

Welcome

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

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

September 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth 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

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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p>Saturday, September 14 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: George and Florence Polinsky</p> <p>Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of Pat Firkal</p>
<p>Sunday, September 15 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Leonard, Eva, and Leonard II</p> <p>Mass Intention: Thaddeus Oliva</p>
<p>Monday, September 16 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Ss. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</p> <p>Mass Intention: Stan and Jackie Dick</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 17 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 18 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Bill Fazio</p>
<p>Thursday, September 19 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: John Dunleavy Sr.</p>
<p>Friday, September 20 <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p>Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs</p>
<p>Saturday, September 21 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Leo Davidovich Jr.</p> <p>Mass Intention: Alvin Fritz</p>
<p>Sunday, September 22 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Ann and Ben Davis</p> <p>Mass Intention: Mildred Ceci</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies of the servant of the Lord who has not turned his back on the Lord but has given his back to those who beat him, believing that the Lord is his help. In the second reading, James argues that faith without works is dead. In the Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples who they say he is. Peter answers, you are the Christ. Jesus then says that anyone who wishes to follow him must take up his cross. Today we hear the question that is at the center of the entire Gospel. Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him? We would do well to reflect on this question from time to time. Who do we say that Jesus is, and how do our actions demonstrate this belief?

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54: 3-4, 5, 6 & 8; Jas 3:16–4:3; Mk 9:30-37

<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 Renewal 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 Eucharistia – Meditation on a Plainsong Kyrie by G. Winston Cassler (1906-1990) The postlude is Give Thanks Unto God by Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Raymond Weicker, Jr.</p>

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...

Raymond Weicker, Jr.

Margaret Blickley

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention of Peter Krizin

Crucifix Candle

Special Intention of Demetra Toula Georgakopoulos

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Joseph

In Loving Memory of my husband Francis Trackim

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 15 – Family Mass & Activities
Grades 2-8**

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

Sunday, September 29 – No Youth Formation

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 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 the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Upcoming collections are...

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

9/29 ~ Churches of Latin America

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Monday	7:00PM St. Richard Pastoral Council Meeting in the Meeting Room
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
Upcoming Events	
September 22	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
September 23 - October 4	No Daily Masses at either church – Fr. Finlan is away – Saturday & Sunday Mass schedules remain the same
September 25	Free lunch; noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck
October 6	Brunch catered by Basile’s in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after the 8:30AM Mass – more details on the flyer

FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. JOHN XXIII

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. Tickets are \$25/adult and \$15/child under ten years old. See the brunch flyer for more information. The 25% off “Friends Helping Friends” Boscov’s shopping passes are also available for \$5 in the St. John XXIII Family Room.

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.

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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. Help is needed to keep the beverage/fruit/dessert table stocked and in the packaging of the food, not necessarily in the cooking of the food. We could also use someone to welcome visitors to the Parish Hall and direct them to the restrooms.

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.

ST. RICHARD DINNER FUNDRAISER

MANY THANKS to all our volunteers and all those who purchased our Halupki Dinner & 50/50 chances. The dinner profit was \$3,860 and CONGRATULATIONS to Renate Shaup for being the 50/50 winner of \$709!

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was mailed to all active parishioners of both parishes this past Friday, so you should expect to find it in your mailbox in the coming days. Please confirm that all your information is correct and make any changes or corrections if necessary. If there are no changes, please make a notation on the form “no changes” and return the form to the respective Parish Office.

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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 deanery bus from St. Ambrose Church in Schuylkill Haven for the Padre Pio pilgrimage has been canceled. If you are planning to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage, you will need to find alternative transportation.

“FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS” AT ST. RICHARD

Boscov’s annual event shopping passes are currently in the 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.

SAINT JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL

Come join the SJRS Family! We currently have job openings for the 2024-2025 school year. The positions that are available are P/T Cafeteria Worker, F/T Custodian Maintenance Worker, P/T Preschool Aide, and Substitute Teachers.

For more information and how to apply, please visit the school website: www.sjrschool.com/about/employment.

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.



