

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

November 12, 2023

Thirty-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

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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday ~ 9:00AM-2:00PM

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)

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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 or be removed when appropriate, please call either Parish Office and someone will be happy to assist you.

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, November 11 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Dave Frederick Mass Intention: For All Veterans
Sunday, November 12 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Florence Filip Mass Intention: Patricia Nolan
Monday, November 13 No Mass: SJ - Father is away	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (USA)
Tuesday, November 14 No Mass: SJ - Father is away 8:30AM-9:30AM Adoration & Benediction: SJ	Weekday
Wednesday, November 15 No Mass: SR - Father is away	Weekday
Thursday, November 16 No Mass: SR - Father is away	Weekday
Friday, November 17 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday, November 18 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Leona Marcovich Mass Intention: Alfred Peca
Sunday, November 19 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Michael J. Bubel Jr. Mass Intention: David Joseph Oliva

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The prophet Malachi in today's first reading explains the consequences of showing partiality which results in division from one another and from God. In the second reading, Paul speaks of his affectionate love for the Thessalonian Church. In the Gospel, Jesus chastises the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees, calling for humility and service. At the heart of today's Gospel is this truth: The greatest among you must be your servant. Jesus' scorn for the scribes and Pharisees was based on their inability to understand this. Jesus took on the role of servant, giving his very life on behalf of the world. Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6;
Mt 25:14-30

St. John XXIII

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

The Mass of Renewal can be found on the following pages:

Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184

The prelude is **Wenn wir in Höchsten Nöten Sein, BWV 641** by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The postlude is **God of Grace and God of Glory** by Paul Manz (1929-2009)

The harvest display at the altar is in thanksgiving for all God's blessings to our parish.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Linda Agosti, William Bednar, Mark BeYoung, Joe Bones, Bob Bonner, Marci Bonner, Marge Coassolo, Ella Connolly, Paul Curley, Maria Cusati, Pina Cusati, Nina Day, Deacon John, TJ Dombrowski, Fr. Dominic, Margie Felosci, Eddy Freer, Siobhan Ann Gladhill, Peg Grigalonis, Andrea Halaburda, Dee Harvan, Bernie Hasara, Valerie Higgins, 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, Monica Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson, Members of the Dannenfelser Family, David Rickert, Craig Goida, Frank Mocchiola, Pat McAndrew, Gregory M. Slivka Jr., Steve Kudile, Greg & Carol Matz, Nelda Ryan, Theresa Parkhurst, Bridget, Abby Adinolfi, Sandra McGlinchey

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp**
Isabelle Yacobenas

Crucifix Candle
In memory of Christy Huegel

**St. Richard
Sanctuary Lamp**

In Loving Memory of Walter and Adele Krasowski

Blessed Virgin Mary
Special Intention
Sacred Heart

Russell Yallas for Healing

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII
**AFTER MASS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL
DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS
FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**
8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM

**Sunday, November 12th – Family Mass & Pancake
Breakfast in the Parish Hall**

Sunday, November 19th – Youth Formation
Grades 2-6 & 8 (Communion and Confirmation Prep
Parent Session held in the upstairs classroom)

Sunday, November 26 – No Youth Formation

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

If you need more information or have questions, please contact
Krissy at 732-687-0433.

Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 12th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 19th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-8; Sunday, November 26th ~ No Classes
Happy Thanksgiving!

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scouts – Wednesday, November 22nd at 5:00PM
(for updates, please refer to the Parish Facebook page)
Boy Scouts – Every Thursday at 7:00PM in Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

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...

