

Welcome

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

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

June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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

Patricia Radocha, Business Manager

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
victimsassistance@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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

Saturday, June 21 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Mass Intention: Daniel and Catherine Tracy Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the Derlunas and Gusavage Families
Sunday, June 22 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Mass Intention: George and Helena Handy Mass Intention: Francis Trackim
Monday, June 23 8:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Joseph, Theresa, Skip, Dooley, and Walter Englert
Tuesday, June 24 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Mass Intention: James McDonald
Wednesday, June 25 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Thursday, June 26 8:00AM Mass: SR	Weekday Mass Intention: Ann Santacecilia
Friday, June 27 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Louis DiNunzio Mass Intention: Damian Peca
Sunday, June 29 8:30AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Catherine Koenig Mass Intention: Stanley Kozlowski

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram. Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything. In the second reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that on the night Jesus was handed over, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, *This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.* In the Gospel, the Twelve tell Jesus to dismiss the crowds so they can obtain food, but Jesus takes five loaves and two fish, blesses them, and feeds the crowd with them. On the feast of Corpus Christi, the second reading offers the earliest account of the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus tells his disciples that his body and blood are given for them and commands them to *do this in remembrance of me.* Jesus provides more than a meal; he gives us his very self, broken for us on the cross. Every time Mass is offered, Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is re-presented and we are once again able to receive this gift of himself.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

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 Meditation on Adoro Te Devote by Charles Callahan (1951-2023) The postlude is Fugue in F Major (BWV556) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The altar flowers are in memory of John Malarkey.

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, Ellen Kemmerer, Jennifer DiSanti / David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Elba Dannenfelter

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

Martha Howells

Elizabeth Boyer

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Florence Polinsky

Crucifix Candle

In Memory of James and Loretta Bonner and Family

St. Richard 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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Altar Servers Night Out at Heisler's this past Thursday. This night of miniature golf and ice cream was open to all altar servers of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes.

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, June 29th
4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Did you know that the greeting at the start of Mass “The Lord be with you, and with your spirit” is not just a general greeting saying “good morning, and good morning to you.” Come to our Adult Small Group to find out its real meaning, and the deep and Biblical meanings of the rest of the Mass. 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.

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

OCIA (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 Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR/Parish Cemeteries: SJ

Upcoming collections are...

6/29 ~ Holy Father /Peter's Pence

7/6 ~ Parish Facility Fund

7/13 ~ Parish Festival

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parish Offices closed today ~ Will reopen on Wednesday, June 25 at 9:00AM
Wednesday	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot
Thursday	8:30AM Church Cleaning at St. John XXIII – many hands make light work – we hope you can help 11:00AM

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

TODAY'S SECOND COMMUNION HYMN

The second Communion hymn today is "Jesus My Lord, My God, My All" from the Peoples Mass Book hymnal. This beautiful hymn is perfect for Corpus Christi, but unfortunately it is not contained in our green Journeysongs hymnal. Please join the choir on the refrain:

*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
O make us love thee more and more;
O make us love thee more and more.*

CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of the Father's Day gift basket was Jeff Oakes. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket for a chance to win.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION AT CATHEDRAL

Everyone, especially our Altar Servers, are invited to the Cathedral in Allentown today, Sunday, June 22nd. Confessions and Adoration from 2:00PM until 3:00PM followed by a Prayer Service at 3:00PM with the Rev. Frank Desiano, preacher. It concludes with Eucharistic Procession and Benediction with Bishop Schlert. More details are on the flyer in the Family Room.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY ON AUGUST 15

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on the Feast of the Assumption, Friday, August 15, 2025 for the Wedding of the Sea Festival. The Bishop of Camden will celebrate Mass at noon in the Seminole Ballroom of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Afterwards, he will be joined in a lifeboat by the Mayor of Atlantic City for the tossing of a wreath into the Atlantic Ocean, symbolizing an act of thanksgiving for the blessings of the sea and to request another year of such blessings. The bus will leave Tamaqua at 7:30AM. It will depart from Atlantic City at 6:30PM. The cost is \$40 per person. Tickets and sign-up sheets are available in the Family Room, or you may call Marianne at 570-778-0948 or Mary Ann at 570-952-1413. Please see the flyer from last week's church bulletin for more details.

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.

ST. RICHARD RECENT DINNER FUNDRAISER

Once again thank you to our volunteers, those who purchased our Chicken Dinner & 50/50 chances. The profit numbers for this fundraiser are recorded as \$2,837.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the charitable work of the Holy See. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

IT'S LOTTERY TIME AT ST. RICHARD

The mailing has been sent. You will be receiving two (2) Lottery Calendars for July, hoping we can count on you to purchase or sell them. Each ticket cost \$5.00. If you cannot, no worries just please return them. If you choose to purchase them, return the bottom portion with payment. All tickets may be placed in any collection, dropped off in the 'Fundraising' secure box on the Rectory porch, or sent by mail. Interested in selling? Please contact Joann/Stanley at 570-640-1034. Remember...every five tickets you sell you receive a free one! All tickets must be returned by June 30th. Thank You for your continued support and Good Luck!

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'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.

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.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

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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