

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Office Hours

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

Parish Staff

Deacon Edward J. Girard, Parish Life Collaborator
Reverend Monsignor William F. Glosser, Canonical Pastor
Very Reverend Eugene P. Ritz, Weekend Assistance
Reverend Richard Kwaku Boateng, Weekday Assistance
Dale F. Bonenberger, Director of Music
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Office Hours

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Parish Staff

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor
Deacon John A. Setlock (Retired)
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator
Mary Soberick, Business Manager
Krissy 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

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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.

Saturday, July 25 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Edward Porambo Mass Intention: Curt J. Keefer, Jr.
Sunday, July 26 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: James Young Jr. Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Monday, July 27 No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday
Tuesday, July 28 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday
Wednesday, July 29 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Mass Intention: Roc Rogers
Thursday, July 30 9:00AM Mass SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Dolores Corinchock
Friday, July 31 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday, August 1 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Paul Gerard Yacobowsky Mass Intention: Blessings upon our Parish
Sunday, August 2 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: David Sweeney Mass Intention: Suzanne Hurst

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's reading from First Kings, Solomon asks for an understanding heart in order to distinguish right from wrong, and the Lord grants his wish. Saint Paul, writing to the Church in Rome, reminds us that God has chosen us to be true images of his Son, Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus uses parables to explain that the person who understands the value of the kingdom will sacrifice all in order to obtain it. Saint Paul reminds us in his Letter that we are called by God to be images of his Son. But to be truly like him we need the gifts of wisdom and understanding, and an openness to allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in working for the kingdom of heaven. We find the kingdom in Jesus, who is the way.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, I love your commands.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 2: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

St. John XXIII The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal. The Mass of Spirit and Grace can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204 The prelude is Air from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The postlude is Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – Blaenwern by William Rowlands (1860-1937) The altar flowers are in memory of Christopher Dunn.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Jack Praskac, Amy Gurcsik, Marc Lesniak / George Koval, Jackie Richardson, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gurcsik, David Rickert, Dan Rickert, Maureen Moe, Stacy Lora, Sue Taiko, Michael Spleen, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Amy DeBenedict Behler, 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 Murray, Paul Goida, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz, Margaret Petrole

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

Jeanette Nora Clemson

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Christopher Dunn Crucifix Candle In Memory of Edward Porambo	St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES Classes have concluded for the Summer We wish all our parish youth a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation!	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS Classes have ended for the Summer CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Scouts have ended for the Summer
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ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Relationships are difficult, and it seems like we are losing the skills needed to be able to “relationship” well and love well. These skills have been referred to as “THE ART OF LIVING” and are not being passed down like they used to be. Join us as we explore and discuss Dr. Edward Sri’s videos on The Art of Living and the Freedom to Love. Dr. Sri breaks down each of the four cardinal virtues, the ways we can strengthen our practice of these virtues, and the vices that oppose them. Using real life examples, thoughtful storytelling, and the rich history of the Catholic Church’s saints and theologians, you will be inspired to love others more deeply and authentically. Sign up in the Family Room or call Cheryl at 484-866-3835. Five Tuesdays – June 30 through July 28 from 10:00AM-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 is an ongoing process designed especially for people who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church. It is also for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation by celebrating the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. For those who are already baptized and want to be received into the Catholic Church, please contact either Parish Office. New inquirers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

8/2 ~ Parish Facility Fund	Upcoming collections are...	8/9 ~ Parish Utilities	8/15 ~ Assumption of Mary
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ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Mon.-Tues.	No Daily Mass at St. Richard Church
Tuesday	10:00AM Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – this is the final meeting of this series
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

Upcoming Events

August 1	9:00AM – 4:00PM (or sellout) St. Richard Parish Food Festival / Rosary for Peace at 3:20PM at St. John XXIII
August 3	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
August 11	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall

WEEKEND MASS TIME CHANGE AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Starting next weekend on August 1st/2nd, the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. John XXIII will get moved by a half hour. So, Saturday Mass will be at 4:00PM and Sunday Mass will be at 9:00AM. And remember, Fr. Richard says Masses on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00AM at St. John XXIII Church. Our new schedule is as follows:

Saturday: 3:00PM-3:45PM Confessions; 4:00PM Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM Mass

