

Welcome

to the Parishes of St. John XXIII and St. Richard
August 9, 2026
Nineteenth 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
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, August 8 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	Vigil to the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Charlie Odorizzi Mass Intention: Jacqueline S. Riotto
Sunday, August 9 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Gerlach Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Richard and St. John XXIII Parishes
Monday, August 10 9:00AM Mass: SR	St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr Mass Intention: Carole Garber
Tuesday, August 11 8:30AM Holy Hour/Adoration/Benediction: SJ 9:00AM Mass: SR	St. Clare, Virgin Mass Intention: Kenneth Adam
Wednesday, August 12 9:00AM Mass: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Anthony Perilli
Thursday, August 13 9:00AM Mass SJ 9:30AM – 9:45AM Confessions/Adoration: SJ 9:50AM Benediction: SJ	Weekday Mass Intention: Eternal Remembrance Society
Friday, August 14 <i>No Daily Mass at either church</i>	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Saturday, August 15 9:00AM: SJ 3:00PM – 3:45PM Confessions: SJ 4:00PM Mass: SJ 5:00PM – 5:15PM Confessions: SR 5:30PM Mass: SR	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not obligatory) Mass Intention: Mary Rose Schock Vigil to the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Benjamin Walker Mass Intention: Firkal and Yurick Families
Sunday, August 16 9:00AM Mass: SJ 10:30AM Mass: SR	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: John Holemberg Mass Intention: Trooper Michael E. Pahira, Jr.

TODAY’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today’s first reading, God asks the prophet Elijah to come out of the cave where he had taken shelter when God passes by. Elijah waits until he hears a tiny whispering sound. In the second reading, Paul expresses his sorrow for his fellow Israelites to the Romans. After time spent in solitary prayer, Jesus walks on the water toward the disciples’ boat. Peter’s faith is tested when he asks Jesus to command him to join him on the water. God is always with us, but we need to seek him out and listen for the tiny whispering sound of his voice calling us to him. God speaks to our hearts in quiet moments.

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 16: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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 Aria from Water Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) The postlude is Rondeau by Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) The altar flowers are in memory of Margaret Petrole.

PRAYER LIST FOR BOTH PARISHES

Please remember in your prayers...

George Koval, Jackie Richardson, Andrew Eremus, Amy Gurcsik, David Rickert, Dan Rickert, Maureen Moe, Stacy Lora, Sue Taiko, Michael Spleen, Mary Sloboda, Betty Ruscavage, Amy DeBenedict Behler, John Gallagher / 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 Dannenfelser, Jack Praskac

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

Margaret Coassolo

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

**St. John XXIII
Sanctuary Lamp**
In Gratitude for Prayers Answered
Crucifix Candle
In Memory of Nicholas Totani

**St. Richard
Sanctuary Lamp**
Thom Lagan
Blessed Virgin Mary
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sacred Heart
Happy Birthday Bill in Heaven
St. Joseph
Special Intention

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's bulletins are available in Narthex/Vestibule

**St. John XXIII
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026**
CCD/PREP CLASSES
Classes have concluded for the Summer
We wish all our parish youth a
relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation!

**St. Richard
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027**
CCD/PREP CLASSES - EVENTS
Registration is now open.
The CCD/PREP information and registration have been
emailed. If you have not received an email, please contact
Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.
CUB SCOUT MEETINGS / EVENTS
Scouts have ended for the Summer

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Small Group: Thank you to everyone who participated in our most recent series. Adult Small Group is finished now for the summer, and a new series will begin in the Fall.

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. New inquirers are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today's second collection is for the Parish Utilities.

Upcoming collections are...

8/16 ~ Parish Utilities:SR / Mission Co-Op: SJ

8/23 ~ Mission Co-Op:SR / Parish Cemeteries: SJ

ST. JOHN XXIII AND ST. RICHARD NEWS AND UPDATES

This Week

Sunday	Communion to the Homebound immediately after the 8:30AM Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM St. Richard Fundraising Meeting in the Parish Hall
Friday	8:30AM Church cleaning at St. John XXIII – we hope that you can come and lend a hand
Saturday	9:00AM Mass at St. John XXIII – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a holy day of obligation this year)

Upcoming Events

August 23	Back to School Blessing at St. Richard following the 10:30AM Mass
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FINAL REMINDER FOR ST. JOHN XXIII

