

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth 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

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00AM-2:00PM

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

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, October 17 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mark T. Boyle Mass Intention: Mary Helen Rehatchek
Sunday, October 18 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Leonard Zoba Jr. Mass Intention: Fr. Joseph Whalen
Monday, October 19 No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Ss. John de Bebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Martyrs
Tuesday, October 20 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ No 9:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday
Wednesday, October 21 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Smith and Family
Thursday, October 22 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes
Friday, October 23 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, October 24 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Christine Huegel Mass Intention: Heavenly Anniversary Mom and Dad Hutira
Sunday, October 25 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Angelo Jr. Mass Intention: William Conroy

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading Isaiah proclaims that the God of Israel is the only God. Saint Paul writes with thanksgiving to the Church of the Thessalonians, encouraging their work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope. In the Gospel, Jesus asserts God’s dominion over all while resolving a conflict over paying taxes to Caesar. As the Father and Creator of all, God is above all powers on earth. God has called each of us by name in baptism and has entrusted us with building his kingdom in faith, hope, and love. We owe God what belongs to God – our obedience and work of faith – because we belong to God and to God’s kingdom before any earthly power.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give the Lord glory and honor.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 25: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

<p style="text-align: center;">St. John XXIII</p> <p>The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal.</p> <p>The Mass of Renewal 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 Bist Du Bei Mir (BWV 508) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Psalm 19 by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in honor of Fr. Ritz, Deacon Ed, and Dale for their dedication and commitment to our parish.</p>
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PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Dannenfelser, Jack Praskac, Marc Lesniak, Msgr. Bill Glossar, Frank Creazzo, Pattie Radocha, Frank Riotto / Amy DeBenedict Behler, Jan McCole, George Koval, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gurcsik, Maureen Moe, Sue Takio, John Gallagher, Barb Houser, William Fell, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Cheryl Keifer, Mikayla Wyrwas, Jane Weston / David Rickert, Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz, Daniel Moyer Jr., Jennifer Lofink, Marie Stednitz

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

Dorothy Bailey

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Zoey Chwojko Crucifix Candle In Honor of Peter Krizin	St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Mary Helen Rehatchek Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 <i>All classes will meet in the upstairs classrooms after the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM</i> October 18 - Grades 2-8 Sacramental Prep and Family of Faith October 25 - No Youth Formation November 1 - Grades 2-8 Sacramental Prep and Family Mass	St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS Any questions, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433. CCD/PREP UPCOMING CLASSES New for 2026-2027 - ALL grades are on the same weeks Sunday, October 25th Sunday, November 8th Sunday, November 22nd Grades 1-4 at 9:30AM Grades 5-8 at 9:00AM *All classes are held in the Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted. CUB SCOUT MEETINGS *Meetings held on Sundays at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall.
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ADULT FORMATION

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) is the process used by the Catholic Church to welcome new members and help baptized Catholics complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). This process is available year-round. For more information, please contact either Parish Office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday.

Upcoming collections are...

10/25 ~ Stained Glass Window Renovation:SR / Parish Cemeteries:SJ 11/1 ~ All Saints 11/2 ~ All Souls

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Saturday	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle – 4:30PM-7:30PM – Parish Hall – Hot food items available and bake sale
Sunday	St. John XXIII Basket Raffle – 9:30AM-1:00PM – Parish Hall – Hot food items available and bake sale 12:00PM-2:00PM St. Richard Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the St. Richard Parish Hall
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Parish Choir Rehearsal in the balcony – new members are always welcome

Upcoming Events

October 25	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass
October 28	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
November 1	3:00PM M&J Big Band All Saint's Day Concert in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – tickets \$10 per person
November 2	6:00PM All Soul's Day Bereavement Vespers Service followed by cake and coffee in the Parish Hall

WE WELCOME AND THANK FR. RICHARD

He is covering all Masses at both parishes this weekend!

PUMPKINS, GOURDS, MUMS, AND INDIAN CORN

We will once again have a Fall Harvest display in front of the altar at St. John XXIII for the month of November. The display will be assembled after All Souls Day. Please bring in pumpkins, gourds, mums, and Indian corn by November 2nd to be used in the display. You can place them in the box in the Parish Hall.

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. JOHN XXIII THIS WEEKEND

Our Basket Raffle is finally here! We will be open for bidding and browsing Saturday from 4:30PM until 7:30PM and on Sunday from 9:30AM until 1:00PM. Prizes will be called on Sunday starting at 1:00PM, and you do not need to be present to win. Hot food items and bake sale items are also available for purchase.

TAMAQUA HUNGER CAMPAIGN SOUP SALE

St. John XXIII Church is participating in the October Soup Sale. Orders for soup can be placed until October 25th via the website www.tamaquahunger.tacp.info. Soup pick-up is here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00AM until 11:00AM. If you have any questions, please speak to Dan Odorizzi. And please note that there is also a hunger walk on November 1st.

M&J BIG BAND CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 1st

Mark your calendars and plan to attend an All Saint's Day concert here in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall at 3:00PM on Sunday, November 1st. Tickets are only \$10 and are available in the Family Room before and after Mass or in the Parish Office during regular office hours. The La Dolce Casa (Dimmagio's) food truck will be parked at the Hall doors and will have all sorts of hot food items for sale starting at 2:00PM and for the duration of the concert. Doors open at 2:00PM.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE

Bosco's Shopping Passes are 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.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

Because of the Basket Raffle in our Parish Hall this weekend, our normal after-church café isn't happening, but please come into the Hall and join us for the bake sale and basket raffle.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18, 2026

This year is particularly special: it's the 100th Anniversary of Pope Pius XI's creation of the World Mission Sunday. Since 1926, the Church has been inviting us every October to focus on the missionary vocation that flows from baptism. This year's theme, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through the sacraments of initiation.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Sunday, October 18th from 12:00PM-2:00PM is our annual Fall Dinner - Dine in or take out. Cost is \$15 per platter. If you have any questions, please call Joann at 570-640-1034.

Dinner Prep Schedule

Saturday, October 17th – 9:00AM: Icing/cutting cake, packaging rolls, prepping hall, and kitchen.

Sunday, October 18th – 10:30AM: Day of Dinner

Day of Dinner asking for volunteers for serving, kitchen help and setting up/cleaning.

“FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS” AT ST. RICHARD

Bosco's Shopping Passes are available in the vestibule and the table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope.

Volunteers are needed at the Pottsville location to sell the passes at The One Day Only sale on Wednesday, October 21st. If interested, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

SOUP AND HALUSKI SALE AT ST. RICHARD

We are planning our 6th Annual Warm Your Heart Soup and Haluski Sale for Thursday November 12th. We are in need of soup donations. So far, we have Beef Vegetable, Chicken Potpie, Split Pea, and Stuffed Pepper. If you are interested and able to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

MAHANOEY AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 24th at 9:00AM. This year it will be held at the St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, Mahanoy City. Donation is \$10 and tickets are available at the St. Richard Parish Office.

DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

As part of the Diocese of Allentown's 65th Anniversary Jubilee Year, all are invited to celebrate faith, family, and community at the Diocese's Family Festival at 12:00PM on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield. Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration.

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCES

If you have not returned your completed clearances, please do so. 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.

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.

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.

featuring Mass with Bishop Schlert, live music, food, bingo, a petting zoo, activities, and games, an All-Saints Trunk-or-Treat, and more. This rain-or-shine event promises fun for all ages and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 65 years of faith together.

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. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

BULLETIN REMINDER

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

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