

Welcome

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

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

November 17, 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursdays ~ 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
Krissey 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 more 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 to be removed when appropriate, please call either Parish Office and someone will be happy to assist you. Names placed on the Prayer List are automatically removed after three months.

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.

<p>Saturday, November 16 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Daniel Lazur Mass Intention: Thomas Sniscak</p>
<p>Sunday, November 17 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Gloria A. Berdanier Mass Intention: Robert J. Allesch Sr.</p>
<p>Monday, November 18 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Leona Marcovich and Linda Strmensky</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 19 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 20 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Patrick Kotula</p>
<p>Thursday, November 21 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Eugene & Marie (Nolan) West</p>
<p>Friday, November 22 <i>(No Mass at either church)</i></p>	<p>St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</p>
<p>Saturday, November 23 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ronald Rokita Mass Intention: John and Clara Ogrodnick</p>
<p>Sunday, November 24 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Casmeria Poluka Mass Intention: Patricia Maurer</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Daniel prophesies of a great prince, Michael, arising as a guardian of the people. Some of the dead will awaken and live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. In the second reading, the author writes of the one who offered a sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the days after that tribulation, when they will see “the Son of Man coming in the clouds” with great power and glory. No one knows when the world will end, but if we wait to prepare for it, it may be too late. When we ask for forgiveness and receive God’s mercy, we are preparing and living for him. If we live for him, then we will live on forever when the Lord returns. Choosing not to live for him results in disgrace when the end comes.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You are my inheritance, O Lord!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

<p>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 Renewal can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184</p>
<p>The prelude is Pie Jesu from Requiem by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) The postlude is Credo from Kleine Orgelmesse by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)</p>
<p>The harvest display at the altar is in thanksgiving for all God’s blessings to our parish. <i>(Thank you to everyone who brought in pumpkins, gourds, mums, and Indian corn to make this beautiful harvest display.)</i></p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfesler Family, Mary Sloboda, Jennifer DiSante, Steven Ristilla / Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Marie Kalpinsky, Stanley Kozlowski, Craig Goida, Monica Surfield, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Jason Schaller, Ellen Kemmerer, Joe McDonald / Bruce Rang, William Swank, Andrew Eremus, Magnolia Pavlovich, Marlene Labella, MaryAnn Seltzer, Rolanda Moussa, Michael Pogwist

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

David Kranch

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp**
In Memory of Michael Bubel Jr.
Crucifix Candle
In Memory of Sally Best-Haas

**St. Richard
Blessed Virgin Mary**
Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

**St. John XXIII
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025**

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

Sunday, November 17 – Youth Formation Grades 3-8

Saturday, November 23 – First Reconciliation 10:00AM

Sunday, November 24 – No Youth Formation

**Please pray for the ten second grade students
who are preparing to receive the
Sacrament of First Reconciliation
this coming Saturday, November 23rd.**

**St. Richard
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025**

2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.
Registration information or questions, contact Krissy
Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 17th at 9:30AM
Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 24th at 9:00AM
Grades 1-8; Sunday, December 1st-No Classes

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

10th Annual Christmas Party

Friday, December 6th at 5:00PM
St. Richard Parish Hall

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub/Boy Scouts – Currently no updates available.

ADULT FORMATION

Advent Jesse Tree Reflections/Adult Small Group: See description on the next page or the flyer for more information.

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. New inquiries are welcome. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to become Catholic.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

11/24 ~ Poverty Relief

11/28 ~ Thanksgiving

12/1 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Wednesday	Free lunch; noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Friday	5:00PM-8:00PM – St. Jerome Regional School Basket Bonanza at the Lakeside Ballroom in Barnesville
Saturday	10:00AM-4:00PM – St. Jerome Regional School Basket Bonanza at the Lakeside Ballroom in Barnesville
Upcoming Events	
November 24	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
November 26	9:00AM Mahanoy Area Ministerial Association Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast at St. Paul's UCC 7:00PM Tamaqua Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Trinity U.C.C. – featuring the High School Chorale
November 28	Thanksgiving Day – 9:00AM Mass at St. Richard – both Parish Offices closed Thursday and Friday
November 30	9:00AM-11:00AM – Advent Wreath Making – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – see flyer for more details
December 3	5:30PM – Advent Dinner Celebration in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – see flyer for more details
December 15	3:00PM-5:00PM – M&J Big Band Holiday Concert in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – Tickets \$20

THANK YOU & HELPERS NEEDED

Thank you to the cleaning team who cleaned the church and bathrooms this past Thursday. Our facility is large and it is too big to get absolutely everything done on just one monthly cleaning day. That being said, is there anyone who is willing to donate some time to clean the stairways and hallway by the classrooms on the upper level? Honestly, it probably doesn't need to be every month...every other month is fine, but the stairways and hallway really should be mopped a few times a year. Please speak to Dale or Lisa in the Parish Office if you would be willing to help clean these two areas.

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 22nd. Please either call or email 570-773-0627 or 570-516-0514 or KofC431@yahoo.com Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals starting at 8AM.

WHITE PINE BRANCHES NEEDED

We are in need of white pine branches (and pine cones too) for our Advent Wreath Making event. If you have White Pine on your property, we will gladly take as much as you are willing to offer since we will also use it to decorate the church.

ADVENT ADULT SMALL GROUP

We will be having Jesse Tree Reflections to help keep our focus on God during Advent. A Jesse Tree Calendar will be your guide to follow daily reflections that we will explore more deeply during our group discussions. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on the following dates: November 26, December 10, December 17, with the last group between Christmas and New Years. Contact Cheryl with any questions: 484-866-3835.

2025 LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Lottery calendars are available for purchase in the Family Room before and after Mass for \$25.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee, cookies, and fellowship!

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the front pews of St. Richard Church as well as the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church.

A WORD OF WELCOME

We welcome Fr. Gregory Karpyn as celebrant at both Sunday Masses this weekend.

FUNDRAISING REMINDERS AT ST. RICHARD

Lottery Calendars (12/2024 and 1/2025): The 2-sided lottery calendars are \$10 for both months - \$5 for December 2024 and \$5 for January 2025.

Boyer's Shopping Spree: Event details are printed in the letter and on the ticket. If you are unable to purchase or sell, no problem...**but please return all of the unsold tickets as soon as possible** either in the collection or the "Fundraising" box on the rectory porch. December tickets must be returned by November 30th, January tickets are available until December 30th. **Sellers needed** for both the Lottery Calendar and the Shopping Spree. If you would like to volunteer, please call/text Joann at 570-640-1034.

MAHANoy AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 26th at 9:00AM at St. Paul's UCC (corner of Main & Pine Streets, Mahanoy City). Note new location. Cost is \$10, deadline is **this** Monday, November 17th. For tickets, please call Teri at 570-467-2315 or stop at the St. Richard Parish Office during office hours.

MASS INTENTION BOOK 2025

The Mass Intention Book will officially open Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00AM. No intention requests will be taken until that date. Please refer to next week's bulletin for the specific guidelines for each parish.

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

2025 St. Joseph Missals, Christmas Wafers and the Parish Calendars are in St. Richard 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 either in the collection or in the office secure box on the Rectory porch. The 2025 St Joseph Missals are also currently available for \$5 on the table in the St. John XXIII Family Room.

WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR KIDS

Accepting all sizes of new or gently used coats, hats and gloves. The items collected will benefit students of Mahanoy Area and Tamaqua Ares School Districts. Details on flyer in the Vestibule at St. Richard or in the Family Room at St. John XXIII.

