

Welcome

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

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

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator

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Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus

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Teri Howerter, Office Administrator

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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 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
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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, March 29 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Barbara Verano Cattarin Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Tokosh & Pancheri Families</p>
<p>Sunday, March 30 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Mark Boyle Mass Intention: Alfred M. Korutz</p>
<p>Monday, March 31 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 1 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ 9:00AM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Janet Brown</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 2 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR 6:30PM – 7:00PM Confessions: SR 7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Benediction: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p>Thursday, April 3 <i>No 8:00AM Mass: SR</i> 6:00PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Mass Intention: Blessings for our parish on the patronal Feast Day</p>
<p>Friday, April 4 <i>No Mass at either church on this date</i></p>	<p>Lenten Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, April 5 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Michael Sedar, Lilian Sedar, and Carol Troxell Mass Intention: Daniel F. Guinan Sr. & Daniel F. Guinan Jr.</p>
<p>Sunday, April 6 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass Intention: Robert and Ann Zeplin Mass Intention: Eli, Olivia, and Paul</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the land of Canaan. In the second reading, Paul pleads with the Corinthians to be reconciled to God. In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the complaint that he welcomed sinners by telling the parable of the prodigal son, about a father who welcomed back the younger of his sons who had sinned against him. Jesus presents God as a Father who loves all his children – the wayward and the dutiful – and seeks to draw them into a loving relationship and therefore share in his joy. Sometimes, like the younger son, we are swept up in God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy; other times, we set up barriers and resist it.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

<p>St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Latin Chant Mass can be found on the following pages: Kyrie – 168 / Sanctus – 170 / Memorial Acclamation – 171 / Amen – 172 / Agnus Dei – 174</p> <p>There are no preludes for the duration of Lent. The postlude is Andantino in G Minor by Adolf F. Hesse (1809-1863)</p> <p>There are no altar flowers for the duration of Lent.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Therese Ristilla, Peter Krizin, Jennifer DiSante, / Andrew Eremus, Sue Mannello, George Koval / Vicky Karnish, Magnolia Pavlovich, Msgr. Edward Domin, Mary Sloboda, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage, Joseph Izaguirre, Elba Dannenfesler

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

Elizabeth "Betty" Tarutis

Joseph Volosky

Linda J. Yulanavage

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Barbara Verano Cattarin

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Michael J. Bubel Jr.

St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

St. Joseph

In Memory of my father Michael Sniscak

St. Richard

Rosemary Shirvinski

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's 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, March 30 – Family Mass

Grades 1-7 Youth Formation

(Sacramental Prep Parents meet in the Conference Room)

Sunday, April 6 – Grades 1-7 Youth Formation

St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, March 30th at 9:00AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 6th at 9:30AM

Grades 1-4; Sunday, April 13th at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8; Sunday, April 13th at 9:00AM

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, March 30th

4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group for Lent: It's not too late to join us as we engage in "HOW TO LENT", a FORMED series that aims to provide a clear roadmap for entering the Lenten season with purpose and intention. "HOW TO LENT" provides tools and understanding to fully engage with the Lenten season by explaining the pillars of Lent and offering guidance on how to practice them meaningfully. Practice what you learn as you progress through Lent and through this series. The group will meet on four Tuesdays, beginning on March 11 through April 1, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet is in the St. John XXIII Family Room or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Cry Room. 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 Easter Flowers.

Upcoming collections are...

4/6 ~ Parish Facility Fund

4/13 ~ Parish Utilities

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	6:00PM-8:00PM – Adoration and Confession for Lent at St. John XXIII (<i>at least three priests will be present</i>)
Monday	The monthly Rosary for Peace will be prayed Monday, March 31 at the conclusion of morning Mass
Thursday	6:00PM St. Richard Feast Day Mass followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall – <i>NO 8:00AM Mass</i> 6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Upcoming Events	
April 6	St. John XXIII BINGO at West Penn Fire Company – doors open at noon, BINGO starts 1:00PM – Tickets \$25
April 7	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee Meeting held in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
April 8	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Committee Meeting held in the St. Richard Parish Hall
April 9	6:30PM-8:30PM – Palm Weaving Class in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – Sign-up sheet in the Family Room
April 12	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
April 13	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass

