

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed on federal holidays/  
holydays of obligation.

Monday through Friday—8:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Office closed daily from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

JOSEPH  
THE WORKER

## PARISH OFFICE

Seven South Broad Mountain Avenue  
Frackville, PA 17931-1800

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Ext. 6--Holy Day Mass Schedule;

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Parish web site: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://www.stjoesfrackville.com)

## PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in this process.

### ST. JOSEPH COMPLEX LOCATIONS

49 North Line Street &

33 South Broad Mountain Avenue

## REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Assumption B.V.M. School

112 South Seventh Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-0106

[www.assumptionbvmschool.net](http://www.assumptionbvmschool.net)

Marian Catholic High School

166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Telephone: (570) 467-3335,

[www.mariancatholics.org](http://www.mariancatholics.org)

St. Jerome Regional School

50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252-4313

Telephone: (570) 668-2757

[www.sjrschool.com](http://www.sjrschool.com)

Nativity B.V.M. High School

One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-8110,

[www.nativitybvm.net](http://www.nativitybvm.net)

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.

302 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

570-622-4638 Fax: 570-622-3420

[www.stjosephctr.com](http://www.stjosephctr.com)

## SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism- The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on Sundays after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance in order to make arrangements. Parents must be registered in the parish and active for at least three months prior to the Baptism.

Sponsors must be canonically eligible.

Certificates of Eligibility- sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation requires that a person be an active, registered member of the parish three months prior to receiving the certificate of eligibility. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage- Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months before the proposed marriage dates in order to arrange for the necessary preparation. An appointment is necessary before a wedding date may be scheduled. Parish and Diocesan pre-marital classes are required. Only parish guidelines will be followed in planning the marriage ceremony.

Order of Christian Funerals- At the time of death, contact the funeral home of your choice.

The funeral home will then contact the Parish Office.

## DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

DIRECT Phone line: (800) 791-9209

[wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

## DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Secretary for Youth

Protection, Diocese of Allentown, 1515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538

Phone: (610) 871-5200 ext. 2204 FAX: (610) 871-5211

[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited & encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more info about this program.

The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, & Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page. [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) go to "Youth Protection" to learn more about Diocese's Youth Protection programs.

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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 30, 2025

### MASS SCHEDULE



#### Saturday, March 29, 2025

**4:00 PM** at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*  
**5:30 PM SJWP** Rose Matthews requested by Diane Hayek

#### Sunday, March 30

**9:00 AM** at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*  
**11:00 AM SJWP** Living & deceased of the Wayne, Croake & Waeglein Families requested by Eileen Wayne & Sons

#### Monday, March 31

**5:30 PM SJWP** **NO Mass**  
—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

#### Tuesday, April 1

**SJWP** **No Mass**  
**8:30 AM** *No Mass at SCB-Ashland*  
—SCB Adoration 9:00 to 11 a.m. in Chapel—  
**6:00 PM** **Bible Study St. Charles Borromeo Hall**

#### Wednesday, April 2

**8:30 AM SJWP** **No Mass**  
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to Noon—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

#### Thursday, April 3

**8:30 AM SJWP** **No Mass at either parish**

#### Friday, April 4

**8:30 AM SJWP** **No Mass at SJWP**  
**12 Noon** **No Mass at SCB, Ashland**  
*(below at SCB, Ashland)*  
**6-7 PM** **Adoration**  
**6:30 PM** **NO Confessions**  
**7:00 PM** **Stations of the Cross**

#### Saturday, April 5

**4:00 PM** at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*  
**5:30 PM SJWP** Walter Fronczak requested by Loretta Parulis & son, Greg

#### Sunday, April 6

**9:00 AM** at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*  
**11:00 AM SJWP** For the parents of Carolyn and Tony Tenaglia requested by Tony & Carolyn Tenaglia

#### **PRAY FOR:**

All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely & all our deceased. Increase their faith and assist them in their difficulties.



