

Welcome

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

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February 26, 2023 — The First Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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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 schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

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, 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

Monday, February 27 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: James Young Jr.
Tuesday, February 28 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SJ 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Wednesday, March 1 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM - 9:00AM Confessions: SR 8:30AM - 9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Deceased diocesan priests
Thursday, March 2 8:00AM Mass: SR	Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Charles and Marion Kost
Friday, March 3 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i>	Lenten Weekday
Saturday, March 4 3:00PM - 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM - 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Mary and Vincent Biaocco Mass Intention: Tommy Peca
Sunday, March 5 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Second Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Margaret Romano Mass Intention: Deceased members of the Weber Family

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings bring into focus the great drama of our salvation history: Our first parents sinned, and through them death came to all. Yet our gracious God sent his Son not to condemn but to free us and show his power over Satan. In the second reading Paul writes that, through the obedience of Christ, many will become righteous. In the Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan after fasting for forty days and forty nights.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

St. John XXIII

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

The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages:

Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174

There are no preludes for the duration of Lent.

The postlude is **Maestoso in A Minor** by Frederic Heyer (1793-1873)

Today's Mass intentions: Sam Sr. and Alice Lazarchick (*Saturday 3:30PM*)
Frank & Jane Pollack (*Sunday 8:30AM*)

There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 5th:

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Today's second collection is for the Black and Indian Missions (*Diocesan Collection*). Upcoming collections are:

3/5~ Parish Facility Fund

3/12~Easter Flowers

3/19~Hurricane Relief (*Special Diocesan Collection-no designated envelope*)

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, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Valerie Higgins, Charlie Houser, Dr. Francis Kane, Paul Kerrick, Patrick Kotula, George Koval, Margaret Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Michael Matricion, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Eric Richardson, Helene Richmond, Joel Rivera, Jonathan Schimpf, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Joe Shustack Sr., Dominic Streisel, Edward Surfield, Mary Ann Thompson

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

Robert Allesch Sr.

Helene Brunski

Devotional Candles

St. John XXIII

Sanctuary Lamp: In Memory of Dorothy Tuite

Crucifix Candle: In Memory of Leo and Dorothy Davidovich

St. Richard

Blessed Virgin Mary:

Special Intention by Duke and Joan Demko

Youth Formation

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

March 4th – First Reconciliation/Penance Service 10:00AM
March 5th – Grades 1-8 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM
March 12th – Pancake Breakfast after 8:30AM Mass
March 19th – Grades 1-8 after 8:30AM Mass until 10:30AM
March 26th – Confirmation Rehearsal 2:00PM at All Saints
March 29th – Confirmation Mass 4:30PM at All Saints

Parents and students will dismiss to the Parish Hall after Mass for a brief social time before children dismiss to class.

Please email youth@sj23tamaqua.org with any questions!

St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, February 26th at 9:00AM
Grades 1 - 4; Sunday, March 5th at 9:30AM
Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, March 12th at 9:00AM
Grades 1 - 4; Sunday, March 19th at 9:30AM
Grades 5 - 8; Sunday, March 26th at 9:00AM

All classes are held in the Parish Hall except when noted.

Scout Meetings:

Cub Scouts – Thursday, March 2nd, 6:00PM
in Parish Hall

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

Adult Formation

Adult Small Group: Tuesday mornings in Lent from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the Parish Hall of St. John XXIII. Make Lent meaningful and experience spiritual growth this year by attending our Lenten Adult Small Group. It takes place on five consecutive Tuesdays starting this Tuesday, February 28 through March 28. Take a step to spend time deepening your relationship with Jesus.

Adult Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 7:30PM until 9:00PM in the Meeting Room at St. Richard.

Please note the different start time for the duration of Lent due to Stations of the Cross.

RCIA Updates: RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If there is an adult who wishes to become Roman Catholic and receive his or her sacraments, 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 Great Vigil of Easter, but this can also occur at other times of the year as well. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Roman Catholic.

Congratulations to Dave and his family upon his Reception into the Full Communion!

Parish News and Updates

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound after 8:30AM Mass
Monday	12:00PM Confession & Exposition / 12:15PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. John XXIII
Tuesday	10:00AM Lenten Adult Small Group starts today and every Tuesday in Lent in Parish Hall at St. John XXIII 6:00PM Fundraising Committee Meeting/March Lottery Calendar tickets due – St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Wednesday	6:30PM Confession & Exposition / 7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction at St. Richard Knights of Columbus Meeting – 6:30PM in the K.of C. Upper Room on the top floor above the Parish Hall
Thursday	St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal – 6:00PM-7:00PM
Upcoming Events	
March 4	First Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. John XXIII – 10:00AM
March 12	Pancake Breakfast immediately after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
March 24	Lenten Dinner from 3:00PM-6:00PM at St. Richard
March 29	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Schlert for St. John XXIII youth – 4:30PM at All Saints Church, McAdoo

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AFTER ALL MASSES AT BOTH CHURCHES THIS WEEKEND:

The sacrament of “Anointing of the Sick” will be administered following all weekend Masses. Please be seated in the front pews for the anointing immediately after Mass.

MARCH LOTTERY CALENDAR:

The March lottery calendar tickets are on sale in the Family Room in the Narthex before and after all weekend Masses. The cost is only \$5 per ticket. You can purchase as many as you like. If anyone would like to take a stack of lottery calendar tickets to sell, please speak to either Tom Koenig or Rose Angelus for details. The deadline is this Tuesday, February 28th for all money and tickets to be returned.

EASTER PASTRY SALE AND FREE SAMPLES:

The Easter pastry and cake roll sale at St. John XXIII begins today! Free samples of various cake rolls and pastries will be available after the 8:30AM Mass in the Family Room. The final day of this pastry sale will be Sunday, March 19. Pick up will be in the Parish Hall on Monday March 27 between 5:15PM and 6:00PM.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN TWO WEEKS:

The final Pancake Breakfast of this academic year will take place on Sunday, March 12 immediately after the 8:30AM Mass in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and children under 3 are free. The parish youth in the Confirmation class as well and the Knights of Columbus and other adult helpers really do an excellent job. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee are served. To help gauge the proper number of supplies to purchase for the breakfast, please RSVP via flocknote at: <https://stjohnxxiiiparish.flocknote.com/signup/115169>
We thank everyone who has supported our breakfasts in the past and look forward to another delicious meal!

MANY THANKS:

Thank you to all our parishioners and volunteers who helped make the St. Richard Annual Lenten Dinner a success! Please check next week’s bulletin for our final numbers and the 50/50 winner! God Bless all of you!

VOTIVE AND DEVOTIONAL CANDLES AT ST. RICHARD:

Votive Candles (blue and red candles) for *private intentions*, suggested offering of \$4.

The Devotional Candles (amber candles) for *announced intentions*, will continue to be the suggested donation of \$10.

The special Sanctuary Lamp with *announced intention* will also be \$10.

REMINDER:

For a complete list of the Lenten/Easter Schedule for both St. Richard & St. John XXIII parishes, please refer to the parish Website and Facebook page.

Additional copies are also available in the church and vestibule.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE:

The sidewalk repair project in front of St. John XXIII is finally finished. We hope to get the parking lot lines in the St. John XXIII parking lot repainted in the near future.

THE PARISH CAFE AT ST. JOHN XXIII IS OPEN:

Please join us for fellowship, coffee, iced tea, and some tasty treats after all weekend Masses at St. John XXIII in the Parish Hall.

COMMUNION:

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church. Please make sure the usher knows that you will be receiving Communion at your seat.

