

Welcome

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

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

September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second 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



Church of St. Richard

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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
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 ~ 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
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.

SJ = St. John XXIII

SR = St. Richard

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

Saturday, September 2 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Patricia and Michael Jr. Pogwist Mass Intention: Al and Pat Skelson
Sunday, September 3 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Victor and Philomena Gogal Mass Intention: Catherine Peca
Monday, September 4 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: For all the Workers of the World (Labor Day)
Tuesday, September 5 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM – 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Michael J. Bubel Jr.
Wednesday, September 6 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM – 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Thursday, September 7 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: In Celebration of Stanley & Joann Dombrowski 27th Wedding Anniversary
Friday, September 8 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, September 9 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Josephine and Fred Andreas Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of Pat Firkal
Sunday, September 10 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael Joseph Sfarra Mass Intention: Timmy Hurst

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Jeremiah bemoans the suffering he endures because of his faithfulness to the word of the Lord. In the reading from Romans, we are urged to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice and be transformed. In the Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to take up their cross and follow him. Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he would have to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. The disciples did not immediately understand, but we know that those who wish to follow Jesus into eternal life must take up their cross as well.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

<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 Fanfare and Meditation on Two American Hymns by Charles Callahan (b.1951) The postlude is Ora Labora - Come Labor On by T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of the Ligenza and Davis families.</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, Pina 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 Dannenfesler Family, David Rickert, Craig Goida, Frank Mocchiola, Pat McAndrew, Gregory M. Slivka Jr., Steve Kudile, Carol Matz, Carole Waber, Nelda Ryan, Theresa Parkhurst

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

Frank Tatusko

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of John and Norma Totani

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew DiBuo and Andrew Jr.

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

Sacred Heart

Good Health for baby TJ

St. Richard

In Celebration of Stanley & Joann Dombrowski
27th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

**ATER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL
DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM**

Sunday, September 3rd – No Youth Formation

Sunday, September 10th – Youth Formation

Grades 2-7 (*Kids Small Group Parent Session
held in the Conference Room*)

Sunday, September 17th – Youth Formation

Grades 2-6 & 8 (*Sacramental Prep Parent Session
held in the Conference Room*)

Sunday September 24th – Youth Formation

Grades 2-8 (*Circle of Grace*)

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. 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 Facility Fund.

Upcoming second collections are...

9/10 ~ Parish Utilities

9/17 ~ St. Vincent de Paul

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Monday	Labor Day – both Parish Offices closed today
Tuesday	10:00AM-11:30AM Adult Small Group – The Sacraments – every Tuesday in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Wednesday	6:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting in the St. John XXIII Upper Room – new members always welcome
Thursday	No St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal today– regularly scheduled weekly rehearsals will resume next week 7:30PM Holy Name Society Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
September 10	St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after 8:30AM Mass Spaghetti Dinner 12:00PM-3:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall (<i>updates below</i>)
September 11	7:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting in St. John XXIII Parish Hall – new members are always welcome
September 12	7:00PM Fundraising Committee in St. Richard Parish Hall
September 14	9:00AM BWAC Mass with Bishop Schlert – St. Clare of Assisi Church, St. Clair PA
September 16	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
September 18	7:35AM Rosary / 8:00AM Mass for deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John XXIII
September 21	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall

BASKET RAFFLE & BAKE SALE AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Mark your calendars for our first ever **Basket Raffle & Bake Sale** – Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall! We are asking fellow parishioners to help make this event a success. You can lend a hand in several different ways, by:

1. Patronizing this event. It will be fun!
 2. Donating a basket or gift card for the raffle.
 3. Asking local businesses to donate an item, a gift card – or become a sponsor.
 4. Donating an item or gift card from your own business.
 5. Baking your own special sweet something for us to sell.
- In the meantime, please start thinking of ways that you might be able to help. You can contact Mary Ann at 570-952-1413 regarding basket donations and sponsorships.

CHURCH HOURS AT BOTH CHURCHES

There has been some confusion about when the church is open during the day for private prayer. The hours the church is open are different from the office hours as stated on the front page of the bulletin. The church hours for a normal (non-holiday) week are as follows:

St. John XXIII

Monday – Thursday 7:00AM – 4:00PM

Friday Closed

Saturday 2:00PM – 5:00PM

Sunday 7:00AM – 10:00AM

St. Richard

Seven days a week 7:30AM – 6:00PM

A WORD OF THANKS...

...to all the ladies who cleaned St. John XXIII Church this past Thursday. We appreciate your hard work!

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.

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 speak to Lisa or Dale if you would like to be a weekend helper.

SPECIAL LOTTERY AT ST. RICHARD

Get your Halloween Special Lottery ticket. Pick 3 Daily Evening Number. It's a scratch off ticket and **you get 10 numbers for \$5.00. ONLY 100 tickets will be sold** for a prize of \$250.00! The tickets will be sold this weekend after all Masses. Any questions, please call Joann at 570-640-1034.

SPAGHETTI DINNER UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

Get your tickets in for a Delicious Homemade Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 10th from 12:00PM-3:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Dinner Prep Dates

Wednesday, September 6th at 9:30AM

Making meatballs

Saturday, September 9th at 8:30AM

Making salads, packing rolls, icing/packaging cake

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the vestibule for all prep dates and the day of the event. All help is greatly appreciated!

2023-2024 CCD/PREP NEWS

CCD/PREP registrations are being accepted. Your child should be entering grades 1st through 8th and must be an active parishioner of St. Richard's Church. Those currently enrolled, please check your email. If your child is not currently enrolled or if newly joining, and you need information or have any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

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

THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN COMMISSION FOR MEN PRESENTS "CASTING THE NET"

Join us at our Catholic Men's Morning Reflection on September 23rd at St. Mary's Church in Hamburg at 8:00AM for Mass. This half-day event is designed to strengthen your faith, connect you with other Catholic men, and equip you with the tools to live as a faithful disciple of Christ. Our keynote speaker is Msgr. Andrew Baker. Register now at www.menaliveinchrist.org