Tuesday: 8:30AM Adoration, Holy Hour, and Benediction

Wednesday: 9:00AM Mass

Thursday: 9:00AM Mass; 9:30AM Adoration and Confession

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE SHIFTING

Up until now, the Monday and Tuesday Mass intentions were for St. John XXIII, and the Wednesday and Thursday Mass intentions were for St. Richard. Given our new weekday Mass schedule where Monday and Tuesday 9:00AM Masses are held at St. Richard and Wednesday and Thursday 9:00AM Masses are held at St. John XXIII, we will need to switch the intentions for the remainder of the year. So, Monday intentions get switched to Wednesday, Tuesday intentions get switched to Thursday, Wednesday intentions get switched to Monday, and finally Thursday intentions get switched to Tuesday. This way all St. John XXIII Mass intentions will be said at St. John XXIII and St. Richard Mass intentions will be said at St. Richard. This Mass intention shifting will begin the week of August 1st.

OUR MONTHLY ROSARY FOR PEACE ON AUGUST 1st

A Rosary for Peace will be prayed before Mass on Saturday, August 1 beginning at 3:20PM inside the church. Thank you to all who pray for peace with our parish family.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

If you have not returned your completed clearances, please do so by August 1st. After this date, the Diocese will be intervening. Volunteers who do not have occasions to be around children or do not have leadership positions do not have to get full background checks but still need to read policies and watch a video on Protecting God's Children. Contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY ON AUGUST 15th

Tickets for the Saturday, August 15th bus trip to Atlantic City for the Wedding of the Sea Festival are now on sale in the Family Room for \$45 before and after weekend Masses. The price includes a casino voucher and round-trip transportation from Leiby's to Atlantic City. The bus will depart from Leiby's parking lot at 5:45AM and leave Atlantic City at 5:45PM.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Please join us in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall immediately after Mass for coffee and fellowship.

VISITING MISSIONARY PRIEST THIS WEEKEND

Fr. Tony Chakungal, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be at both St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes on July 25th and 26th. He will share his missionary experience and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Missionary Co-op collection will take place on the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd. The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational, and charitable activities. He hopes that you will be generous. More information is on this weekend's bulletin insert.

CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous contributions to this collection last week. As a parish, we joined others to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries.

WEEKDAY MASSES CHANGE AT ST. RICHARD

Beginning Monday, August 3rd, St. Richard weekday Masses will be celebrated on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:00AM. The previously scheduled Mass intentions for Wednesdays will be celebrated on Mondays, and the Mass intentions scheduled for Thursdays will be celebrated on Tuesdays.

ST. RICHARD ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATES

Final Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Monday, July 27th at 9:30AM – boiling cabbage

Tuesday, July 28th at 9:30AM – making halupki

Thursday, July 30th at 9:30AM – making bundukies

Friday, July 31st (time TBD) - setting up tent and hall

All help is appreciated!

Raffle Tickets

Please return all tickets to St. Richard's either in the collection or the "Fundraising" box on the Rectory porch.

Volunteers Needed

The festival is a major part of our annual parish budget. The success of this major fundraiser is important. **Most importantly**, we need dedicated volunteers for our festival to be successful! Please indicate your willingness to volunteer on the sign-up sheets in the Vestibule. We appreciate any time you can give the day of the festival or the cleanup.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

Next Round of Winners – Good Luck!

7/13 #458, Richard Pasechnik, \$25

7/14 #190, No Winner, \$25

7/15 #454, Charles Hubiak, \$25

7/16 #431, No Winner, \$25

7/17 #651, No Winner, \$25

7/18 #323, No Winner, \$75

7/19 #371, No Winner, \$25

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.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

Bosco's Shopping Passes are now available in the Family Room before and after weekend Masses. For a \$5 donation, you receive a 25% discount off their Lowest Sale Prices for one day only – Wednesday, October 21, 2026. It's a great way to save money, and our Parish keeps 100% of the proceeds from these donations.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A CATECHIST

It starts when we say "I believe" with a humble heart that says "yes" to living as a disciple of Jesus. Catechesis is a gift that allows us to formally teach others to do the same. It is a desire to surround people of all ages with a community of believers who love, understand, and practice the faith. If God is calling you to be a catechist, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Melissa Grimminger for more information.

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.

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.

MASS BOOK AT ST. RICHARD

Mass dates for both weekdays and weekends are still available. Also available is 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. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

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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