

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GIUSEPPE C. ESPOSITO, M.DIV., M.A.

PASTOR

Deacon John M. Sutter

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.

SAINT

JOSEPH
THE WORKER

PARISH OFFICE

Seven South Broad Mountain Avenue
Frackville, PA 17931-1800

Telephone: (570) 874-0610—Fax: (570) 874-0969

Ext. 4--Parish Secretary;

Ext. 5--Mass Schedule;

Ext. 6--Holy Day Mass Schedule;

Ext. 7--Confession/Adoration Schedule;

Email: frackvillerc3@verizon.net

Parish web site: 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

Marian Catholic High School

166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Telephone: (570) 467-3335,

www.mariancatholics.org

St. Jerome Regional School

50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252-4313

Telephone: (570) 668-2757

www.sjrschool.com

Nativity B.V.M. High School

One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-8110,

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

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

www.victimsassistance@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

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 & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page. 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 or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024



Saturday, December 21, 2024

4:00 PM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*
5:30 PM Cornelius Sullivan requested by Pat Kurpell
SJWP

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Carol Reilly requested by Hayek Family
SJWP
9:30 AM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*
11:00 AM Joseph Blasko requested by cousin, Ursaline
SJWP

Monday, December 23

8:30 AM Teresa Karavage (4th Anniversary) requested
SJWP by Vytus & Family

Tuesday, December 24-Christmas Eve

4:00 PM For all SJWP parishioners
SJWP Hall
4:00 PM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*
8:00 PM at *St. Vincent-Girardville*
Midnight For all deceased SJWP parishioners
SJWP Church

Wednesday, December 25-Christmas Day

9:00 AM at *St. Charles Borromeo*
10:30 AM For all SJWP parishioners
SJWP Hall

Thursday, December 26

8:30 AM NO MASS at either parish
SJWP

Friday, December 27

8:30 AM NO MASS
SJWP
8:30 AM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*
5:30 PM Jane & Joseph III Kleeman requested by
SJWP Joe Kleeman

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM Charles Yonalunas requested by Wife,
SJWP Daughters and Families
9:30 AM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*
11:00 AM Winifred Mohutsky requested by Carolyn
SJWP & Tony Tenaglia & Family

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 Blessed Mother** burns in memory of John and Arlene Davis by Darlene and Dennis.
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 Peg, Francis & Cody Chaklos by Chaklos Family.
The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention by TMS.
The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of Mark G. Hamberger requested by Barbara Kushwarra.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

Sunday: 7:45 to 7:55 a.m. (SJWP)

The St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except Thursdays it is open until 4:00 p.m. for those that want to visit and spend time with our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please remember that we have Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday after Mass until 12 noon and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Church location. Please schedule some time with our Lord. Holidays and various other dates.....times may differ. The Church is open daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

December 1— \$5,193.75

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 or you can go to our website to find the link.

Parish website: www.stjoesfrackville.com

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—December 28-29

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, December 28

5:30 p.m. Helena Jacobs

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa

11:00 a.m. Jacob Ziegmont

LECTORS:

Saturday, December 28

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Angie Babatsky

11:00 a.m. Janelle Ziegmont

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 28

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Mike Boychak

Sunday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Angie Babatsky **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels

Nursing Home: Angela Pyzowski

11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes **Choir:** Jean Dando

NURSING HOME EM —after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is the time in which to leave to go to the Nursing Home. This gives them time to be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

ALTAR SERVERS

Tuesday, December 24-Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. Michael Fantanarosa, Maria, Mark and Matt Monahan

Midnight Mass-St. Joseph the Worker Church

Midnight Kyra and Alexander Krapf

Wednesday, December 25-Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Emily and Johnny Walsh

LECTORS

Tuesday, December 24-Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. Janelle Ziegmont

Midnight Mass-St. Joseph the Worker Church

Midnight Paul Luke Domalakes

Wednesday, December 25-Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Tuesday, December 24-Parish Hall

4:00 P.M. Marlene Borzok, Angela Pyzowski and Bill Rowan

Midnight Mass-St. Joseph the Worker Church

Midnight Bernard Bruni **Choir:** Paul Luke Domalakes

Wednesday, December 25-Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Gerald Campomizzi and Angie Babatsky

Thank You

Fr. Esposito would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their dedication to their parish by donating your time, talent and assisting the parish to thrive.

He wishes everyone a Blessed & Merry Christmas & Happy, healthy and prayerful New Year!

