

# Welcome

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

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

*July 23, 2023*  
*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Church of St. John XXIII**

307 Pine Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

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

**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**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

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

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**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** ~ 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**

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.

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

<b>Saturday, July 22</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes  Mass Intention: Marsha Cusatis
<b>Sunday, July 23</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass Intention: Rosemary Wufsus  Mass Intention: James P. Coogan
<b>Monday, July 24</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: John Longhi
<b>Tuesday, July 25</b> 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM – 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	<b>St. James, Apostle</b> Mass Intention: Paul Gerard Yacobowsky
<b>Wednesday, July 26</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM – 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Kenneth Adam Jr.
<b>Thursday, July 27</b> 8:00AM Mass: SR	<b>Weekday</b> Mass Intention: Terry Schock
<b>Friday, July 28</b> <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Saturday, July 29</b> 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ  5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	<b>Vigil to the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Mass Intention: Patrick Kotula  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
<b>Sunday, July 30</b> 8:30AM Mass: SJ  10:30AM Mass: SR	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass Intention: William K., William J., and Joan Boner  Mass Intention: Robert Allesch

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Jesus encourages us to persevere in faith even in challenging circumstances. In our daily lives, it can be challenging to persevere in faith, in charity, and in kindness when dealing with people who appear to be the opposite – mean, vengeful, thoughtless. But Jesus reminds us that it is still possible to bear fruit under these conditions, and that even a small seed of faith can yield abundant fruit. The author of the Book of Wisdom ponders the mystery of God's power, which he exercises with justice and leniency. In the second reading, Paul describes how the Holy Spirit helps us pray. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about the kingdom of heaven through a series of parables.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30th:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12, Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

<p style="text-align: center;"><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>Air from Water Music</b> by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)  The postlude is <b>Psalm 56</b> by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Leo Davidovich, Jr.</p>
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## 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, Andrea Halaburda, 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...**

Joanne Love

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<b>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp</b> In Memory of the Paul Gerard Yacobowsky <b>Crucifix Candle</b> In Memory of Joe Coleman, Jr.	<b>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary</b> In Memory of Mary Drosdak Family <b>Sacred Heart</b> Special Intention
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## YOUTH FORMATION

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

<b>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b> 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!  <b>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.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:youth@sj23tamaqua.org">youth@sj23tamaqua.org</a> with any questions!	<b>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b> Religious Education Classes ended for the summer. Refer to the bulletin when classes resume. <b>Have a Great Summer Vacation!</b>  <b>BULLETINS</b> Do not forget the "kid's bulletins" are available every weekend in the vestibule.  <b>SCOUT MEETINGS</b> Cub Scouts – Have concluded for the summer. Boy Scouts – Every Thursday at 7:00PM in Parish Hall
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## 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 Parish Utilities

**Upcoming second collections are...**

7/30 ~ Parish Utilities      8/6 ~ Parish Facility Fund

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

This Week	
Sunday	St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after 8:30AM Mass
Monday	6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome 7:00PM Finance Council Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
Upcoming Events	
August 1	10:00AM-11:30AM Adult Small Group – The Sacraments – start today and every Tuesday – St. John XXIII Hall
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

### BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM AT ST. JOHN XXIII

We received a check from Boyers Food Markets in the amount of \$935.11! We urge those who shop at Boyers to use their key fob at checkout. If anyone needs a fob, see a fundraising member in the Family Room before or after weekend Masses. Let's get our check amount over \$1000 for the second half of the year! As always, thank you so much for your support.

### PA LOTTERY SCRATCH-OFF RAFFLE

Get your chance to win a pack (60 consecutively numbered tickets) of the PA Lottery WIN IT ALL \$5 scratch off tickets. 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 next Sunday, July 30th after the 8:30AM Mass.

### 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.

### ADULT SMALL GROUP AT ST. JOHN XXIII – THE SACRAMENTS WITH FR. FINLAN

Do you have questions about the Sacraments? Why do we need Confession? What is the Real Presence and why is it important? How does Marriage bring us closer to God? Deepen your understanding about the Sacraments and have your questions answered. Father Finlan will share his expertise and answer questions for five of the sessions, basically every other week. The weeks in between will be spent in small group discussions to deepen our understanding of the seven Sacraments and figure out how to apply the concepts to our own lives to help us in our life challenges.

We will meet every TUESDAY, from August 1st until September 26th, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to be part of this exciting group discussion series. Please sign up in the Narthex/Family Room or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

### 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.

### PINE STREET REPAVING PROJECT

Please note that Pine Street in front of St. John XXIII Church will be repaved in August. The repaving will begin at the other end of town and reach our block by the end of the month.

### 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.

### BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM AT ST. RICHARD

We just received our second rebate from Boyer's Food Markets totaling \$91.17! Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It's a simple way to earn money for our parish. If anyone would like any key tags, they are located at both entrances of the church.

### FOOD FESTIVAL AT ST. RICHARD IN THE STRETCH Festival Prep Dates

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

**Please return your drawing tickets as soon as possible in a collection or the "Fundraising" box on the Rectory porch.**

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.

### CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous contribution last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. As a parish, we collected to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccce](http://www.usccb.org/ccce).

### "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](mailto: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](http://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.

