

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth 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
Lisa Frederick, Office Administrator
Patricia Radocha, Business Manager
Melissa Grimminger, Director of Religious Education
Cheryl Keifer, Ministry/Safe Environment Coordinator
Louise Howells, Cemetery Administrator



Church of St. Richard

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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
610-871-5200 ext. 2204 ~ prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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, September 12 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Eileen Dumphy Mass Intention: Pat Firkal
Sunday, September 13 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: George Triano Mass Intention: Jack and Antoinette Ryan
Monday, September 14 9:00AM Mass: SR	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass Intention: Daniel and Veronica Tracy
Tuesday, September 15 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SR	Our Lady of Sorrows Mass Intention: Marge Coassolo
Wednesday, September 16 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Thursday, September 17 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Romaine Karnish
Friday, September 18 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	Weekday
Saturday, September 19 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Rose and Peter Stricek Mass Intention: John Dunleavy Sr.
Sunday, September 20 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Anna Krizin Mass Intention: Charles McAndrew

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Sirach teaches that we must forgive our neighbor's injustice if we are to be forgiven by God. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, he speaks of the new life they have found in Christ, who overcame death. In the Gospel, Jesus says we must forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times, and then he tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. Today's readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors. As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive others.

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 20: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

St. John XXIII The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 140 in the Journeysongs Hymnal. The Mass of Spirit and Grace can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204 The prelude is Arioso by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The postlude is Moderato in F Major by Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846) The altar flowers are in memory of Maureen Morgan.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Shelley Lazarchick, Alonzo Borja, Marlene Fatula, Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas, David Manos, Rob Weed, Joan Manos, Mary Ellen King, Thomas Graboritz, Sue Mannello, Pastor Jack Murray, Paul Goida, Joe Kalista, George Bradbury, Ron Gantz / Magnolia Pavlovich, Barbara Karnish, Elba Danenfesler, Jack Praskac, Marc Lesniak, Rev. Gregory Karpyn, Frank Creazzo, Pattie Radocha, Frank Riotto / Amy DeBenedict Behler, Jan McCole, George Koval, Andrew Eremus, Amu Gurcsik, Maureen Moe

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

Lucille Lopresto

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Michael J. Bubel Jr.

Crucifix Candle Special Intention

St. Richard Sanctuary Lamp

Healing for our dear friends, Frank and Roy

Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

St. John XXIII

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Classes have begun. Please scan the QR code to register.

First Reconciliation & First Communion ~ Grades 1 & 2



Family of Faith ~ Grades 3-6



Confirmation ~ Grades 7 & 8



St. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS

Registration is open.

If you have not received an email or would like to enroll your child(ren), please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

CCD/PREP UPCOMING CLASSES

New for 2026-2027 - ALL grades are on the same weeks

Sunday, September 13th

Sunday, September 27th

Grades 1-4 at 9:30AM

Grades 5-8 at 9:00AM

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

CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Updates are to follow.

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 is an ongoing process designed especially for people who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church. It is also for those who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, as well as baptized Catholics who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation by celebrating the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Upcoming collections are...

9/20 ~ Stained-Glass Window Renovation: SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

9/27 ~ Churches of Latin America

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 9:00AM Mass 12:00PM-2:00PM Halupki Dinner in St. Richard Parish Hall – Dine in or take out.
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday	10:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall 6:30PM Bereavement Ministry Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall – all are welcome

Upcoming Events

September 19	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
September 21	9:30AM –3:30PM March for Life in Harrisburg – more information is listed below
September 25	6:00PM Daniel Brondel Organ Concert at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield
September 30	Catholic Charities Community Café Food Truck – noon until 1:30PM in the St. John XXIII parking lot

BOYER'S CARING AND SHARING PROGRAM

St. John XXIII Parish recently received a check in the amount of \$773.12 from Boyer's – representing purchases made for the first 5 months of 2026. We want to thank everyone who has participated in this program. However, as noted previously, their program has changed. You no longer swipe a fob at checkout to participate. You must register for the new process which – after you get set it up – requires you to just enter your phone number on a keypad at checkout. You no longer need to carry a fob! There are registration instructions on the table in the Family Room – OR – you can ask a Boyer's employee for assistance either at checkout or at the customer service desk. When choosing our parish as your charity, you must look for St. John XXIII. The period after "St" is critical or you will have difficulty finding us. The good news is that by registering, not only will we continue to receive free money for our parish, but you will also qualify for special digital coupons and rewards for yourself. We sincerely thank everyone who participates in this program.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE

Boscov'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. It's a great way to save money, and our Parish keeps 100% of the proceeds from these donations.

SAVE THE DATE: 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 in Orefield. Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration 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. More details, including the full schedule and registration information, will be shared soon.

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.

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.

"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" AT ST. RICHARD

Boscov's Shopping Passes are here! They are currently in the St. Richard vestibule and on the small table entering from the handicap ramp. Please take a pass and leave your \$5 donation per pass in the envelope provided. This year the One Day Only Sale is Wednesday, October 21st.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY MEETING

Something that we all struggle through is grief, in many different ways. To help with this, St. Richard and St. John XXIII parishes began a grief support group for the loss of a loved one, with the meeting location alternating between the two parishes. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 17th at 6:30PM in St. John XXIII Parish Hall. There is no obligation to participate in the ministry if you come to the meeting.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. RICHARD

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, or know someone who is, please reach out to Krissy Wonsock to schedule your training. In addition to serving at Mass, it is a way of receiving community service hours for Confirmation and various school programs.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN HARRISBURG

This year's March for Life in Harrisburg is on September 21st from 9:30AM until 3:00PM. For more information, go to <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/> or the Diocese of Harrisburg's website for information on Mass and Adoration at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/pa-march-for-life/>.

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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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.

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.

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