PARISH CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Please note that the Spring clean-up of all five of our parish cemeteries will be between March 31st and April 4th. Any decorations that you want to keep must be removed by TODAY, March 30th. Two lawn service professionals will be cutting the grass this year. Joe Whilden from Pro-Yard will be cutting St. Jerome's New Cemetery and the Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. Justin McCaroll will be cutting St. Bartholemew's Cemetery, St. Bertha's Cemetery, and St. Jerome's Old Cemetery.

PALM WEAVING CLASS

A palm weaving class instructed by Ann Girard (*Deacon Ed's wife*) will be held on Wednesday, April 9th from 6:30PM until 8:30PM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Admission is \$10 per person which includes palms, supplies, and light refreshments. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Family Room or contact Cindy at 570-952-4336 or see the flyer for more details.

LAST CALL FOR PARISH COOKBOOKS

There are only a few remaining. Cookbooks are \$10 each and are available before and after Mass in the St. John XXIII Family Room. Get yours while there are still some left!

LOTTERY CALENDARS/BINGO/ORGAN CONCERT

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is still selling 2025 Lottery Calendars as well as tickets to next Sunday's BINGO before and after the weekend Masses in the Family Room. Tickets to the May 2nd organ concert are also now on sale.

BOYERS SHOPPING SPREE CONTEST

The Marian Blue & Gold Club is selling raffle tickets (\$10 each) to win a 3-minute shopping spree at the Tamaqua Boyers! To purchase tickets, you may contact Marian High School directly at 570-467-3335, email bgc@mariancatholics.org, or call or text parent volunteer Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MOUNTAIN VALLEY

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is hosting its 34th Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 16th at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship, and golf! For more information, visit www.stjosephctr.com or call 570-622-4638.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated the front pews immediately after Mass.

WITH GRATITUDE

The Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) and CPR Training held this past Sunday was a success. Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to Roy Paisley who donated this life-saving emergency equipment and to Mike Mistishen who volunteered as our training instructor. Thank you again!

FROM ST. RICHARD PARISH OFFICE

Tax deadline is April 15th, if you'd like your **2024 Contribution Statement**, please contact the rectory office. ALSO, because there was a mailing issue, please contact the rectory office if you had not received the St. Richard's **envelope packet for March/April**.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE 2025 UPDATE

Our Spring Basket Raffle is quickly approaching! The event will begin on Friday May 16th and Saturday May 17th (Shop and Drop) and Sunday May 18th for last call Shop and Drop and the raffle drawing beginning at 2:15PM. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. See flyer for more details.

2ND LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, April 11th from 3:00PM - 6:00PM. The remaining envelopes were mailed. The mailing includes dinner tickets, 50/50 chances, Paska Bread and Easter Candy Sale Order Forms. Please return your tickets, chances and order forms by Monday, April 7th in any Mass collection or drop them in the "Fundraising" box" on the rectory porch. Additional copies of the Paska Bread and Easter Candy Order Forms are in the Vestibule. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT AT ST. RICHARD

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday April 13th, (Rain or Shine) starting at 12:00 PM. This is for ages 2 (walking) to 12. It is imperative to sign up so that we can prepare for the children accordingly. Prizes and a visit from our special guest will be inside the Parish Hall. Please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 to sign up. This is open to all children within St. Richard's and Saint John XXIII Parishes. Prizes/donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. If you are able and willing to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

We are currently updating our Home Visitation/Communion Call List. If anyone would like to be added or know someone who would, please contact the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the 10:30AM Mass we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass of St. Richard Parish. More details to follow.

2025 MASS BOOK UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

Daily Mass dates are still available. Please also consider the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests may be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped at the office. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

Bulletin announcements and inserts may be emailed or called in **no later than** Tuesday at noon.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of bad weather of snow or ice, St. Richard will follow Mahanoy Area School District and St. John XXIII will follow Tamaqua Area School District. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be no weekday Mass.

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