

Welcome

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

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

October 27, 2024

Thirtieth 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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Office Hours

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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

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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, October 26 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Kay Ann Rottet Mass Intention: My Loving husband Bill O’Brien</p>
<p>Sunday, October 27 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Angelo Jr. Mass Intention: In Loving Memory of our Mom Suzanne Hurst</p>
<p>Monday, October 28 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles Mass Intention: John Gerlach</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 29 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Lawrence and Joseph Petrole</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 30 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confessions: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Mike Konidas</p>
<p>Thursday, October 31 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday Mass Intention: Bob Bonner</p>
<p>Friday, November 1 8:00AM: SR 7:00PM: SJ</p>	<p>All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Intention: Parish Blessings Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the St. Vicent de Paul Society</p>
<p>Saturday, November 2 10:00AM: SJ 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) Mass Intention: Bereavement Mass/All Souls’ Memorials Vigil to the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: 50th Wedding Anniversary of George and Elaine Millet Mass Intention: All Souls’ Memorials</p>
<p>Sunday, November 3 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Longhi Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Sleva Family</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies that the Lord will bring back his people from the land to which they were exiled. The author of Hebrews explains that just as the high priest can act as such only if he has been called by God to do so, so also Christ acts as our high priest because God has appointed him to do so. In the Gospel, Jesus restores the sight of Bartimaeus. Jesus asks Bartimaeus, what do you want me to do for you? Bartimaeus wanted his sight, and the Lord granted it. Bartimaeus then followed him on the way. As we encounter the Lord in the Eucharist, let us ask him for the courage to not only ask him for what we need but to follow him on the way when he answers.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47,51; Heb 7: 23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

<p>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 Larghetto from Symphony No. 2 by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) The postlude is Voluntary in C Major by John Zundel (1815-1882)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of all our family and friends who have died, who we hold near and dear to our hearts.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Charlie Houser, Shelley Lazarchick, Barb Houser, Magnolia Pavlovich, Fran Golder, Marie Cara, John Crammond, Debbie Delp, Angel Donovan, Maria O'Boyle / Therese Ristilla, Debbie Cyr, Members of the Dannenfeser Family, Anna May Garber, Gus Suglia, Mary Sloboda, Jennifer DiSante, Steven Ristilla /Joseph Izaguirre, Roy Paisley, Valerie Higgins, Marie Kalpinsky, Stanley Kozlowski, Craig Goida, Monica Surfield, David Rickert, Ellie Setlock, Jason Schaller, Ellen Kemmerer, Joe McDonald

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

Barbara Nesterak McDaniel

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Dino Perricone Crucifix Candle In Memory of Kay Ann Rottet</p>	<p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention Sacred Heart Deceased Members of the Sleva Family</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, October 27 – No Youth Formation</p> <p>Sunday, November 3 – Youth Formation Grades 2-8 (Sacramental Prep Parents Meeting in the Conference Room)</p> <p>Sunday, November 10 – Family Mass / Circle of Grace Grades 2-8 (Kids will meet in the upstairs classrooms)</p> <p>Youth Registration Information Please return the PREP registration form along with Payment in an envelope labeled "Youth Formation".</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>2024-2025 CCD/PREP Registration is open. Registration information or questions, contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.</p> <p>Return form & payment in the collection basket or the secure box on the rectory porch.</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES: Grades 5-8; Sunday, October 27th at 9:00AM Grades 1-4; Sunday, November 3rd at 9:30AM Grades 5-8; Sunday, November 10th at 9:00AM</p> <p>*All classes are held in Parish Hall <u>unless</u> noted.</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub/Boy Scouts – Currently no updates available.</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

October Adult Small Group: There is one week remaining to 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. Every Tuesday in October from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. 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 the Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

