

Welcome

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

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

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth 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



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Office Hours

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Thursday ~ 9:00AM-12:00PM

Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
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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 to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

Parish Prayer List

To be placed on the Parish Prayer list, please call either Parish Office and someone will be happy to assist you. You can also call to be removed from the Prayer List when appropriate.

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.

SJ = St. John XXIII**SR = St. Richard****Monday & Tuesday Masses are at St. John XXIII ~ Wednesday & Thursday Masses are at St. Richard**

Saturday, July 15 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Joseph Coleman, Jr. Mass Intention: In Memory of my husband Robert Rehatchek
Sunday, July 16 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Theresa Ligenza Mass Intention: Catherine and Abe Hawkes & Family
Monday, July 17 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Paul Nester Sr., Ruth Nester, and Paul Nester, Jr.
Tuesday, July 18 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Joseph Petrole, Sr.
Wednesday, July 19 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: In Memory of my husband Jer Tracy
Thursday, July 20 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests
Friday, July 21 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Weekday
Saturday, July 22 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes Mass Intention: Marsha Cusatis
Sunday, July 23 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Rosemary Wufsus Mass Intention: James P. Coogan

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The seed is the word of God; Christ is the sower. The image of the seed that Jesus offers in today's parable can call us to see more clearly and to listen more carefully. This seeing and hearing requires a posture of wonder, a posture of careful attentiveness. Can we slow down and marvel, watching with anticipation to see what God will do? The first reading speaks of God's word, like rain, doing his will and achieving the end for which it is sent. In the second reading, we hear that creation is groaning, but that we have the firstfruits of the Spirit while we wait for redemption. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed that fell on rich soil.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 23rd: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

<p style="text-align: center;">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 is Enter His Courts With Praise by Shirley Porter (1928-2017) The postlude is Introduction from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Thomas Stoffey.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

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, Dee Harvan, Bernie Hasara, Valerie Higgins, Charlie Houser, Dr. Francis Kane, George Koval, Margaret Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Jane Malarkey, Michael Matricion, Bobby Moucheron, Pastor Tim, Eric Richardson, Helene Richmond, Joel Rivera, Kathy Sanchez, Jonathan Schimpf, Joe Shustack Sr., Dominic Streisel, Gus Suglia, Edward Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson, Members of the Dannenfesler Family, David Rickert, Craig Goida, Frank Mocchiola, Pat McAndrew, Gregory M. Slivka Jr., Steve Kudile, Carol Matz, Carole Waber

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

Pauline Edwards

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of the Verano and Sozio Families

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Christine Huegel

St. Richard

Sanctuary Lamp

Safe Travels for Daughters

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Joseph

In Memory of Jer Tracy

St. Richard

In Memory of John G. Lazur

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes have ended for the summer. Information on next year's classes will be on the parish website in the near future. We wish all our youth an excellent and relaxing summer vacation!

Altar Servers Night Out with Father Finlan at Heisler's for ice cream and miniature golf. Open to all current St. John XXIII and St. Richard's Altar Servers. We hope to have a new date set for this fun event soon. We are aiming for a date in August. It's great that our altar servers are so involved with many extracurricular activities, but it makes scheduling a challenge at times. Please email youth@sj23tamaqua.org with any questions!

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes ended for the summer. Refer to the bulletin when classes resume.

Have a Great Summer Vacation!

BULLETINS

Do not forget the "kid's bulletins" are available every weekend in the vestibule.

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – Have concluded for the summer.

Boy Scouts – Every Thursday at 7:00PM in Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult 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. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for Church in Central/Eastern Europe

Upcoming second collections are...

7/23 ~ Parish Utilities

7/30 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	8:00PM Men's Ministry Group in St. Richard Meeting Room
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Upcoming Events

July 23	St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after 8:30AM Mass
July 24	6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM Finance Council Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
August 2	3:00PM Women's Retreat in Jim Thorpe (<i>details below</i>)
August 5	10:00AM-6:00PM (or sellout) St. Richard Food Festival

UPDATE FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the St. John XXIII Mother's Day and Father's Day basket raffles. The total profit amounted to \$1,020.00. We also thank Elinor Dirnberger for donating both baskets.

BASEBALL FAMILY FUN DAY ON AUGUST 6th

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to this event. The paper tickets will be distributed in the near future.

PA LOTTERY SCRATCH-OFF RAFFLE

Get your chance to win a pack (60 tickets) of the PA Lottery WIN IT ALL \$5 scratch off tickets. These will be 60 consecutively numbered tickets in a sealed package. Ticket chances are 1 for \$5 – or – 5 for \$20 and are available before and after weekend Masses at St. John XXIII Church in the Family Room. The drawing for the pack of Lottery tickets will be held on Sunday, July 30th after the 8:30AM Mass.

NEW SIDEWALK PROJECT

As we move forward with completing the second parking lot down the street on Pine Street, money raised by Fundraising is being used to complete the installation of the sidewalk. An up-to-code sidewalk is the first phase of this project, and it needs to be done before Pine Street gets repaved later this summer. The total cost of this new sidewalk is \$10,400. Parishioners continued support for all Fundraising activities is important for making improvements in our Parish. The next Fundraising meeting is on Monday, July 24th at 6:00PM. New members are always welcome!

ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH CAFE IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after all weekend Masses for some coffee, snacks, and fellowship. If you would like to help in the café, please let us know.

TRIP TO PADRE PIO SHRINE IN BARTO, PA

Several seats are available for the Tuesday, July 25th trip to the beautiful St. Padre Pio Shrine. The trip includes a tour of the shrine, time for prayer and reflection at the shrine, and a hot lunch. A visit to the antique car museum in Boyertown is also part of the package for \$59.00. For more information or to make a reservation please call Cassandra at 570-929-3853.

PINE STREET REPAVING PROJECT

Please note that Pine Street in front of St. John XXIII Church will be repaved in August. More details will be forthcoming.

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.

A WORD OF THANKS

We thank Fr. Karpyn for being the guest priest for both Saturday Masses this weekend.

CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

This week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

FOOD FESTIVAL AT ST. RICHARD Festival Prep Dates

Meatballs/Sauce Making:
July 19th @ 9:30AM

Coring/Boiling Cabbage:
August 1st @ 5:00PM

Halupkie Making:
August 2nd @ 8:30AM

Bundukie Making:
August 3rd @ 8:30AM

* Set-up Tents and Hall: Thursday, August 3rd @ 5:00PM

* Pre-orders: Friday, August 4th @ 5:00PM

For additional volunteer opportunities including the day of the event, please see the volunteer and donations board in the back of the church. Thank you for your contributions and generosity. We couldn't do it without you!

Please contact Erica Stoyer 570-778-4029 with any questions.

“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE” WOMEN’S RETREAT

WHEN: Wednesday, August 2, 2023

WHERE: Immaculate Conception Church, 178 West Broadway, Jim Thorpe. 3:00PM-6:00PM Adoration;

6:00PM Mass; 7:00PM Guest Speaker Mary Matunis.

This event is hosted by the Diocese of Allentown and is free, but RSVP is appreciated. To register and RSVP, please email mriggins@allentowndiocese.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift by using the pre-printed envelopes or online at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. It is not too late to make a donation or pledge to this worthwhile cause, but time is running out. Every gift counts; no gift is too small. Many thanks to those who have already made a donation or pledge.

