

Welcome

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

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

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Church of St. John XXIII

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Parish Staff

Dale Bonenberger, Director of Music

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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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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, July 5 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Bernie Heller</p> <p>Mass Intention: Anthony, Estelle, Tony, and Stephen Derlunas</p>
<p>Sunday, July 6 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Tommy Milot</p> <p>Mass Intention: Deceased Diocesan Priests</p>
<p>Monday, July 7 8:00AM Mass: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. John XXIII and St. Richard Parishes</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 8 8:00AM Mass: SJ 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SJ 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SJ</p>	<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Charles Tracy</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 9 8:00AM Mass: SR 8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration: SR 8:30AM – 9:00AM Confession: SR</p>	<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Mike Konidas</p>
<p>Thursday, July 10 8:00AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mass Intention: Liz Schaar</p>
<p>Friday, July 11 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i></p>	<p>St. Benedict, Abbot</p>
<p>Saturday, July 12 2:45PM – 3:15PM Confessions: SJ 3:30PM Mass: SJ</p> <p>5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Vigil to the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Charles and Helen Yeastedt</p> <p>Mass Intention: Robert Rehatchek</p>
<p>Sunday, July 13 8:30AM Mass: SJ</p> <p>10:30AM Mass: SR</p>	<p>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass Intention: Christopher Lazur</p> <p>Mass Intention: Catherine and Abe Hawkes & Family</p>

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah says to rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, for there we will find comfort. Paul writes to the Galatians: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul tells the Galatians that it is no longer circumcision or uncircumcision that sets God’s people apart. Instead, at our baptism, we were marked for Christ with the sign of the cross. This indelible seal sets us apart to share in Christ’s mission, but also in his suffering. We have hope that we who have died with Christ will also rise with him to live in the new Jerusalem, comforted in the arms of our loving God. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples ahead of him to prepare for his ministry and to proclaim the kingdom of God. If we share in Christ’s suffering, we will share his joy.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 13: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

<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 Spirit and Grace can be found on the following pages: Holy, Holy, Holy – 199 / Memorial Acclamation – 201 / Amen – 203 / Lamb of God – 204</p> <p>The prelude is Faith of Our Fathers arranged by Calvin Taylor (b.1948) The postlude is Overture from Music for the Royal Fireworks by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)</p> <p>The altar flowers are in memory of the deceased members of the Jewells and Forte Families.</p>

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

Craig Goida, Magnolia Pavlovich, Selina Coogan, Jennifer DiSanti / David Rickert, Barbara Karnish, Andrew Eremus, John Dietrich Jr., George Koval, Sue Mannello, Elba Dannenfeser, Bernadette Nester, Marci Bonner / Roy Paisley, Marie Kalpinsky, Ellie Setlock, Chase Schaller, Kathy Sanchez, Quinn Derlunas

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

Doris Hetzel

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

<p>St. John XXIII Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Agnes Berger Crucifix Candle In Memory of Michael & Lillian Sedar and Carol Troxell</p>	<p>St. Richard Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention</p>
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YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

<p>St. John XXIII RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES: Classes have concluded for the Summer</p> <p>We wish all our parish youth a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation!</p>	<p>St. Richard RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025</p> <p>CCD/PREP CLASSES: Classes have concluded for the Summer</p> <p>SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS Cub Scouts – Sunday, July 13th 4:00PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Hall</p>
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ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: There is only one small group meeting left in this series, but it is not too late to attend! Even if you have not attended the prior ones, you are warmly invited to attend this final meeting of our summer series. 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 meets on Tuesday 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 or just come to the Parish Hall on Tuesday.

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

O CIA (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 Parish Facility Fund.

Upcoming collections are...

7/13 ~ Parish Festival/Parish Cemeteries

7/20 ~ Churches in Central/Eastern Europe

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week	
Sunday	7:00PM Men's Group in the St. Richard Meeting Room
Monday	6:30PM St. John XXIII Fundraising Meeting in the St. John XXIII Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the St. Richard Parish Hall – please see details below
Upcoming Events	
July 19	9:00AM-11:00AM St. Vincent de Paul Baby Food Distribution – St. John XXIII Parish Hall – 570-225-8620
July 20	11:30AM Family Mass with Bishop Schlert and picnic at St. Catherine of Siena, Reading – more details on flyer

CHANGES TO THE ATLANTIC CITY TRIP IN AUGUST

The St. John XXIII Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on the Feast of the Assumption, Friday, August 15, for the Wedding of the Sea Festival. The Bishop of Camden will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM in the Ballroom of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Afterwards, he will be joined 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 from Leiby's Restaurant at 5:45AM. Everyone will receive a \$10 Resorts Casino gaming voucher. Departure from Atlantic City will be in the late afternoon to return to Leiby's around 7:00PM. 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.

A WORD OF THANKS...

...to everyone who brings in cookies, muffins, cupcakes, and even occasional cups and plates to share in our Parish Café. We also thank a certain couple (who wish to remain anonymous) who regularly supply the café with coffee, utensils, cups, and lids. Finally, we thank everyone who puts money in the donation jar on the café bar counter. Money collected there is used to purchase creamers, supplies, and goodies for everyone to share.

"SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE"

The Lost and Found shelf in the St. John XXIII Family Room is still overflowing and this is your last chance to claim your items. There are reading glasses, umbrellas, single earrings, and jewelry, etc. Many of these items have been on the shelf for months. Unclaimed items will either be given away or thrown away next week.

TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning invites you to join us for two exciting upcoming events. A Christmas in July Basket Raffle will take place on Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27 in the St. Ambrose Parish Center. Then, don't miss our Saturday Night Fever Disco on Friday evening, September 6. This special night will kick off our 70th anniversary celebrations with live music by The Boys Upstairs. We hope to see you as we celebrate our mission and the incredible individuals we serve. Questions? Contact Monica Walborn at 570-622-4638.

NO MUSIC AT MONDAY/TUESDAY 8:00AM MASSES

For the duration of the summer, there will not be music at the weekday Masses at St. John XXIII. Organ and cantor will return after Labor Day.

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, our contributions joined those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See.

CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries. It also aids communities throughout the region that affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contributions restore the Church and build the future in this region.

ST. RICHARD JULY LOTTERY CALENDARS

THANK YOU to all those who have purchased the July lottery calendars ... GOOD LUCK!

LAST CALL FOR FESTIVAL ENVELOPE PICKUP

St. Richard Parish will be hosting their Annual Food Festival on Saturday, August 2nd from 10:00AM-3:00PM or sellout. The mailing is currently in the vestibule and includes a letter from Fr. Finlan, raffle tickets and information concerning the festival.

ST. RICHARD FUNDRAISING MEETING

The Fundraising Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting will include discussions on the upcoming Food Festival. All those who are involved in the festival are encouraged to attend.

21ST ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Prep Schedule in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 15th at 8:30AM – meatball making

Monday, July 28th at 8:30AM – boiling cabbage

Tuesday, July 29th at 8:30AM – halupkie making

Thursday, July 31st at 8:30AM – bundukie making

If you are available and able, please consider volunteering. All help is appreciated! Current dates and times are subject to change as event nears.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR BOTH PARISHES

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

BOYER'S KEY TAG PROGRAM REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to participate in this ongoing St. Richard fundraiser. It is 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.

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.

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.