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 22—Kid's choir practice at 1:00 p.m. in Hall

December 29—NO Kid's Choir

December 29—NO PREP

December 31—Mass at St. Charles Borromeo at 6:00 p.m.

January 1—Mass at SJWP at 8:30 a.m.

(The above two Masses are for the Holy Day of Obligation-The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.)

January 1—NO Adoration

January 2—NO Mass

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 to 81010. This is for anyone who has not yet signed up for *Remind*. When Father needs to change anything you will be notified on your cell phone by a text message.

PARISH OFFICE - will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 through January 1, 2025. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. *We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year!*

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE IN THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

To open the Jubilee Year of Hope, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will celebrate an **Opening Mass on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 4:15 p.m.** The liturgy will begin with a short candle-light procession to the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown from the Walson Center (gymnasium). You will need a ticket and each parish was given four. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office or see Father Esposito.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our children's choir will be singing for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve in the Parish Hall. Many voices are needed.

All parish children K thru 12th are welcome and needed. Children who do not normally sing with the choir are welcome to join us for Christmas. Practices will be on 12/22 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Annunciation BVM Church. Questions? Call/text Carolyn at 570-617-3208.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree has tags on it with items that are needed for giving from Catholic Charities. Please take as many tags as you would like and return items, unwrapped and place under or near the tree. They will be given to Catholic Charities and handed out to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity in advance.

NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the school. Faculty, staff and administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 with any questions.

Dear Members of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Thank you for your donation of 90 pumpkin pies for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We prepared 500 meals, delivering them all over the county. Although the meals are prepared and served from our Parish House, this endeavor is truly a community project. We are so blessed to provide this free meal and truly appreciate your help. Once again than you for your generous donation.

North Parish Episcopal Church, St. Clair, PA

(This is due to the donations our parishioners gave for the pie ingredients. Thank you for your generosity)

BIRTHRIGHT OF FRACKVILLE

For those who wish to participate in the Christmas tradition of giving to Birthright, we kindly ask for monetary donations or gift cards. The donations will be used by only Birthright staff to purchase items for babies. Families will not receive the cards or donations.

Your contribution can be mailed to Birthright Office at 10 N. Lehigh Avenue, Frackville, PA 17931. If there are any questions you can contact the Birthright Office at 570-874-2621 or 570-874-4307. The staff of Birthright is very thankful for your past and present donations and continued support. Because of your generosity, we are able to care for babies in need. We wish each of you a very healthy and happy holiday season. May God bless and watch over you and pray for the continued end to abortion.

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748, wishes you a Merry Christmas and blessed and prosperous New Year and thanks both St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes and their parishioners for their support and kindness during 2024. We continue to seek new members. Please contact Carole Syzdek, 570-467-3744, for details."

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 NEW MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS:

St. Charles Borromeo—Saturday 3:30 to 3:55 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker—Saturday 5:00 to 5:25 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo—Sunday 8:30 to 8:55 a.m.

St. Joseph the Worker—Monday 5:10 to 5:25 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Charles Borromeo-Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker-Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Sunday 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph the Worker, Sunday 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

St. Joseph the Worker—Mondays 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo—Tuesdays 8:30 a.m., Fridays 12 noon

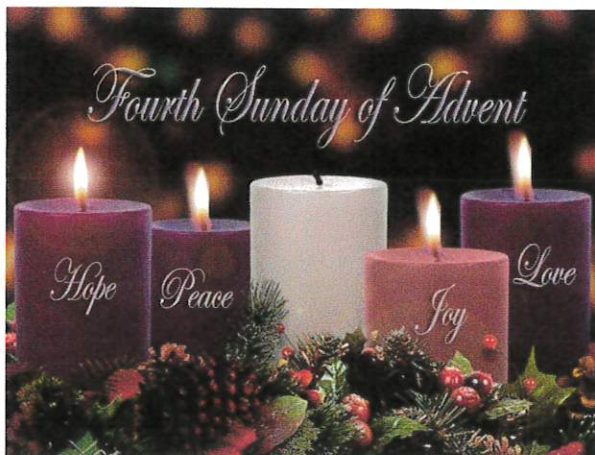
ADORATION TIMES:

St. Joseph the Worker—Mondays 1:00 to Mass Time 5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker-Wednesday 9:00 to 12 noon

St. Charles Borromeo—Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Chapel

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024



In our last week of Advent, we are invited to experience the love of Christ, as well share that gift with others.

It is love that brings Jesus into our world and it is love that transforms our being. Advent has prepared us for the coming of Christ, and this last week brings it all together.