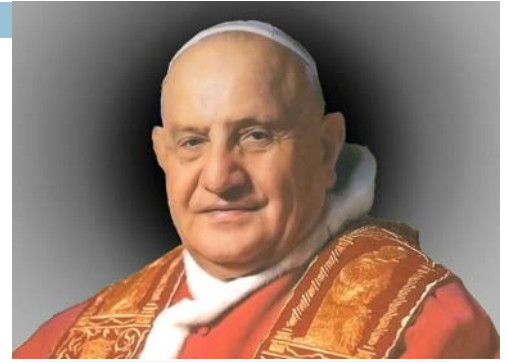


March 24, 2017
Special Easter Issue

Saint John XXIII Parish Newsletter



Message from our Pastor

Please enjoy this special Easter edition of our Parish Newsletter. You will find the schedule of Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter. Also, you will find information about additional times to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

As we enter this most holy season of the Church year, please be assured of my prayers for you and for your families. This is the season of joy, the reason for our faith, the reason we are called disciples. If your schedule permits, celebrating the Holy Week Liturgies, especially Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—the Easter Triduum, provides the best experience of the richness of our Catholic Faith.

Finally, because of the larger numbers of people who attend Mass for Easter, everyone is invited to help one of our ministry teams by signing up in the back of Church.

Peace & Blessing
Fr. John

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Liturgical Schedule for the Celebration of Holy Week, The Easter Triduum and The Resurrection of our Lord

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 8th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 4:00 PM at St. John XXIII Church
 Sunday, April 9th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 8:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Church
 Sunday, April 9th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 10:00 AM at St. John XXIII Church
 Sunday, April 9th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 5:00 PM at SS. Peter & Paul Church

The Days of Holy Week

Monday, April 10: Mass at 7:00 PM at St. John XXIII Church
 Tuesday, April 11: Mass at 8:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Church
 Wednesday, April 12: Mass at 8:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Church; followed by Eucharistic Adoration; 6:15 PM Holy Hour prayers, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 13th: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM at SS. Peter & Paul Church; Night Prayer and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10:00 PM.
 Good Friday, April 14th: The Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM at St. John XXIII Church
 Holy Saturday, April 15th: The Blessing of Food for the first Easter Meal at 12:00 Noon at SS. Peter & Paul Church
 Holy Saturday, April 15th: The Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM at St. John XXIII Church

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 16th: Mass at 8:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Church
 Sunday, April 16th: Mass at 10:00 AM at St. John XXIII Church
 Sunday, April 16th: Mass at 12:00 Noon at SS. Peter & Paul Church

“Saint John XXIII Parish is a Catholic Community dedicated to loving God with all our minds, hearts and souls. We seek to announce the Good News and unite the Lost, Unchurched and Church Families, as Jesus commands us as His disciples.”



Easter Memorial & Easter Envelopes

The Easter Memorial and the Easter Collection are accessible through the Online Giving option and they will be available until Easter Sunday, April 16.

If you wish your loved ones to be remembered at all the Masses on Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season, please place their names in an envelope and drop it in the Sunday Collection.

The deadline to return all the Easter Memorial Envelopes is on Monday, April 10.



EASTER FLOWERS

Your contribution helps to purchase the flowers that will decorate our Churches this Easter.

The envelopes with the names of your memorial intentions are placed on our Altars as a reminder that Father is remembering your prayer requests at each Mass during the Easter season.

Friday, April 7, 2017



NIGHTFEVER

Open Church ● Open Heart
Be Still ● Be Secure ● Be Loved
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— SS. Peter & Paul Church —
5PM ~ 9PM
Mass at 5:00 PM followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Additional times to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

In addition to the usual times on Saturday and Sunday, Fr. Frink is available each Wednesday during Lent for one hour beginning at 5:00 PM in SS Peter & Paul Church as well as on each Monday for one hour beginning at 5:30 PM in St. John XXIII Church. Father, along with other priests, will be available throughout the evening from **6:00 PM until 9:00 PM** on Friday, **April 7th** in SS. Peter & Paul Church.

Our parish children will be receiving their Sacraments of Initiation!