### CANDLE OFFERINGS



The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns for a Special Intention by MFC.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Justin Ketusky on his birthday requested by grandmother, Pat Kehl.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns for health, guidance and God's blessings for the Kluss Family requested by El and Dol.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Francis, Peg and Cody Chaklos by the Chaklos Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for Special Intentions.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention by TMS.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of Jerome Pyzowski requested by Mom, Dad and Family.

### WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

*(effective January 1, 2025)*

**Saturday: 3:30 to 3:55 p.m. (SCB)**

**5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (SJWP)**

**Sunday: 8:30 to 8:55 a.m. (SCB)**

**Monday: 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (SJWP)**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Monday: 1:00 to Mass time (5:30 p.m.) (SJWP)**

**Tuesday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (SCB) in chapel**

**Wednesday: 9:00 to 12 noon (SJWP)**

St. Joseph the Worker Church will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except as noted above.

**Vigil Lights \$9.00/week and Sanctuary Lamp \$12.00/week**

If you would like to reserve a candle, just please call the office or place request and money in the collection basket.

### WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

**March 9, 2025—\$6311.00**

*Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and other collections.*

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY WEBSITE

Visit the newly refurbished cemetery website.

It includes Annunciation BVM and St. Joseph Cemeteries.

It has been expanded to include more information about our deceased loved ones.

The web address is

[www.sjwcemeteries.org](http://www.sjwcemeteries.org) or you can go to our website to find the link.

Parish website: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://www.stjoesfrackville.com)

# PARISH NEWS

## Ministry Schedule—April 5—6, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### **SERVERS:**

#### **Saturday, April 5**

5:30 p.m. Helena Jacobs

#### **Sunday, April 6**

11:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa

### **LECTORS:**

#### **Saturday, April 5**

5:30 p.m. Diane Rowland

#### **Sunday, April 6**

11:00 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

#### **Saturday, April 5**

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Bill Rowan

#### **Sunday, April 6**

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Angela Pyzowski

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Bernard Bruni

**NURSING HOME EM** — at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday is the time to go to the Nursing Home. This gives them time to be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

#### **SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES** BY

Bishop Robert Barron

Presented by Rev. Giuseppe Esposito & Deacon John Sutter

Eight (8) consecutive sessions in all.

Tuesday evenings all beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Began on Tuesday, February 25.

SCB Hall, 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland - April 1, 8 & 15

Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, known as the “seven lively virtues.” These offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. A study guide will be provided to those attending.

### **ASSUMPTION BVM HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

invites you to join them at their 3rd Annual Cash & Gift Card Bingo (w/\$1,000 Cash Jackpot) on Sunday, April 6th at St. Ambrose Parish Center, Schuylkill Haven. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. Advance tickets—\$35; at door tickets—\$40.

Email or call to purchase advance tickets and secure your spot.

Abvm.[bingo@gmail.com](mailto:bingo@gmail.com) or 570-590-0503.

For more info, please visit: [tinyurl.com/abvmbingo](https://tinyurl.com/abvmbingo)

**Holy Family Parish of Minersville** is holding their annual **Ham Bingo** on Sunday, April 6th. Doors open at 11am and bingo begins at 1pm at the Parish Center at Hillcrest. This is a great family event as tickets are \$5 for 20 games! There will also be specials, a 50/50 drawing, drawings for other prizes, and the kitchen will be open!

## **ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH**

**April 6**—NO Kid's Choir

**April 6**— PREP 6 to 7:30 p.m. w/Mass

**April 7**—Adoration 1 to Mass Time

Confessions 5:00 p.m. — Mass at 5:30 p.m.

