

# Welcome

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

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

*September 8, 2024*

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### **Church of St. John XXIII**

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**YouTube:** St John XXIII Catholic Church Tamaqua

### **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



### **Church of St. Richard**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

**Phone:** 570-467-2315 ~ **Fax:** 570-467-2462

**Email:** strichardadmin@ptd.net

**Website:** www.strichard.org

**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

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  
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, 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>
<p><b>Monday, September 9</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p><b>St. Peter Claver, Priest</b>                  Mass Intention: Edward Porambo</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, September 10</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SJ                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, September 11</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR                  8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR                  8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Members of St. Richard and                  St. John XXIII Parishes</p>
<p><b>Thursday, September 12</b>                  8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b>                  Mass Intention: Mike Konidas</p>
<p><b>Friday, September 13</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p><b>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, September 14</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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: George and Florence Polinsky                   Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of Pat Firkal</p>
<p><b>Sunday, September 15</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Leonard, Eva, and Leonard II                   Mass Intention: Thaddeus Oliva</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord, saying to the frightened to be strong and fear not! In the Letter from Saint James, we are encouraged to show no partiality because God chose the poor in the world to be heirs of the kingdom. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment and all are exceedingly astonished. God’s loving presence is with us always, just as Jesus was present to the man in the Gospel today. During the Mass, Jesus reaches out to touch each of us and offer his healing. May we always be granted an open heart and clear vision to see his loving presence among us.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Praise the Lord, my soul.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 15:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

<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 Renewal</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184</p> <p>The prelude is <b>Sonatina – Opus 55, No. 1</b> by Friedrich Kuhlau (1786-1832)                  The postlude is <b>Overture from Music for the Royal Fireworks</b> by George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in honor of Autumn Ankiewicz and John Burns who were married in our church this Saturday.</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, 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, Anna May Garber, Mike Davis

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

Helen Grier

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention of Lisa F.

### Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Edward Porambo

### St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

In Memory of my niece Jayme Ann Grimaldi

### St. Joseph

Special Intention

## YOUTH FORMATION

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

#### St. John XXIII

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS  
TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS  
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN  
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM

**Sunday, September 8 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8**  
(Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting in the Conference Room)

**Sunday, September 15 – Family Mass & Activities  
Grades 2-8**

**Sunday, September 22 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8**  
(Kids Small Group Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)

#### Youth Registration Information

If you have not already done so, please return the  
PREP registration form along with payment  
in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".

#### St. Richard

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

**2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.**  
Registration information or questions, contact Krissy  
Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure  
box on the rectory porch.

#### 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  
\*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

#### SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

**Cub/Boy Scouts** – Scout meetings are being planned.  
Please refer to the bulletin for more information as it becomes  
available.

## ADULT FORMATION

**October Adult Small Group:** Join us for some great discussions, valuable information, and socialization while we take a glimpse at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and explore some videos, which include speakers Bishop Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, and more. Five Tuesdays, beginning October 1st from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet is in the Family Room at St. John XXIII. This is open to parishioners of both parishes!

**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 Parish Utilities

### Upcoming collections are...

9/15 ~ St. Vincent de Paul Society

9/22 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

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

This Week	
Sunday	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
Monday	7:00PM St. John XXIII Pastoral Council Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall – new members and ideas welcome
Thursday	This is the final week of summer break for the choir – regular Thursday rehearsals resume next week
Saturday	1:00PM Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion – St. Jerome (New) Cemetery, 501 Jerome Street, Tamaqua 4:30PM-6:30PM pick-up of Kowalonek’s Kielbasy fundraiser orders in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Upcoming Events	
September 16	7:00PM St. Richard Pastoral Council Meeting in the Meeting Room
September 19	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
September 21	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
September 23 - October 4	No Daily Masses at either church – Fr. Finlan is away – Saturday & Sunday Mass schedules remain the same
October 6	Brunch catered by Basile’s in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after the 8:30AM Mass – more details on the flyer

### ST. JOHN PARISH 10th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Let’s bring together holiday, party, and traditional recipes and family favorites of parishioners from St. John XXIII and St. Richard into a cookbook to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. We welcome recipes from anyone outside of our parish as well. Submit as many recipes as you like. Submission forms are available in the Family Room at St. John XXIII and on our website under “Events” on the Home Page. Deadline for submission is January 1, 2025. Books can be pre-ordered after January 1st – cost will be determined by the amount of recipes received. Books will be available by March 1st. Proceeds benefit the Prayer Garden at St. Jerome Cemetery.

### ADULT SMALL GROUP IN OCTOBER

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### FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

Kowalonek’s Kielbasy fundraiser orders must be picked in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall this coming 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. Tickets for the brunch are also on sale in the Family Room. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Pampered Chef fundraiser a few weeks ago, it netted a profit of \$415.38.

### A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to the cleaning team who cleaned our church this past Thursday and also thank you to the parishioners who recently brought in baked goods and candy to share at our café.

### FOOD TRUCK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The diocesan food truck plans to be with us the last Wednesday of every month. If you are able to assist during these free lunch events at our church, your help would be most appreciated. More details will be in next week’s bulletin.

### 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

The dinner is **this SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th from 12:00PM-3:00PM**, Dine-In or Take-Out and \$15 per dinner. **Please disregard “Saturday” on the printed ticket.** Any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

#### Halupki Dinner Remaining Prep Schedule

**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.

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CCD/PREP Registration is 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)

### 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.

### 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.