Our new Mass and Confession schedule is as follows:

Saturday: 3:00PM-3:45PM Confessions; 4:00PM Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM Mass

Tuesday: 8:30AM Adoration, Holy Hour, and Benediction

Wednesday: 9:00AM Mass

Thursday: 9:00AM Mass; 9:30AM Adoration and Confession

9:00AM MASS THIS SATURDAY FOR THE HOLY DAY

This Saturday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While it is not a holy day of obligation this year, it is still in fact a holy day and we will have Mass on Saturday morning at 9:00AM to celebrate this feast day of Mary. We hope that you will join us.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY ON AUGUST 15th

Tickets for the Saturday, August 15th bus trip to Atlantic City for the Wedding of the Sea Festival are on sale in the Family Room for \$45 before and after weekend Masses. The price includes a casino voucher, Assumption Mass in the ballroom of the hotel, and round-trip transportation from Leiby's to Atlantic City. The bus will depart from Leiby's parking lot at 5:45AM and leave Atlantic City at 5:45PM.

PARISH HALL METAL FOLDING CHAIRS

If you have borrowed any of our Parish Hall folding chairs, we kindly ask that you return them.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A CATECHIST

It starts when we say "I believe" with a humble heart that says "yes" to living as a disciple of Jesus. Catechesis is a gift that allows us to formally teach others to do the same. It is a desire to surround people of all ages with a community of believers who love, understand, and practice the faith. If God is calling you to be a catechist, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Melissa Grimminger for more information.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

Bosco's Shopping Passes are available in the St. John XXIII Family Room before and after weekend Masses.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES REMINDER AT ST. RICHARD

Monday, August 3rd, St. Richard weekday Masses are now celebrated on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:00AM. The previously scheduled Mass intentions for Wednesdays will be celebrated on Mondays, and the Mass intentions scheduled for Thursdays will be celebrated on Tuesdays.

ST. RICHARD FINAL JULY LOTTERY WINNERS

7/27 #630, No Winner, \$25

7/28 #043, No Winner, \$25

7/29 #153, Alycia Yost, \$50

7/30 #042, Peg Schaediger, \$25

7/31 #001, No Winner, \$25

Thank you to everyone who sponsored this lottery fundraiser and Congratulations to all the winners!

ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE

This year's annual food festival has come to an end. Our recorded profit for Food Fest 2026 was \$9,664! Thank you again to everyone who made our parish festival a HUGE success; we could not have done it without you! And do not forget to patronize our business sponsors. God Bless! Hope to see you all next year!

Food Festival Drawing Winners - Congratulations!

First prize \$200: Matt Chilinskas

Second prize \$150: Michael Burda

Third prize \$100: Renate Shaup

Fourth prize \$50: Joan Demko

Fifth prize \$50: Mary Krick

HALUPKI DINNER AT ST. RICHARD

Please join us on Sunday, September 13th from 12:00PM-2:00PM. Dine in or take out. Cost is \$15 per dinner and includes two Halupki, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, a Roll, and a Choice of Cake. The dinner envelopes are currently in the Vestibule for pickup. Please return your dinner tickets and 50/50 chances by September 6th. Any questions, please contact Joann at 570-640-1034.

BACK TO SCHOOL AT ST. RICHARD

The Back to School Blessing is Sunday, August 23rd following the 10:30AM Mass. As we prepare for back to school, we would greatly appreciate snacks and drinks to give to the children. If you are able to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock or leave the donations in the Vestibule or on the Rectory porch marked "Back to School Blessing."

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.

BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES ON SALE NOW

Bosco's Shopping Passes are now 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

REMINDER FROM BOTH PARISH OFFICES

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

2025-2026 CCD/PREP AT ST. RICHARD

2025-2026 CCD/PREP registrations are now being accepted. Those currently in our program please check your email. If your child is not currently enrolled and you need information, please contact Krissy Wonsock. Your child should be entering grades 1st through 8th and must be an active parishioner of St. Richard's Parish. If newly joining our program, we will need a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. Please reach out to Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433 with any questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS AT ST. RICHARD

The Back to School Blessing is Sunday, August 23rd following the 10:30AM Mass. We also give each child a goodie bag and

donations of snacks or drinks would be greatly appreciated! If you are able to donate, please contact Krissy Wonsock at 732-687-0433.

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