday	Free lunch-noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck
Upcoming Events	
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 5	8:30AM church cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work, come, and help out
September 8	12:00PM until 3:00PM – Halupki Dinner – St. Richard Parish Hall – dine in or take out
September 9	7:00PM St. John XXIII Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
September 10	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall – new members and ideas welcome
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 7:00PM St. Richard Pastoral Council Meeting in the Meeting Room

SPECIAL PRELUDE MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

Two of our parish youth will be playing the piano for prelude at both Masses this weekend. Nathaniel Grimminger, age 12, will play “Pachelbel’s Canon in D” at the Saturday 3:30PM Mass and Brayden Slane, age 10, will play “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” at the Sunday 8:30AM Mass. Both are currently taking piano lessons. If any other children (or even adults) who play the piano want to play a prelude before Mass, just speak with our Director of Music. Thank you, Nathaniel and Brayden, for sharing your musical talent with us today!

FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

Orders for our Kowalonek’s Kielbasy fundraiser are due on Friday, September 6th. Blank order forms are still available in the Family Room. The orders must be picked here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on Saturday, September 14th between 4:30PM and 6:30PM. Tickets for our “Giant Bucks” Lottery Drawing are available before and after Mass in the Family Room. The drawing of the lucky winner will be held on Sunday, October 6th during our Parish Anniversary Brunch that will be held after the 8:30AM Mass that day. More details on the Parish Brunch will be forthcoming. Our next Fundraiser Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

FREE LUNCH THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th

Don’t forget that the Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck will be with us again this **Wednesday, August 28th**. The Parish Hall will be open, so you can eat your lunch here or take it “to-go.” Additional flyers for this event (*like the one everyone received as an insert in last week’s bulletin*) are in the Family Room, please give the flyer to anyone who you know who might appreciate a free lunch. All are welcome! No advance registration needed! No income requirements!

THE LOST & FOUND AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The “Lost & Found” shelf in the Family Room is getting full again with umbrellas, earrings, and kids toys that were all left in the pews. If any of these items are yours, please take them.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

The Back to School Blessing is **this Sunday, August 25th**.

HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD-PLEASE NOTE

The dinner is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th from 12:00PM-3:00PM**, Dine-In or Take Out and \$15 per dinner. The remaining envelopes have been mailed. **Please disregard “Saturday” on the printed ticket.** Sorry for any confusion. 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.

BOYER’S KEY FOB PROGRAM AT ST. RICHARD

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 or to give to their family and friends, they are located at both entrances of the church.

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

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.

