

# Welcome

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

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

*September 29, 2024*

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### **Church of St. John XXIII**

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### **Office Hours**

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

### **Parish Staff**

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music  
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator  
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator  
Patricia Radocha, Business Manager  
Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education



### **Church of St. Richard**

799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, PA 18214

**Phone:** 570-467-2315 ~ **Fax:** 570-467-2462

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**Website:** www.strichard.org

**Facebook:** Church of St Richard

### **Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday ~ 9:00AM-2:00PM

Thursday ~ 9:00AM-12:00PM

### **Parish Staff**

Reverend Joseph T. Whalen, Pastor Emeritus  
Deacon John A. Setlock, (Retired)  
Teri Howerter, Office Administrator  
Mary Soberick, Business Manager  
Krissey 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  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

#### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak ~ 800-791-9209  
victimassistance@allentowndiocese.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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

<p><b>Saturday, September 28</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Russell, Helen, Stiely, and Marie Mock                   Mass Intention: Paul Yurick and Brian Firkal</p>
<p><b>Sunday, September 29</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Robert Zaraca                   Mass Intention: 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for                  Deacon John and Mrs. Ellie Setlock</p>
<p><b>Monday, September 30</b>                  No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p><b>St. Jerome, Priest, and Doctor of the Church</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 1</b>                  No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p><b>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 2</b>                  No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p><b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 3</b>                  No Mass – Fr. Finlan is away</p>	<p><b>Weekday</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, October 4</b>  <i>(No Mass at either church on this day)</i></p>	<p><b>St. Francis of Assisi</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 5</b>                  2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ                  3:30PM Mass: SJ                   5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR                  5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Vigil to the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                   Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII                  and St. Richard Parishes                   Mass Intention: Terri Shaup</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 6</b>                  8:30AM Mass: SJ                   10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p><b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                  Mass Intention: Michael and Lillian Sedar                   Mass Intention: Kevin and Linda</p>

**TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, the spirit of the Lord is bestowed upon Moses and the seventy elders, and Moses wishes that the spirit would be bestowed on all people. In the epistle, James gives a warning to the rich, describing the miseries that will befall them because of their exploitation and oppression of the poor. In the Gospel, Jesus points out that whoever is not against us is for us. He cautions against anyone who would cause a little one to sin and instructs his listeners to remove from themselves whatever leads to sin. “Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it.” This phrase is really the talking point of Jesus’ message in today’s Gospel, and it’s fairly straightforward. If something in our life is leading us into sin, and away from God, that something needs to be jettisoned like the dead weight that it is. We heed similar advice from coaches looking to improve our game, and mentors looking to improve our performance. How much more valuable are these words from the Lord, who desires to improve our life, and for us to share it with him forever.

**TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

<p><b>St. John XXIII</b></p> <p><b>The Order of Mass</b> can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p><b>The Mass of Renewal</b> can be found on the following pages:                  Holy, Holy, Holy – 179 / Memorial Acclamation – 182 / Amen – 183 / Lamb of God – 184</p> <p>The prelude is <b>O Rest in the Lord from Elijah</b> by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)                  The postlude is <b>Psalm 19</b> by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of Helen Benezetta Grier.</p>
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## PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

### Please remember in your prayers...

Lou Ann Knittle, Elizabeth Tarutis, Diane Cavanaugh, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Andrew Eremus, Craig Goida, Mary Helen Rehatchek, Deacon John, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Bill Savage, Linda Yulanavage, David Rickert / Charlie Houser, Shelley Lazarchick, Barb Houser, Magnolia Pavlovich, Fran Golder, Marie Cara, John Crammond, Debbie Delp, Angel Donovan, Maria O'Boyle, Stanley Kozlowski, Marie Kalpinsky / Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfels Family, Anna May Garber, Gus Suglia, Mary Sloboda, Jennifer DiSante, Steven Ristilla

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

David Kranch

## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

### St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Deceased Members of the  
Verano and Sozio Families

### Crucifix Candle

In Memory of Christopher Lazur

### St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of my daughter Terri Shaup

### Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention

### Sacred Heart

In Honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary of Anne & Joe Palmer

## YOUTH FORMATION

**Childres' 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, September 29 – No Youth Formation**

**Sunday, October 6 – Family Mass & St. John XXIII  
Feast Day Brunch Celebration**

**Sunday, October 13 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8**  
(Sacramental Prep Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)

#### Youth Registration Information

Please return the PREP registration form along with  
Payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".

### St. Richard

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

**2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open.**  
Registration information or questions, contact Krissy  
Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure  
box on the rectory porch.

