

Welcome

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

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Deacon Edward J. Girard

March 5, 2023 — Second Sunday of Lent



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Parish Staff:

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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 ~ 2075 Norwegian Street, Pottsville 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 additional 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 schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

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
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

SJ = St. John XXIII

SR = St. Richard

Monday & Tuesday Masses are at St. John XXIII ~ Wednesday & Thursday Masses are at St. Richard

Monday, March 6 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Tuesday, March 7 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Nicholas Totani
Wednesday, March 8 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Thursday, March 9 8:00AM Mass: SR	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Virginia (Jeanie) R. Sisak
Friday, March 10 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Lenten Weekday
Saturday, March 11 2:45PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Joe and Anna Gazdick Mass Intention: Charles Naradko
Sunday, March 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Dominic and Ida Totani Mass Intention: Deceased members of the Flaherty Family

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain and he is transfigured before them. The true and full identity of Jesus is revealed in the great moment of the Transfiguration. This revelation shows us that the Father has entrusted to him the salvation of the world. We see the glory of the Lord upon Jesus, and we understand that we are meant to share in that glory when the fullness of the kingdom is at hand.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

St. John XXIII

The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.

The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages:

Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174

There are no preludes for the duration of Lent.

The postlude is **Adagio in C Minor** by Louis Niedermeyer (1802-1861)

Today's Mass intentions: Mary and Vincent Biaocco (*Saturday 3:30PM*)

Margaret Romano (*Sunday 8:30AM*)

There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 12th:

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Today's second collection is for the Parish Facility Fund. Upcoming collections are:

3/12~Easter Flowers

3/19~Hurricane Relief (*Special Diocesan Collection-no designated envelope*)

Please Remember in your Prayers

Linda Agosti, Ann Balas, William Bednar, Mark BeYoung, Joe Bones, Bob Bonner, Marge Coassolo, Ella Connolly, Paul Curley, Maria Cusati, Nina Day, Margie Felosci, Eddy Freer, Siobhan Ann Gladhill, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Valerie Higgins, Charlie Houser, Dr. Francis Kane, Paul Kerrick, Patrick Kotula, George Koval, Margaret Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Michael Matricion, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Eric Richardson, Helene Richmond, Joel Rivera, Jonathan Schimpf, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Joe Shustack Sr., Dominic Streisel, Edward Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson

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

Robert Allesch Sr.

James McGee

Devotional Candles

St. John XXIII	St. Richard
Sanctuary Lamp: In Memory of Patricia & Michael Jr. Pogwist	Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention by Duke and Joan Demko
Crucifix Candle: In Memory of Natalie Tracy	

Youth Formation

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII	St. Richard
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: March 5 th – Grades 1-8 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM March 12 th – Pancake Breakfast after 8:30AM Mass March 19 th – Grades 1-8 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM March 26 th – Confirmation Rehearsal 2:00PM at All Saints March 29 th – Confirmation Mass 4:30PM at All Saints Parents and students will dismiss to the Parish Hall after Mass for a brief social time before children dismiss to class. We ask you to keep our 14 parish youth who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past Saturday in your prayers. They will receive their First Communion in May. Please email youth@sj23tamaqua.org with any questions!	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Grades 1 - 4; Sunday, March 5th at 9:30AM Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, March 12th at 9:00AM Grades 1 - 4; Sunday, March 19th at 9:30AM Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, March 26th at 9:00AM All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>except</u> when noted. Scout Meetings: Cub Scouts – Thursday, March 2nd, 6:00PM in Parish Hall Boy Scouts – Every Thursday, 7:00PM in Parish Hall

