

# Welcome

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

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

*October 20, 2024*

*Twenty-Ninth 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  
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  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

#### **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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p><b>Saturday, October 19</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Ben and Irene Davis and Valeria and Walter Ligenza                   Mass Intention: Edward Bleyzgis</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 20</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes                   Mass Intention: David Joseph Oliva</p>
<p><b>Monday, October 21</b>                  No Daily Mass</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 22</b>                  No Daily Mass</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 23</b>                  No Daily Mass</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 24</b>                  No Daily Mass</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, October 25</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 26</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Kay Ann Rottet                   Mass Intention: My Loving husband Bill O'Brien</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 27</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: John Angelo Jr.                   Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of our Mom Suzanne Hurst</p>

**TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prophesies about the servant who justifies many through his suffering. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes that we have a great high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve. In contrast to the pressures to seek power, comfort, and fame, our Church proclaims humble service. We are called to gaze on our king, enthroned on a cross, ornamented with wounds. We are told in no uncertain terms that the only path to greatness in the kingdom of God is the path of self-giving love.

**TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27:** Jer 31:79-; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p><b>The Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p><b>The Mass of Renewal</b> 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 <b>Fugue sur l'Hymne Ave Maris Stella</b> by Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)                  The postlude is <b>Larghetto in F Major</b> by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of all our family and friends who have died, who we hold near and dear to our hearts.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

**Please remember in your prayers...**

Charlie Houser, Shelley Lazarchick, Barb Houser, Magnolia Pavlovich, Fran Golder, Marie Cara, John Crammond, Debbie Delp, Angel Donovan, Maria O'Boyle / Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfesler Family, Anna May Garber, Gus Suglia, Mary Sloboda, Jennifer DiSante, Steven Ristilla / Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Marie Kalpinsky, Stanley Kozlowski, Craig Goida, Monica Surfield, David Rickert

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

Ryan Oravec

Margaret Kufrovich

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII  
Sanctuary Lamp**

In Honor of all the Missionaries in the World

**Crucifix Candle**

In Memory of the Unborn

**St. Richard  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Special Intention

**Sacred Heart**

In Loving Memory of my husband Francis Trackim

## 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, October 20 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8**  
(Kids Small Group Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)

**Sunday, October 27 – No Youth Formation**

**Sunday, November 3 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8**  
(Sacramental Prep Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)

**Youth Registration Information**

Please return the PREP registration form along with  
Payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".

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

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

Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure  
box on the rectory porch.

**CCD/PREP CLASSES:**

Grades 1-4; Sunday, October 20th at 9:30AM  
Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 27th at 9:00AM

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

**SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS**

**Cub/Boy Scouts** – Please refer to the bulletin for more  
information when it becomes available.

## ADULT FORMATION

**October Adult Small Group:** Join us for some great discussions, valuable information, and socialization while we take a glimpse at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and explore some videos, which include speakers Bishop Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, and more. Every Tuesday in October from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. This is open to parishioners of both parishes!

**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 World Mission Sunday/Hurricane Relief

**Upcoming collections are...**

10/27 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ    11/1 ~ All Saints    11/2 ~ All Souls

## ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Saturday	Tamaqua Hunger Campaign canned and dry goods food drive – donation baskets are near both entrances 4:30PM - 7:30PM Browsing & Bidding for Basket Raffle and also a Bake Sale in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Sunday	Tamaqua Hunger Campaign canned and dry goods food drive – donation baskets are near both entrances 9:30AM - 1:00PM Browsing & Bidding for Basket Raffle and also a Bake Sale in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall Last day to purchase soup for the Tamaqua Community Soup Sale – go to <a href="https://tamaquahunger.tacp.info/">https://tamaquahunger.tacp.info/</a>
Mon. - Thurs.	No Daily Masses at either church this week – Saturday and Sunday Mass schedules remain the same
Tuesday	10:00AM - 11:30AM – Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – all are welcome to attend
Saturday	9:00AM - 11:00AM Tamaqua Community Soup Sale pick-up for all who ordered a quart of soup
Upcoming Events	
October 27	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
October 28	6:00PM Because We Are Catholic Mass with Bishop Schlert at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City St. John XXIII Pickle Fundraiser order forms are due (Pickle pick-up is on November 13th in the Parish Hall)
November 1	All Saints Day – 8:00AM Mass at St Richard / 7:00PM Mass at St. John XXIII
November 2	All Souls Day – 10:00AM Mass of Remembrance at St. John XXIII

### BASKET RAFFLE & BAKE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND

Join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Winners will be drawn Sunday afternoon starting at 1:00PM.