11/19 ~ Poverty Relief

11/23 ~ Thanksgiving

11/26 ~ Christmas Flowers

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Pancake Breakfast and St. John XXIII Communion to the Homebound after 8:30AM Mass 11:45AM Altar Server Training at St. Richard Parish 7:00PM Men's Group Meeting in St. Richard Meeting Room
November 13-17	No 8:00AM Weekday Masses this week – the weekend Mass schedule remains unchanged
Tuesday	7:00PM Fundraising Meeting in St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Friday	St. Jerome Regional School Basket Bonanza begins
Saturday	9:00AM-11:00AM St Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution–St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
Upcoming Events	
November 21	9:00AM Mahanoy Area Ministerial Association Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast 7:00PM Tamaqua Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. John XXIII – featuring the High School Chorale
November 23	Thanksgiving Day – 9:00AM Mass at St. Richard – both Parish Offices closed Thursday and Friday
November 26	3:00PM-5:00PM – M&J Big Band Holiday Concert in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – Tickets \$20

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome again Fr. Gregory Karpyn as guest priest for all Masses this weekend while Fr. Finlan is away. Fr. Finlan returns on Saturday, November 18th.

ANOTHER WORD OF WELCOME

We also welcome Mark O'Hearn as guest organist for all the St. John XXIII Masses this weekend while the Director of Music is away. Dale returns on Monday, November 20th.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY

Join us in the Parish Hall immediately after the 8:30AM Mass today for a delicious pancake breakfast. The cost is only \$10.

TAMAQUA THANKSGIVING SERVICE – NOV. 21st

We are honored to host the Tamaqua Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00PM**. There will be a cake and coffee reception in the Parish Hall. In addition to our Parish Choir, the Tamaqua High School Chorale will also be singing three seasonal pieces. All are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH KITCHEN MAKE-OVER

Help is needed next Saturday, November 18th, immediately after the 3:30PM Mass. The kitchen and café are getting a much-needed reorganization and cleaning. If we do not finish on Saturday, we will continue the project on Sunday morning following Youth Formation. The café is closed until this reorganization and cleaning project is completed.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE IN THE SACRISTY

The workbooks for the new liturgical year are in the St. John XXIII sacristy. Please pick up yours before or after Mass.

TAMAQUA HUNGER CAMPAIGN FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting nonperishable and canned food items for the Tamaqua Food Pantry. Baskets for food donations are at the entrance of St. John XXIII Church and the Parish Hall.

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus will be delivering a complete turkey dinner to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal this Thanksgiving Day. You must reserve your meal by November 17th. Please call or e-mail 570-773-0627 or 570-516-0514 or KofC431@yahoo.com Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals starting at 8AM.

MAHANoy AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 21st at 9:00AM. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church (4th & Mahanoy Streets). Cost of each ticket is \$10.00, deadline is **this** Monday, November 13th and tickets are available at St. Richard Parish Office.

LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

The Lottery Calendars for December 2023 and January 2024 have been mailed, so keep your eyes on the mailbox. The 2-sided lottery calendars are \$10 for **both** December and January Lotteries. If you are unable to purchase or sell, no problem...but please return the unsold calendars as soon as possible either in the collection basket or in the "Fundraising" box on the rectory porch so we can recirculate them. December tickets must be returned by November 28th, but you are still able to purchase January tickets until December 28th. Also, if anyone is interested in selling the calendars at various venues or has any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

OFFERED THIS WEEKEND AT ST. RICHARD

The Advent Season begins Sunday, December 3rd

The 2024 St. Joseph Missals, the Parish Calendars and the Christmas Wafers have arrived! All are in the vestibule. Suggested donations for Missals \$5 each, Christmas Wafers \$4 per packet and Parish Calendars are free. Please use the appropriate envelopes provided and place them either in the collection basket or in the office secure box on the Rectory porch. Thank you.

NOVEMBER WORD AMONG US MISSALS...

...are available for only \$1 in the Vestibule at St. Richard and the Family Room/Narthex at St. John XXIII. +

ST. MONICA MINISTRY GROUP INVITATION

This group gathers to pray for family and friends who no longer practice their Catholic faith. Many times, this causes pain and disappointment to parents and family who brought their children up in the faith. This group is an avenue to discuss and support one another. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00PM at St. Joseph Church in Summit Hill. All are welcome to attend.

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.

