

Welcome

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

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Deacon Edward J. Girard

May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

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Parish Staff

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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
victimassistance@allentowndioocese.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, May 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 Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Sylvester Karnish Mass Intention: Damian Peca</p>
<p>Sunday, May 24 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Pentecost Sunday Mass Intention: Ellen Kemmerer Mass Intention: Craig Pietzold</p>
<p>Monday, May 25 9:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>)</p>	<p>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Mass Intention: Patsy, Mary, Patty, and Joey Coleman</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 26 7:00AM Mass: SJ (<i>held at St. Richard</i>) 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ</p>	<p>St. Philip Neri, Priest Mass Intention: Benjamin Walker</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 27 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Gregory Bruno</p>
<p>Thursday, May 28 7:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society</p>
<p>Friday, May 29 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, May 30 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 Most Holy Trinity Mass Intention: Victor and Claudia Gogal 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p>Sunday, May 31 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>The Most Holy Trinity Mass Intention: McGlinchey and Lutwin Families Mass Intention: Stephen W. McCarthy</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples, and they go out preaching in the many languages of the people in Jerusalem. In the second reading, Saint Paul preaches that the faithful have different gifts but are united together with one Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and greets them with peace and the Holy Spirit. On this Feast of Pentecost, our readings reveal the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit drives out our fear, giving us courage to go out into the world. The Spirit inspires us to make connections with others. He empowers us to do the work God is calling us to do. May we open our hearts to the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31: Ex 34;4B-6, 8-9; Ps Dn 3;52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

St. John XXIII

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

The **Heritage Mass** can be found on the following pages:
 Glory to God – 226 / Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **Contemplation on Veni Sancte Spiritus** by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)
 The postlude is **America the Beautiful** by Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903)

The altar flowers are in memory of Curtis Keefer Jr.

Please remember in your prayers...

David Rickert, Mildred Cara, Sandy Mehalko, Tom Fredericks, Andrew Eremus, Rita Klekamp, Anthony Vevasis, Joan Strause, Regina Pavlovich, John Gallagher /Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Pastor Jack Murry / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Jack Praskac, Amy Gurcsik, Marc Lesniak

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

Angelina Puccio

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Benjamin Walker Crucifix Candle In Memory of Joseph Leskosky</p>	<p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Sacred Heart Peace in this troubled world</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</p> <p>Sunday, June 7 - 8:30AM Graduate Recognition Mass</p> <p>All high school, college, trade school, and military graduates are invited to attend.</p> <p>Everyone is invited to celebrate with our graduates at a Reception in the Parish Hall following the 8:30AM Mass.</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS Classes have ended for the Summer</p> <p>GRADUATE RECOGNITION MASS Sunday, June 7th at the 10:30AM Mass</p> <p>CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Every Sunday from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Do you feel overwhelmed by the bible or guilty for not knowing it better? John Bergsma provides an easy-to-understand and fresh walk-through salvation history with insights to help you to see how God’s love story unfolds in scripture in his book: Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History (Expanded Edition). Join us for small group discussion as we explore this book and gain a deeper understanding of salvation history and ourselves. Call Cheryl at 484-866-3835 with any questions. Tuesdays from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. This is an open invitation to all from both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office. Mystagogoy (living the mystery) to Pentecost. New inquirers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today’s second collection is for Parishes Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

5/31 ~ Stained Glass Windows Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ

6/7 ~Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday	Memorial Day – 9:00AM Mass at St. Richard (no 7:00AM Mass today) - both Parish Offices closed
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony
Upcoming Events	
May 31	7:00PM Men’s Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
June 1	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
June 3	3:30PM-6:00PM Freckled Moose order pick-up in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
June 7	Graduate Recognition at both Sunday Masses
June 9	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
June 14	12:00PM-3:00PM St. Richard Chicken Dinner (eat in or take out)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION - JUNE 7 - BOTH MASSES

On Sunday, June 7th at both the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses, all 2026 graduates (high school/trade school/college/military) will be recognized and honored. Also, after the 8:30AM Mass, everyone is invited to the St. John XXIII Parish Hall for donuts compliments of the Holy Name Society.

TODAY MARKS THE END OF THE EASTER SEASON

Today is the fiftieth day of Easter, otherwise known as Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost officially ends the Easter season, but before we go full force into Ordinary Time, there are two solemnities on the following two Sundays: The Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday) on May 31st and The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 7th. Today we will be singing the same dismissal that we did on Easter Sunday, which can be found on **page 165** in the hymnal.