### DINE OUT AGAINST HUNGER

As part of the October Tamaqua Hunger Campaign, please patronize the following restaurants during their regular hours on the listed dates and a portion of your bill will be donated to the Hunger Campaign by the restaurant. The Beacon Diner – Wednesday, October 23rd. Two Kings – Wednesday, October 23rd. Tommy's Italian Specialty – Thursday, October 24th.

### DINNER AT DIMAGGIO'S IN NOVEMBER

Join us for a dinner at DiMaggio's on November 10th at 12:30 PM to benefit our Prayer Garden. The menu includes bruschetta, pizza bites, and garlic knots for appetizers; dinner salad; penne alla Vodka; chicken parmesan; meatballs; dessert; coffee and soda. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids under 12, free for kids 2 and under. Tickets will be sold after Masses at St. John XXIII in the Family Room. Come and share some time together and help support the prayer garden.

### TOILETRIES DRIVE

St. John XXIII is having a hygiene drive from October 26 through November 9 for people and families in need. SJ23 Youth will be making Blessing Bags with the items collected that will be placed at the Tamaqua Giving Tree. Items can be dropped off into a basket in St. John XXIII Narthex – any hygiene product will be accepted. Suggested items include toothbrushes/toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, combs, brushes, deodorant, female products, shampoo, conditioner, soap, washcloths, socks, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, pocket-size tissue packets. Please help us bring some dignity and needed items to people who are struggling and in need.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Because of the Basket Raffle in our Parish Hall this weekend, our normal after-church café isn't happening, but please come into the Hall and join us for the bake sale and basket raffle. Coffee and soft drinks might even be available too!

### 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.

### SPECIAL 2nd COLLECTION: HURRICANE RELIEF

Recently multiple hurricanes have struck hard the Southeastern Region of the United States. The damage, the lives lost and the large areas in complete destruction is uncomprehensive. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that each bishop take up a collection within this diocese to aid in the recovery efforts. Funds raised will be administered through the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund while also working with the Catholic Charities USA for the distribution of monies. Given the urgency of the need for the aid, the **collection for both St. Richard and St. John XXIII parishes will be taken up all this weekend, (10/19 & 10/20)**. This will be a cash collection; no special envelope will be provided. If you prefer to use an envelope, please mark the envelope "Hurricane Relief".

### ST. RICHARD NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who supported our recent dinner **especially** to our dedicated workers! Without you these dinners would not be successful! Our recorded profit for this dinner was \$2,810 and CONGRATS to our 50/50 winner, Sandy Syzdek of \$740.50!

### 1ST TRICK OR TREAT AT ST. RICHARDS

Come and join all the ghost and goblins at our inaugural Halloween Bash at St. Richards on October 31st from 6:00PM-8:00PM on parish grounds. More details to follow.

### ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls' Day is November 2nd and once again we will be offering a 5-day devotional candle that will be personalized with your "In Memory of.....". The cost is \$5, and they will burn at St. Richard from church open to close that week. Index cards and envelopes are in the Church for your convenience.

### REMINDERS AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising campaign (10/22), and the "Warm Your Heart Soup" sale (11/15 - Note: date change). Please refer to the Community Board in the Vestibule for details and updates.

### BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM AT ST. RICHARD

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It's quick and easy! No register tapes are needed, just have the cashier scan your St. Richard key tag at checkout. Boyer's key tags can be found at both entrances of the church.

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**THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING**

If you have not received yours yet, please let us know. Please confirm that all your information on the form is correct and make any changes or corrections directly on the form and return the corrected form to your respective Parish Office. St. Richard parishioners please make a notation on the form "no changes" and return your form to the St. Richard Parish Office. St. John XXIII parishioners do not need to return forms that already have the correct information.

