

# Welcome

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

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

*September 1, 2024*

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

<p><b>Saturday, August 31</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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Terance Love                   Mass Intention: Gloria Berdanier</p>
<p><b>Sunday, September 1</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Michael Bubel Jr.                   Mass Intention: Joseph Pucklavage</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 2</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: All the People who Labor and Work around the World</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, September 3</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p><b>St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</b>                  Mass Intention: Carmen Castagna</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, September 4</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p><b>Thursday, September 5</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Mary Keiler</p>
<p><b>Friday, September 6</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, September 7</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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Sandra McGlinchey                   Mass Intention: Blessings for Stanley and Joann                  on their 28th Wedding Anniversary</p>
<p><b>Sunday, September 8</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Marilyn Mauriello                   Mass Intention: In Memory of my parents John and Pamela McTiernan</p>

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Moses exhorts the Israelites to listen to and observe the commandments of the Lord. The Apostle James calls upon his fellow Christians to humbly receive and practice God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus accuses the Pharisees of observing human religious traditions yet failing to obey God's commands. He then teaches the people that it is the thoughts and actions born in the human heart that defile. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we can get caught up in our traditions, questioning and arguing with those who do things differently or want to change our ways. Jesus offers a reminder to not lose sight of what is truly important: obeying God's commandments and keeping our hearts and actions pure.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 8:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

<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>Sonatina in C Major</b> by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)                  The postlude is <b>Ora Labora – Come Labor On</b> by T. Tertius Nobel (1867-1953)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Scott Ferryman, Patrick Ferryman, and Samuel S. Lazarchick.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

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 / Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfesler Family

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

Margaret Kufrovich

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b> <b>Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of Michael Bubel Jr. <b>Crucifix Candle</b> Special Intention of Monte LaForte</p>	<p><b>St. Richard</b> <b>Sanctuary Lamp</b> Margaret Kufrovich <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Special Intention <b>Sacred Heart</b> Special Intention</p>
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## YOUTH FORMATION

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

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b> <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</b></p> <hr/> <p>PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 8 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8</b> (Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting in the Conference Room)</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 15 – Family Mass &amp; Activities</b> <b>Grades 2-8</b> (More details to come next week...)</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 22 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8</b> (Kids Small Group Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)</p> <p><b>Youth Registration Information</b> If you have not already done so, please return the PREP registration form along with payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".</p>	<p><b>St. Richard</b> <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</b></p> <p><b>2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.</b> Registration information or questions, contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.</p> <p>Registration forms available in the vestibule. Return form &amp; payment in the collection basket or the secure box on the rectory porch.</p> <p><b>CCD/PREP CLASSES:</b> 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 *All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p><b>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS</b> <b>Cub/Boy Scouts</b> – 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 the Parish Facility Fund.

### Upcoming collections are...

9/8 ~ Parish Utilities

9/15 ~ St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

This Week	
Sunday	Immediately following the 8:30AM Mass – Rosary for Peace – by the outdoor statue of Mary in the parking lot
Monday	Labor Day - National Holiday - both Parish Offices closed today
Tuesday	6:30PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members always welcome
Thursday	8:30AM church cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work, come, and help out 7:30PM – Holy Name Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
September 8	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 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 – <b>CANCELLED</b> – See below 7:00PM St. Richard Pastoral Council Meeting in the Meeting Room

### ROSARY FOR PEACE IS THIS WEEKEND

Families and individuals are warmly invited to join in this intercessory prayer for peace after the dismissal of the Sunday 8:30AM Mass today, September 1st. Complimentary rosaries are available should you need one. Please bring a folding chair, or grab one from the Parish Hall, as we plan to pray the rosary outside by the statue of Mary (weather permitting).

### FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

Orders for our Kowalonek's Kielbasy fundraiser are due this 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 held this Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

### A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck this past Wednesday. We served a total of 246 cheesesteak lunches that day, which is a record for most meals served since the Community Café Food Truck program started a few months ago. The Community Café Food Truck will be back at St. John XXIII on Wednesday, September 25th. We could use a few more volunteers from the parish to assist. Details on how to help will be in next week's bulletin. Also, in addition to the record number of meals served, Bishop Schlert was here, cooking on the grill in the food truck for the duration of the lunch.

### THE LOST & FOUND AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The "Lost & Found" shelf in the Family Room is getting full again with umbrellas, a black hoodie, earrings, and kids toys that were all left in the pews. If any of these items are yours, please take them. Many items have been here for months. Please claim them or they will be donated or discarded.

### 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.

### HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD - UPDATE

The dinner is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th** from 12:00PM-3:00PM, Dine-In or Take Out and \$15 per dinner. **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.

#### Halupki Dinner Prep Schedule

**Wednesday, September 4th** - starting at 8:30AM:

Coring cabbage.

**Thursday, September 5th** - starting after 8:00AM Mass:

Making halupki.

**Saturday, September 7th** - starting at 8:30PM:

Icing/packaging cakes and packaging dinner rolls.

**Sunday, September 8th - (Day of Dinner):** 10:00AM

Volunteers needed for serving, the kitchen and setting up tables. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

### 2024-2025 CCD/PREP

CCD/PREP Registration is now open for Grades 1-8. If you need registration information or have any questions, please contact Krissy at 732-687-0433. Paper copies are 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.

### MASS RESCHEDULED

The *Because We Are Catholic* (BWAC) Mass with Bishop Schlert originally scheduled for Monday, September 16th has been **rescheduled** to Monday, October 28th at 6:00PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City.

### 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)

### 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.