Adult Formation

<p>Adult Small Group: Tuesday mornings in Lent from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the Parish Hall of St. John XXIII. Make Lent meaningful and experience spiritual growth this year by attending our Lenten Adult Small Group. It takes place on five consecutive Tuesdays which started Tuesday, February 28 and continues until March 28. Even if you missed the first one last week, it is not too late to participate. Take a step to spend time deepening your relationship with Jesus.</p> <p>Adult Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 7:30PM until 9:00PM in the Meeting Room at St. Richard. Please note the different start time for the duration of Lent due to Stations of the Cross.</p> <p>RCIA Updates: RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If there is an adult who wishes to become Roman Catholic and receive his or her sacraments, 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 Great Vigil of Easter, but this can also occur at other times of the year as well. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Roman Catholic.</p>

Parish News and Updates

This Week	
Sunday	Youth Formation for grades 1-8 after 8:30AM Mass at St. John XXIII
Monday	12:00PM Confession & Exposition / 12:15PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII
Tuesday	10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group today and every Tuesday in Lent in Parish Hall at St. John XXIII 7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Richard
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Exposition / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM Holy Name Meeting – St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Upcoming Events	
March 12	Pancake Breakfast immediately after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after the 8:30AM Mass
March 13	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting – St. John XXIII Parish Hall
March 14	7:00PM Fundraising Meeting at St. Richard
March 18	Cemetery Clean-Up for all 5 parish cemeteries – Volunteers Needed – meet in SJ23 Parish Hall at 8:00AM
March 24	3:00PM-6:00PM Lenten Dinner at St. Richard
March 29	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Schlert for St. John XXIII youth – 4:30PM at All Saints Church, McAdoo

THANK YOU TO THE SJ23 CLEANING TEAM:

We thank everyone who assisted with the church cleaning this past Wednesday, and especially for the extra effort that went into cleaning the stairways that lead to our Youth Formation classrooms. Thank you!

EASTER PASTRY SALE AND FREE SAMPLES:

The Easter pastry and cake roll sale at St. John XXIII continues! Free samples of various cake rolls and pastries will be given out after the Saturday 3:30PM and the Sunday 8:30AM Masses. Additional blank order forms are available in the Family Room. The final day of this pastry sale will be Sunday, March 19. Pick up will be in the Parish Hall on Monday March 27 between 5:15PM and 6:00PM.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY:

The final Pancake Breakfast of this academic year will take place on Sunday, March 12 immediately after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and children under 3 are free. The parish youth in the Confirmation class as well and the Knights of Columbus and other adult helpers really do an excellent job. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee are served. To help gauge the proper number of supplies to purchase for the breakfast, please RSVP via flocknote at: <https://stjohnxxiiiparish.flocknote.com/signup/115169>
We thank everyone who has supported our breakfasts in the past and look forward to another delicious meal!

DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY:

This year, St. Patrick's Day is a Friday in Lent. What is a good Catholic to do? To resolve this conundrum, Bishop Alfred Schlert has joined many other bishops around the country in granting a dispensation to the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown this year, provided they abstain from meat on the day before or the day after March 17.

WITH GRATITUDE:

Many thanks again to ALL our volunteers and those who purchased a Lenten Dinner &/or 50/50 chances. The dinner profit was \$3,666! Also, congratulations to Stephen Souchak for being our 50/50 winner of \$852! May God continue to bless our parish.

Now that our 1st Lenten Dinner is over, please check your mailboxes...the 2nd Lenten Dinner tickets have been mailed.

VOTIVE AND DEVOTIONAL CANDLES AT ST. RICHARD:

Votive Candles (blue and red candles) for *private intentions*, suggested offering of \$4.

The Devotional Candles (amber candles) for *announced intentions*, will continue to be the suggested donation of \$10.

The special Sanctuary Lamp with *announced intention* will also be \$10.

REMINDER:

For a complete list of the Lenten/Easter Schedule for both St. Richard & St. John XXIII parishes, please refer to the parish Website and Facebook page. Additional copies are also available in the church and vestibule.

THE PARISH CAFE AT ST. JOHN XXIII IS OPEN:

Please join us for fellowship, coffee, iced tea, and some tasty treats after all weekend Masses at St. John XXIII in the Parish Hall.

COMMUNION:

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church. Please make sure the usher knows that you will be receiving Communion at your seat.