11/1 ~ All Saints

11/2 ~ All Souls

11/3 ~ Parish Facility Fund

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday	6:00PM Because We Are Catholic Mass with Bishop Schlert at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City St. John XXIII Pickle Fundraiser order forms are due (Pickle pick-up is on November 13th in the Parish Hall)
Tuesday	10:00AM - 11:30AM – Adult Small Group in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – all are welcome to attend
Wednesday	Free lunch; noon until 1:30PM in St. John XXIII parking lot – Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck
Thursday	6:00PM St. John XXIII Choir Rehearsal – new members are always welcome
Friday	All Saints Day – 8:00AM Mass at St Richard / 7:00PM Mass at St. John XXIII (Rosary starts at 6:30PM)
Saturday	All Souls Day – 10:00AM Mass of Remembrance at St. John XXIII
Upcoming Events	
November 4	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
November 10	12:30PM Dinner at DiMaggio's to benefit the Cemetery Prayer Garden – Tickets \$25/adult, \$10/kids under 12
November 23	St. Jerome Regional School Basket Bonanza – see flyer on bulletin board in Vestibule/Family Room for details

BASKET RAFFLE & BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who planned, donated, baked, worked, and attended our Basket Raffle and Bake Sale last weekend. The total net profit for our parish was \$7,072.15! Also, congratulations to Frances Triano who was the 50/50 winner of \$260.00! Again, thank you to everyone involved.

PUMPKINS, GOURDS, MUMS, AND INDIAN CORN

We will once again be having a Fall Harvest display in front of the altar for the month of November. The display will be assembled after All Soul's Day. Please bring in pumpkins, gourds, mums, and Indian corn to be used in the display and place them in the box in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

DINNER AT DIMAGGIO'S IN NOVEMBER

Join us for a dinner at DiMaggio's on Sunday, November 10th at 12:30 PM to benefit our Prayer Garden. The menu includes bruschetta, pizza bites, and garlic knots for appetizers; dinner salad; penne alla Vodka; chicken parmesan; meatballs; dessert; coffee and soda. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids under 12, free for kids 2 and under. Tickets will be sold after Masses at St. John XXIII in the Family Room. 100% of your ticket sale price goes to support our prayer garden!

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus will be delivering a complete turkey dinner to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal this Thanksgiving Day. You must reserve your meal by November 22nd. Please either call or email 570-773-0627 or 570-516-0514 or KofC431@yahoo.com. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals starting at 8AM.

TOILETRIES DRIVE STARTS THIS WEEKEND

We are having a toiletries drive that concludes on November 10th. Our parish youth will be making Blessing Bags with the items collected that will be placed at the Tamaqua Giving Tree. Items can be dropped off into the basket in the St. John XXIII Narthex – any hygiene product will be accepted.

MUSIC RETURNS TO WEEKDAY MASSES

Organ and cantor music returns to the Monday and Tuesday 8:00AM Masses starting this week.

ST. JOHN XXIII CAFÉ IN THE PARISH HALL

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament will be administered following all Masses this weekend at both churches. Please be seated in the front pews immediately after Mass.

1ST TRICK OR TREAT AT ST. RICHARDS

Come and join all the ghost and goblins at our inaugural Halloween Trunk or Treat Scavenger Hunt **this Thursday, October 31st from 6:00PM-8:00PM** on parish grounds. The event is sponsored by the Ryan Township Board of Supervisors. For more details, please refer to the flyer on the Community Board in the Vestibule.

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls' Day is November 2nd and once again we will be offering a 5-day devotional candle that will be personalized with your "In Memory of.....". The cost is \$5, and they will burn at St. Richard from church open to close that week. Index cards and envelopes are in the Church for your convenience.

ANNUAL "WARM YOUR HEART" AT ST. RICHARD

We are preparing for our annual "Warm Your Heart" Soup Sale on November 15th from 5:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall. NOTE: date change. The mailing is in the vestibule for pickup. Any questions, or if you would like to donate, please contact Krissy at 732-687-0433.

MAHANOEY AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast is Tuesday, November 26th at 9:00AM. This year it will be held at the First United Methodist Church. Cost is \$10, deadline is Monday, November 17th. Tickets will be available the week of November 12th at St. Richard Parish Office.

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM AT ST. RICHARD

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It's 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.

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

The 2025 St. Joseph Missals have arrived earlier than expected and are currently in St. Richard vestibule. Suggested donation for each Missal is \$5.00. Please use the envelope provided.

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.

THE AUTUMN OFFERING MAILING

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. 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.