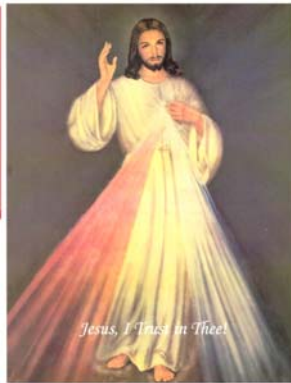
On Thursday, April 20, at 4:30 PM in St. John XXIII Church, 26 eighth graders will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On Saturday, May 13, at 10:00 AM in St. John XXIII Church, 25 second graders will receive their First Holy Communion.



Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith.

**ALL ST. JOHN XXIII PARISHIONERS
& VISITORS ARE INVITED TO Our Parish
Divine Mercy Novena &
Feast of Divine Mercy Celebration**



THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

WHEN: Begins on Good Friday, April 14th, and ends on Saturday, April 22.

WHERE: Pray the Novena at Church or from home **

WHY: For the Novena Intentions and Our Parish Intention:
For the unity and Mission of our Parish Community

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

WHEN: Sunday, April 23

WHERE: Ss. Peter & Paul Church

WHAT: Eucharistic Adoration: following 8:00 am Mass to 3:00 pm
Novena Service: 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

WHY: *Jesus Promised, "Whoever will go to Confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment."*

****The Divine Mercy Novena Intentions**

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls." (Jesus to Saint Faustina)

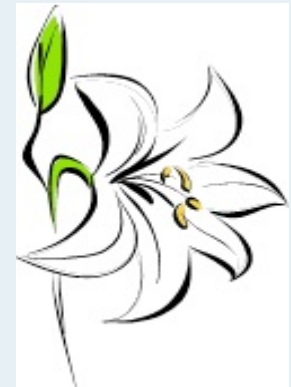
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| Day 1 Good Friday | All mankind, especially sinners | SJ23 Church |
| Day 2 Holy Saturday | The souls of priests and religious | Ss. P&P Church 11:45 am |
| Day 3 Easter Sunday | All devout and faithful souls | 10 minutes prior to Mass |
| Day 4 Easter Monday | Those who do not believe in Jesus or do not yet know Him | SJ23 Church following 7:00 pm Mass |
| Day 5 Easter Tuesday | The souls of separated brethren | Ss. P&P Church following 8:00 am Mass |
| Day 6 Easter Wednesday | The meek and humble souls and the souls of children | Ss. P&P Church following 8:00 am Mass |
| Day 7 Easter Thursday | The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy | Ss. P&P Church following 8:00 am Mass |
| Day 8 Easter Friday | The souls who are detained in purgatory | Ss. P&P Church following 5:00 pm Mass |
| Day 9 Easter Saturday | The souls who have become lukewarm | SJ23 Church 3:50 pm |

**Spring Cleaning and
Easter Decorating**



Our Parish Church Buildings are in need of a good spring house cleaning.

On Thursday, March 30, help is needed to clean Ss. Peter & Paul Church at 8:30 AM. On Tuesday, April 4, St. John XXIII Church will be cleaned at 8:30 AM. If you can help, please bring a bucket and rags.



Ss. Peter & Paul Church will be decorated on Good Friday, April 14, beginning at 6:00 PM.

We will decorate St. John XXIII Church after the 3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy.

Anyone able and willing to help decorate is welcome.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

The Parish of Saint John XXIII

266 West Broad Street

Tamaqua, Pennsylvania

The Parish of Saint John XXIII was established by the decree of the Most Reverend John O. Barres, DD, Bishop of Allentown as a merger of St. Jerome Parish and SS. Peter & Paul Parish on July 1, 2014.

The Church of St. John XXIII (formerly St. Jerome Church) is the mother church of the parish and location for the Sacraments of Initiation. SS. Peter & Paul Church will be retained for Sacred Worship, including weddings and funerals.

After the fasting of Lent, and the Easter Fast from Thursday night until the Vigil, the foods of Easter have a special place. The following blessing prayer may be used before the meal that breaks the Easter Fast.

*God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate
Christ's victory over sin and death.*

Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal.

*May we who gather at the Lord's table, continue to
celebrate the joy of His resurrection and be
admitted to His heavenly banquet.*

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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