#### CCD/PREP CLASSES:

Grades 5-8; Sunday, September 29th at 9:00AM

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

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

\*All classes are held in Parish Hall unless noted.

#### SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

**Cub/Boy Scouts** – Please refer to the bulletin for more  
information as it becomes available.

## ADULT FORMATION

**October Adult Small Group:** Join us for some great discussions, valuable information, and socialization while we take a glimpse at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and explore some videos, which include speakers Bishop Barron, Father Mike Schmitz, and more. Five Tuesdays, beginning October 1st from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet is in the Family Room at St. John XXIII. This is open to parishioners of both parishes!

**Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in St. Richard Parish Hall. 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 Churches of Latin America

### Upcoming collections are...

10/6 ~ Parish Facility Fund

10/13 ~ Parish Utilities

## ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Mon. - Thurs.	No Daily Masses at either church – Fr. Finlan is away – Saturday & Sunday Mass schedules remain the same
Thursday	8:30AM church cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work, come, and help out The regularly scheduled Thursday evening St. John XXIII Parish Choir rehearsal is canceled this week
Upcoming Events	
September 23 - October 4	No Daily Masses at either church – Fr. Finlan is away – Saturday & Sunday Mass schedules remain the same
October 6	Brunch catered by Basile's in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall after the 8:30AM Mass until 11:00AM Blessing of the Animals – noon in the St. Richard parking lot (rain or shine)
October 7	9:30AM & 6:00PM – Estate Planning Workshop in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – more details on the flyer
October 8	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall
October 13	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass 12:00PM - 3:00PM – Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall – more details on the flyer
October 19-20	Tamaqua Hunger Campaign canned and dry goods food drive – bring your donations to church that weekend

### WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Please welcome once again Fr. Bruno who will be our guest celebrant at all Masses this weekend at both parishes.

### A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck this past Wednesday. We served a total of 250 pulled pork sandwich lunches that day. The Community Café Food Truck will be back again at St. John XXIII on Wednesday, October 30th.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN XXIII

Tickets for our “Giant Bucks” Lottery Drawing are available before and after Mass in the Family Room. The drawing of the lucky winner will be held next Sunday, October 6th during our Parish Anniversary Brunch in the Parish Hall that will be held after the 8:30AM Mass that day. Tickets for the brunch are on sale in the Family Room. Tickets are \$25/adult and \$15/child under ten years old. Because this is a catered brunch, tickets must be purchased in advance so that a correct count can be given to Basile's. Tickets for the brunch WILL NOT be available at the door. **This is the last chance to purchase your brunch tickets.** The 25% off “Friends Helping Friends” Boscov's shopping passes are also available for \$5 in the St. John XXIII Family Room as are the pickle sale order forms and basket raffle sign-up sheets.

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### ST. JOHN PARISH 10th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Submit as many recipes as you like. Submission forms are available in the Family Room at St. John XXIII and on our website under “Events” on the Home Page. Deadline for submission is January 1, 2025. Books can be pre-ordered after January 1st – cost will be determined by the amount of recipes received. Books will be available by March 1st.

### ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

### NO ANOINTING OF THE SICK THIS MONTH

Due to Fr. Finlan being away, there will be no administering of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for the month of September. The next Anointing after Mass will be held on the weekend of October 26th/27th.

### THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

The Autumn Offering was mailed to all active parishioners of both parishes. If you have not received yours yet, please let us know. Please confirm that all your information on the form is correct and make any changes or corrections directly on the form and return the corrected form to your respective Parish Office. If your form is correct and there are no changes needed, St. Richard parishioners please make a notation on the form “no changes” and return your form to the St. Richard Parish Office. St. John XXIII parishioners do not need to return forms that already have the correct information.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your pets to be blessed next **Sunday, October 6th at 12:00PM** to the St. Richard's church parking lot. The blessing of animals will be held rain or shine.

### “FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS” AT ST. RICHARD

Please see the flyer for all the saving details.

### BWAC MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

The *Because We Are Catholic (BWAC)* Mass with Bishop Schlert will be held on **Monday, October 28th at 6:00PM** at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City.

### SAINT JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL

SJRS currently has job openings for the 2024-2025 school year. The positions that are available are P/T Cafeteria Worker, F/T Custodian Maintenance Worker, P/T Preschool Aide, and Substitute Teachers. For more information and how to apply, please go to: [www.sjrschool.com/about/employment](http://www.sjrschool.com/about/employment).

### COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to all those seated in the handicap pews in the back of St. John XXIII Church as well as the front pews of St. Richard Church.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEMBER MASS

To be held at St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley (Summit Hill) today, **Sunday, September 29th at 12:30PM**.



