

Welcome

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

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

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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, February 15 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Merrill Koenig Mass Intention: Robert Rehatchek</p>
<p>Sunday, February 16 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Paul Nester Sr., Ruth Nester, and Paul Nester Jr. Mass Intention: Margaret Kufrovich</p>
<p>Monday, February 17 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Mark Boyle</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 18 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 19 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Thursday, February 20 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Friday, February 21 No Daily Mass</p>	<p>Weekday</p>
<p>Saturday, February 22 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Tom Gerhard Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p>Sunday, February 23 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ida Totani Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Lord says that those who trust in him are truly blessed. In the second reading, Saint Paul teaches the truth of the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Plain to a crowd, lifting up those who yearn for more in this world and decrying those who have found false fullness in the world. Our readings today emphasize that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth, where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. He lifts us up, no matter what hardship we are facing.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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:
 Holy, Holy, Holy – 227 / Memorial Acclamation – 228 / Amen – 231 / Lamb of God – 232

The prelude is **Andante in E-flat Major** by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
 The postlude is **Rondeau** by Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for all God’s blessings to our parish.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Francis Burke, Jean Hunsinger, Ed Surfield, Diane Cavanaugh, Anne Palmer, Elizabeth Tarutis / Cindy Clark, Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Craig Goida, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Therese Ristilla, Peter Krizin, Jennifer DiSante, Magnolia Pavlovich, John Dietrich Jr., Dennis Matalavage, / Andrew Eremus, Sue Manello, Sandy Mehalko

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

Jay Ryan

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Morris and Agnes Vaccaro Crucifix Candle In Honor of Dan Odorizzi in appreciation for all that he does for our parish</p>	<p>St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp Special Intention Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Sacred Heart Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Childrens' bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL DISMISS TO THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 8:30AM Mass until 10:45AM</p> <p>Sunday, February 16 – Family Mass & “Soup-er Bowl” Canned Food Collection & Pancake Breakfast Grades 1-8 All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast in the Parish Hall 9:30AM-10:30AM – Everyone is invited See flyer for more information!</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES: Grades 5-8; Sunday, February 16th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, February 23rd at 9:30AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts – Sunday, February 16th 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

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 Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

2/23 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

3/2 ~ Prish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	9:30AM-10:30AM All-You-Can-Eat Pancake/Eggs/Sausage Breakfast in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall BINGO to support Marian Basketball Boosters 1:00PM (doors open at noon) – see flyer or call 570-730-8110 7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
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

Upcoming Events

February 23	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
February 26	Free lunch; noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck
March 4	6:00PM 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
March 7	3:00PM-6:00PM St. Richard Lenten Seafood Dinner in the Parish Hall ~ Eat In or Take Out

PLEASE NOTE

There are no weekday Masses this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

SANCTUARY LAMP & CRUCIFIX CANDLES

There are still several Sanctuary Lamps and Crucifix Candles available at St. John XXIII for the month of March. Please contact the Parish Office during regular business hours if you would like to reserve any. Since there are still openings, individuals may request candles above the normal quota.

2025 LOTTERY CALENDARS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is still selling 2025 Lottery Calendars before and after the weekend Masses in the Family Room off the Narthex. Each calendar sells for \$25 and entitles you to one 3-digit straight number for the entire year.

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.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Marian Catholic High School students are in the Diocesan wide competition to "Make A Joyful Noise" in support of Catholic Education! Our students put together a video and are competing with 26 of our fellow Diocesan Catholic schools for the most votes. You are invited to watch until the end to find out who is behind those wild Colt antics! VOTE (by donating) for our video and help Marian. Voting closes February 23rd. <https://www.weloveourcatholicschools.com/fundraising/marian-catholic-high-school>

UPCOMING LENTEN RETREATS

Men Alive in Christ invites you to renew and strengthen your hope and trust in Christ Jesus at our annual half day Lenten Reflection. This Retreat is Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. It will be held at St. Catharine Siena Parish in Reading. For details, please contact Mike Akins at makins46@hotmail.com or text 610-914-0382.

The **Bishop's Commission for Women** will be offering a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 8, 2025. This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown. Space is limited, please register early. Please visit the following link for more details and to register for the retreat: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing>.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

ST. RICHARD SUPER BOWL LIX BLOCK POOL

Congratulations to all the winners and **Thank You** to everyone who supported this annual fundraiser!

Final Score: Philadelphia Eagles 40 ~ Kansas City Chiefs 22

1st Quarter – Block #82, Tim & Meg

2nd Quarter – Block #100, Angel Michell

3rd Quarter – Block #16, Duke & Joan

4th Quarter – "PWS"

Reverse Score Winners

1st Quarter – Block #20, Mike Angelo

2nd Quarter – Block #49, Mary Helen Rehatchek

3rd Quarter – Block #50, Judy Katula

Final – Theresa Zuber

BOYER'S SHOPPING SPREE UPDATE

Sellers needed especially at the Tamaqua location! To sell or purchase call/text Joann at 570-640-1034, Jack at 570-225-1771 or drop by the Parish Office during business hours. \$10 per ticket. **Winners will be drawn** Saturday, March 1, 2025, after the 5:30PM Mass.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Friday, March 7th from 3:00PM-6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The tickets and 50/50 chances have been mailed. Please return your tickets and chances in any Mass collection or drop them in the box marked "Fundraising" on the rectory porch. Any questions, contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The AED Training AND CPR Training is scheduled for Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 12:00PM in the St. Richard Parish Hall. The CPR Training is certified by the American Red Cross and is valid for two years. Those interested please contact the Parish Office during business hours to register.

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. The forms must be fully completed with the enclosed Mass stipend/Candle fee. You may also come to the office during business hours, whichever is more convenient.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES
Bulletin announcements and inserts may be emailed or called in
no later than Tuesday at noon.

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