**April 8**—Bible Study 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Borromeo Hall, Ashland

**April 9**—Adoration 9 to 12 noon

### **Fridays during Lent:**

6-7 p.m. Adoration

6:30 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(SJWP, Frackville March 7, 14 & 21)

(SCB, Ashland March 28, April 4, 11)

**No Confessions on March 28 and April 4**

**TEXT ALERTS**—Anyone that would like to be notified of a change in Mass or cancellations due to weather and other unforeseen events, kindly text [@stjosephfr](https://t.me/stjosephfr) to 81010. This is for anyone who has not yet signed up for **Remind**.

## **PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

It's an Egg Hunt! Our annual parish Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All parish children (12 and under) are welcome to participate. All children will receive candy and a chocolate bunny; prizes will also be awarded. The hunt will be held rain or shine. If the weather cooperates, we'll hunt in the parish grove behind St. Ann's Church. If it rains, the hunt will be in the classrooms in the parish hall building on Line Street.



## **SPRING MEAT RAFFLE**

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker sent (2) \$10.00 tickets to our parishioners. We kindly ask that you either buy them or sell them and make returns by way of the collection basket or dropping them off at the Parish Office. The drawing will take place on **Saturday, April 26** after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. You need not be present to win. There will be (5) five \$100 prizes to Marlin Markets. Thank you in advance for your participation in this event.

## **ST. ANNE GUILD EASTER EGGS (St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland)**

—Peanut Butter, Coconut, Butter Cream and Cherry. \$1.25 each/\$15.00/dozen. Candy making began on February 24. **The last day to order will be Friday, April 4.** To place orders, please call the SCB Parish Office at 570-875-1521.

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH, SHENANDOAH**

Our parish will have our Annual Devotions in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 27th beginning at 3:00 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Divine Mercy Devotions at Divine Mercy Parish, 224 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah.

**FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES**

Lenten Theme: Complaints

Wednesday, April 2—6:00 p.m. ECC Trinity Evangelical Church, 56 North Balliet Street, Frackville  
Wednesday, April 9—6:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 25 South Balliet Street, Frackville

**EASTER BAZAAR!!**

Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall-1115 Walnut Street, Ashland**

Bake Sale, Huge White Elephant Sale, Homemade Soups, Pigeons, Halushki, Barbeque Sausages, Door Prizes, and more!!!  
Questions or info 570-875-1521

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**SIGHT AND SOUND—NOAH TRIP UPDATE**

For those people who have already signed up for the Wednesday, May 7th trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see Noah, **your final payment is due by Monday, April 7.**  
Fr. Esposito will be teaching a class about Noah on **Tuesday, May 6th** at 6:00 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Hall, Ashland.  
Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Lenten Penance Service**

**Monday, April 14**

SJWP, Frackville 4:30 to 5:25 p.m.....SCB, Ashland 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Palm Sunday**

SCB, Ashland ...Saturday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m. ....SJWP, Frackville 5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)  
SCB, Ashland.....Sunday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m.....SJWP, Frackville 11:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

**Holy Week**

**No Mass on Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

Holy Thursday, April 17 at SJWP Hall, Frackville.....7:00 p.m.

**Procession from Hall to St. Joseph the Worker Parish**

**Holy Thursday visitation at SJWP, Frackville.....8:30 to 11:00 p.m. (10:45 p.m. Night Prayer)**

Good Friday, April 18 at SJWP Hall, Frackville.....3:00 p.m.

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19 at SCB, Ashland .....8:00 p.m.

**Easter Mass Times**

**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

St. Joseph the Worker Cemetery, West Pine Street, Frackville.....6:30 a.m.

St. Vincent Worship Site, Girardville.....8:00 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland .....9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville .....11:00 a.m.

**Blessing of Easter Food**

**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

SJWP Church, Frackville .....10:00 a.m.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025, known as Laetare Sunday, the church encourages joy and hope amidst the penitential season, with prayers reflecting on the reconciliation and rejoicing of the Easter season. **The name Laetare Sunday comes from the entrance antiphon, or “Introit,” for Mass on the fourth Sunday of Lent:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast  
*Laetare is the first word — meaning “rejoice” — in the Latin text.*



