

Welcome

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

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

August 20, 2023
Twentieth 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
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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 ~ 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 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
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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, August 19 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Scott Ferryman Mass Intention: Paul and Frances Yurick, Sr.
Sunday, August 20 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Longhi Mass Intention: William Conroy
Monday, August 21 8:00AM Mass: SJ	St. Pius, Pope Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Tuesday, August 22 No 8:00AM Mass today 8:30AM – 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, August 23 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM – 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased diocesan priests
Thursday, August 24 8:00AM Mass: SR	St. Bartholomew, Apostle Mass Intention: Steve and Marge Homcha on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Friday, August 25 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Weekday
Saturday, August 26 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John and Regina Potosky Mass Intention: Timothy White
Sunday, August 27 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Walter Solick Mass Intention: Pamela McTiernan

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah tells the people to *observe what is right* and *do what is just*, for God's salvation is about to come for all who hold to his covenant. Paul writes that he is *the apostle to the Gentiles*, for God has delivered them too. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman because the woman's faith is great. Celebration for the generosity of God resounds in our readings today. As followers of Jesus, we are filled with joy because God has included all people in his bountiful mercy. That joy leads us to reach out to all with compassion and mercy.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

<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 Präludium in C Major (BWV 846) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Largo in C Minor, Opus 28, No. 20 by Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Charlie Odorizzi.</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, Fr. Dominic, 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 Dannenfels Family, David Rickert, Craig Goida, Frank Mocchiola, Pat McAndrew, Gregory M. Slivka Jr., Steve Kudile, Carol Matz, Carole Waber, Nelda Ryan

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

Rose Marie Nawrocki

Brian P. Dahm

Rev. Francis J. Baransky

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Robert Zaraca

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Dino Perricone

St. Richard

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Fr. Baransky

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

Youth Formation/Religious Education starts next Sunday!

Registration is open via our parish website:

www.sj23tamaqua.org

Paper registration forms can be found in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall in our Kid's Corner.

Classes for all grades (*except Grade 1*) begin on Sunday, August 27th at 9:30AM after the 8:30AM Mass.

***Grade 1 Registration- \$30** (*Classes begin December 3rd*)
Blessed First Reconciliation

***Grade 2 Registration- \$70**
Blessed First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

***Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 Registration- \$70**
A Family of Faith

***Grades 7 & 8 (Confirmation) Registration- \$70**
Chosen

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

CCD/PREP registrations are now being accepted.

Please see details below and the weekly bulletins for further updates.

1st Day of Class:

Grades 5th-8th (Class begins September 10th at 9:00AM)

Grades 1st-4th (Class begins September 17th at 9:30AM)

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

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – Updates to follow

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

ADULT FORMATION

Small Group–The Sacraments: Tuesday mornings from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

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 the Mission Co-Op that Fr. Dominik Krol spoke about last weekend at all Masses.

Upcoming second collections are...

8/27 ~ Parish Utilities

9/3 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week 8/20 - 8/26

Monday	6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
Tuesday	No Tuesday morning 8:00AM Mass today-Fr. Finlan is away (Holy Hour and Benediction 8:30AM-9:30AM) 10:00AM-11:30AM Adult Small Group – The Sacraments – every Tuesday in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Thursday	No St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal today– regularly scheduled weekly rehearsals will resume after Labor Day

Upcoming Events

August 27	St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after 8:30AM Mass Youth Formation classes begin for the new academic year after 8:30AM Mass at St. John XXIII
August 30	Time Change: 7:00AM Mass at St. Richard – No Adoration or Benediction Capriotti's Food Fundraiser pick-up from 5:15PM until 6:00PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
September 1	5:30PM Rosary for Peace – by the Mary statue in the St. John XXIII parking lot – rain or shine/bring a chair
September 4	Labor Day – both Parish Offices closed today
September 10	Spaghetti Dinner 12:00PM-3:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall (<i>details below</i>)
September 14	9:00AM BWAC Mass with Bishop Schlert – St. Clare of Assisi Church, St. Clair PA

PILGRIMAGE TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

St. Ambrose Church (Schuylkill Haven) will be making a pilgrimage to Israel from October 2, 2024 to October 10, 2024. The cost of the trip is \$4,500 and includes airfare, first-class hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, round trip transportation to JFK Airport, basic tour and sightseeing, tips and gratuities, taxes, and entrance fees. There will be opportunities to join in the celebration of Mass at different churches each day or to explore the religious shrine on your own during Mass. Cities on the itinerary include Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, and Nazareth. You will be visiting the Church of the Nativity, Qumran and the Dead Sea, Mount of Beatitudes, Garden of Gethsemane, the Western Wall, and many other places. On your last day in Jerusalem, you will walk the Via Dolorosa and celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. If you are interested or want more information, please call Barbara in the St. Ambrose Parish Office at 570-385-1031.

CAPRIOTTI'S FOOD FUNDRAISER

Order forms with payment are due back this weekend, by Mass time on Sunday, August 20th.

SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR BULLETIN

Please remember that items submitted for inclusion in the bulletin must be submitted no later than noon on Wednesday. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.

PINE STREET REPAVING PROJECT

Please note that the repaving of Pine Street in front of St. John XXIII Church has already begun. We ask for everyone's cooperation and patience during this time since parking will be more challenging until this much-needed project is completed by the end of the month.

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. We can still use more people to help with the café. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to be a weekend helper.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us for our Homemade Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 10th from 12:00PM-3:00PM in the Parish Hall. Dinner will include Homemade Sauce AND Meatballs, Salad, Authentic Italian Bread and Choice of Chocolate or Vanilla Cake for \$13 per dinner. Beverages will also be available for purchase. The dinner envelopes are currently in the vestibule. Please return the dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by September 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

Join us for a Back-to-School blessing *next* Sunday, August 27th at the conclusion of 10:30AM Mass. Each child will receive a goodie bag. Donations are appreciated! We could use: Huggie drinks, individual bags of goldfish snacks, hand sanitizers, candy (no nuts, please), pencils, erasers. We make and give out an average of 40 bags. Or you could make a monetary donation. Please reach out to Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 with any questions or donations.

ST. JOSEPH FOR SPECIAL LEARNING OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to come! Preview our new school location in Schuylkill Haven! Saturday, August 26th (4:00PM – 6:00PM) and Sunday, August 27th (9:30AM – 12:00PM). Tours, family activities, raffles, and light refreshments will be served.

2023-2024 CCD/PREP NEWS

CCD/PREP registrations are now being accepted. Those currently in our program please check your email. If your child is not currently enrolled and you need information, please contact Krissy Wonsock and collect the paperwork located in the vestibule. Your child should be entering grades 1st through 8th and must be an active parishioner of St. Richard's Church. If newly joining our program, we will need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please reach out to Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 with any questions!

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's annual event shopping passes are in the vestibule. Please support your parish and enjoy some amazing savings and a wonderful day to start Christmas shopping. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope marked "Friends Helping Friends".

Saving Date: Wednesday, October 18th, 2023

Store Hours: 8:00AM – 11:00PM (In-Store Only)

