

Welcome

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

Reverend Robert T. Finlan, Pastor

Deacon Edward J. Girard

June 29, 2025

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



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

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Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00AM-2:00PM

Parish Staff

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

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.

Saturday, June 28 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Mass Intention: Louis DiNunzio Mass Intention: Damian Peca
Sunday, June 29 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Mass Intention: Catherine Koenig Mass Intention: Stanley Kozlowski
Monday, June 30 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Morris and Agnes Vaccaro
Tuesday, July 1 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Jimmy Tracy
Wednesday, July 2 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Fr. Joseph Whalen
Thursday, July 3 8:00AM Mass: SR	St. Thomas, Apostle Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Friday, July 4 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, July 5 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Bernie Heller Mass Intention: Anthony, Estelle, Tony, and Stephen Derlunas
Sunday, July 6 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Tommy Milot Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Peter is arrested, but prayer is made on his behalf, and he is rescued by the angel of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy that he is being poured out like a libation and that he has finished the race. In the Gospel, Peter responds to Jesus’ question about his identity by saying, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus declares that he will give Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. The early Church offers us an example of intercessory prayer that we should imitate by praying fervently for the successor of Peter, the pope. You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 6: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us/He Leadeth Me arranged by Cindy Berry (b.1949) The postlude is Trumpet Tune in D Major by Henry Purcell (1659-1695) The altar flowers are in memory of the deceased members of the Thomas E. and Marion McLaughlin Boyle families.
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Romaine Karnish, Quinn Derlunas, Carol Reigel / Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich, Selina Coogan, Jennifer DiSanti / David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Elba Dannenfelser, Bernadette Nester

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

Thomas Fudge

Alice Tite

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor of Tanya Chwojko

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Rose Mary Kosch

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Francis Trackim

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

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 2024-2025

CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Classes have concluded for the Summer

*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Cub Scouts – Sunday, July 6th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: There is only one small group meeting left in this series, but it is not too late to attend! Even if you have not attended the prior ones, you are warmly invited to attend this final meeting of our summer series. Discovering the spiritual and biblical significance of the Mass will help you to go deeper in union with God and reap more of God's grace from this union. Join us as we explore "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" with Dr. Edward Sri's video series and learn how to apply this to our lives for a more meaningful relationship with God. Group will be five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on June 3 through July 1, from 10:00AM until 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign up in St. John XXIII Narthex or contact Cheryl at 484-866-3835 or just come to the Parish Hall on Tuesday.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings from 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the St. Richard Cry Room. All are invited to attend.

OCLIA (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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Holy Father /Peter's Pence.

Upcoming collections are...

7/6 ~ Parish Facility Fund

7/13 ~ Parish Festival/Parish Cemeteries

7/20 ~ Churches in Central/Eastern Europe

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Tuesday	Our monthly Rosary for Peace will take place during our Parish Holy Hour immediately after 8:00AM Mass
Thursday	No regularly scheduled choir rehearsals for the duration of the summer – rehearsals resume in September

Upcoming Events

July 6	7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
July 7	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
July 8	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
July 13	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass

A PRAYER FOR PEACE – ST. JOHN PAUL II

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" – please grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

NO MUSIC AT MONDAY/TUESDAY 8:00AM MASSES

Starting this week, and for the duration of the summer, there will not be music at the weekday Masses at St. John XXIII. Organ and cantor will return after Labor Day.

A WORD OF THANKS...

...to everyone who helped clean the church this past Thursday.

PLEASE CLAIM YOUR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

A few items have been claimed since we had this same announcement in a few weeks ago, but the Lost and Found shelf in the St. John XXIII Family Room is still overflowing. There are reading glasses, umbrellas, many single earrings, and jewelry, etc. Many of these items have been on the shelf for months. Unclaimed items will either be given away or thrown away in July.

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.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is selling Boscov's Shopping passes in the Family Room for \$5 each. The passes are valid for in-store or online purchases all day on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, only. The pass entitles the buyer to a 25% discount on the lowest sale price of most items, and a 10% to 15% discounts on others. Some exclusions apply.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IS OPEN TODAY

Please join us in the St. John XXIII 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.

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

Thank you to all those who have already purchased the July lottery calendars. **We are down to the wire...** tickets must be in by the June 30th. **Please note** that if a ticket has not been returned and recorded and the number comes up, the winnings will not be awarded. Any questions, contact Joann 570-640-1034. GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Richard Parish will be hosting their Annual Food Festival on Saturday, August 2nd from 10:00AM-3:00PM or sellout. The mailing is currently in the vestibule and includes a letter from Fr. Finlan, raffle tickets and information concerning the festival. Please pickup your envelope.

ST. RICHARD FUNDRAISING MEETING

The Fundraising Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting will include discussions on the upcoming Food Festival. All those who are involved in the festival are encouraged to attend.

ST. RICHARD BASKET RAFFLE

Our Basket Raffle is Saturday, September 13th. We are accepting donations for this fundraiser in which proceeds will go towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in October. **To donate**, contact Joann at 570-640-1034 **OR** the Parish Office at 570-467-2315.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing St. Richard fundraiser. It is 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.

HOME VISITATION AT ST. RICHARD

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember that every gift counts, no matter how big or small. You can also make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AT ST. RICHARD

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Richard Parish. The celebration begins at 10:30AM Mass with His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert followed by a catered dinner. More details to come.

2025 MASS BOOK 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 basket, or dropped at the office.

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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