DONORS ARE NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to all past flower donors! If any past flower donors or new donors want to be added to the queue to be a flower donor for a future date, please speak to Dale Bonenberger, the Director of Music, after Mass or call the Parish Office.

MARIAN BLUE & GOLD CLUB GOLF CLASSIC

The Marian High School Blue & Gold Club is sponsoring a golf outing on Friday, June 5th at the Sand Springs Country Club in Drums, PA. Registration is at 9:00AM with a 10:00AM Shotgun Start. Dinner with raffles and prizes to follow. The cost is \$100 per player. To register, please contact Leadership Gift Officer, Julian Cerullo at 570-467-3335 extension 123 or jcerullo@mariancatholics.org or Head Basketball Coach, John Petriyak at phillypilsey@gmail.com

PLEASE CLAIM YOUR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The Lost and Found shelf in the St. John XXIII Family Room is overflowing. There are reading glasses, umbrellas, many single earrings, jewelry, and lots of miscellaneous items.

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 and the balcony.

PARISHIONER MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER

Thank you to John Babinsky for speaking to the congregation this past Sunday regarding the upcoming mission trip in June to Peru. If you are able, donations are still being accepted via cash (in envelope clearly marked “Peru Trip” placed in the offertory collection) or Venmo (@KingsPAPeruTrip). Thank you to John and all those who have already donated to this worthwhile cause.

FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM ST. RICHARD

Father Finlan and the Fundraising Committee would like to express a BIG THANK YOU to all the businesses and to all who donated to help make our Basket Raffle a HUGE success! We would at this time to also thank our volunteers who served, cooked, baked, and everything in between and finally to Jack Cusatis for being our ticket caller. Our recorded profit was \$3,169! Great job everybody!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Sunday, June 14, 2025, St. Richard’s will be hosting our annual BBQ Chicken Dinner. Look for the mailing starting this weekend (5/23 & 5/24) in the vestibule.

MASS BOOK UPDATE AT ST. RICHARD

Mass dates are still available. Please also consider the Eternal Remembrance Society or any of the Devotional Candles including the Sanctuary Lamp. All requests must include the 2026 Intention Form and the \$10 per Mass/Candle stipend fee. The requests may be mailed, placed in collection, or dropped at the office.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Please visit www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or use one of the envelopes and make your gift today.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to help deliver meals in the Tamaqua area, please contact Samantha Gibbons at 570-449-8271.

REMINDER

Bulletin announcements, including flyers, must be submitted no later than Tuesday at noon to the Parish Office.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

A table is set up in the Parish Hall, and the instructions and policies are available to read and sign. If you volunteer at St. John XXIII, please visit the table after Mass to pick up your packet. Contact Cheryl with any questions – 484-866-3835.

CONFESSIONAL REMODEL UPDATE

The roof directly above the confessional has developed a leak, and we plan to put a new roof on this section of the building. Until that happens, construction is halted. During this time, we will hold confessions in the actual confessional space, but please be aware that it's stripped down to the studs and concrete.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

There is a limit of two Masses (one weekday, one weekend), one Sanctuary Lamp, and one Crucifix Candle. All requests must include the 2026 updated form along with a \$10 stipend per request. Forms are in the Parish Office and the Parish Hall. Requests must be made in person. Questions may be directed to Lisa in the Parish Office.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

We need three people to present the offertory gifts at each weekend Mass; children are welcome to participate. The individual or family (the Mass donor) who requested the Mass intention obviously takes precedence, but often they are not available for the offertory procession. This is when we offer the honor of taking up the gifts to any parishioner present at Mass. If there is a date that you know you want to take up the gifts during the offertory procession, please call Joan Marie Roth at 570-599-9809 and leave your name, phone number, and the date of the Mass you request.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. Key fobs are located at both entrances of St. Richard Church and on the table in the Family Room and Parish Hall of St. John XXIII Church.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Both St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes follow the Mahanoy Area School District for weekday Masses. If the district has a cancellation or delay because of weather, there will be NO weekday Mass. For Tuesday morning Holy Hour and Stations, we will follow the Tamaqua Area School District.

MORE ATTEMPTS AT FRAUD

Over the past few weeks, someone has been impersonating Fr. Finlan and sending text messages and emails to parishioners from fake accounts pretending to be Fr. Finlan. None of these messages are legitimate. Fr. Finlan will never text or email requests for help or money or gift cards. If you do receive one of these fraudulent messages, just delete it and do not reply, but please let your respective Parish Office know.

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