

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/
holidays 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.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

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.

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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 1-800-276-1562.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024



Saturday, November 30, 2024

5:30 PM Carolyn Boychak requested by Fred,
SJWP Colette & Jacob

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM Jack Budwash requested by Judy Williams
SJWP

11:00 AM Michelle Salukas requested by David &
SJWP Cindy Leibig

Monday, December 2

8:30 AM Elizabeth Luciani requested by Andrea
SJWP Eye

Tuesday, December 3

8:30 AM NO MASS
SJWP

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 AM Bob Gownley requested by Helen
SJWP Gownley, Blozusky & Digris Families

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, December 5

8:30 AM NO MASS
SJWP

Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 6

8:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 7

5:30 PM George & Helen Kost requested by
SJWP daughter, Kathy & Ed Stetts

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Lenore Davies requested by Atty. & Mrs.
SJWP Paul Domalakes

11:00 AM Rose Marie Prock requested by daughter,
SJWP Diane

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 in memory of Frank Sienkiewicz by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary by Darlene & Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Francis Goncalves requested by wife, Mary.

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 & Cody Chaklos by the Chaklos Family.

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

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for health & God's blessing on Jenna Hubosky by Mom and Dad.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for all our seminarians.

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

November 10 — \$4,941.05

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 7-8 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m. Janelle and Jacob Ziegmont

Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Rocco and Lucia Sanfilippo

11:00 a.m. Helena Jacobs

LECTORS:

Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok

Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes

11:00 a.m. Bridget Quick

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir: Any EM available**

Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes **Choir: Bernard Bruni**

Nursing Home: Bill Rowan

11:00 a.m. Bridget Quick **Choir: Joe Bane**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—December 9, 2024

Mass Times and locations:

St. Joseph the Worker—Frackville 8:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo—Ashland 6:00 p.m.

LECTOR: 8:30 a.m. — Angie Babatsky

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

8:30 a.m.—Angie Babatsky Choir: Bernard Bruni

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.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN ages 18 years and older.

Catholic Daughters, Court St. James #1029 will be holding a membership drive. A meeting of all those interested will take place on Sunday, December 8 at approximately 12 noon, with refreshments, in the hall located behind St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Please plan on attending.

THANK YOU TO ALL

A very heartfelt thank you to all who participated in getting the Roofstock Dance in place and making it a success. The great music of *Another Side*. The delicious food made and served by the Friends of St. Joseph the Worker. All the volunteers who help set up the hall, serve drinks, sell tickets, make baskets and those who participated and purchased tickets for the dance. All those that donated items, too. We appreciate any and all that you did.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Aging religious need your help. “Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement,” says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, & religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Collection December 8, 2024.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 7—Advent Wreath making for those who registered. Begins at 9:30 a.m. in Social Room on Line Street

December 8—Kid’s Choir 5 to 5:45 p.m. in BVM Church

December 8—PREP w/Confessions

December 9—Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception

December 11—Adoration after 8:30 a.m. Mass until Noon

December 12— Adoration from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS SHOE DROP OFF & PICK UP

Children are invited to bring a shoe to Mass the weekend of November 30 and December 1 in anticipation of the Feast of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas will bring treats for all who bring a shoe to church. **Shoes can be picked up December 7 & 8.**



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 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Annunciation BVM Church. Questions? **Call/text Carolyn at 570-617-3208.**

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.

“CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED”

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the “Chosen, Blessed, Shared” annual fund. If you haven’t given, it isn’t too late to support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelopes you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Your Generosity supports retired priests from all five counties of our Diocese!

Frackville Business & Professional Christmas Celebration

The tree lighting for our community will be held on Saturday, December 14 at the Arch Street playground between 6:30 & 7 p.m. Our kids choir is invited to sing and lead the crowd in Christmas carols. The kids would sing from 6:30 to 7 p.m. All parish kids (grades K-12) are welcome! Even if the kids don’t usually sing with choir—they are welcome at this! Parents must bring the kids—the parish will not be transporting any children and permission slips must be signed by parents prior to the event. For this reason, please contact Mrs. Tenaglia (570-617-3208) or message this page (if on FACEBOOK). Registering will also help us decide if we have enough kids to put this off. There will not be a practice.

Please encourage your kids to sing and come and enjoy our Christmas joyful noise!!!

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Marian Catholic High School is looking for a PT Night Custodian.

Interested applicants can send their cover letter and resume to Pete Sanfilippo psanfilippo@mariancatholic.org.

Marian Catholic Volleyball Team is having a \$1000.00 Cash Jackpot Bingo!

Sunday, December 8, 2024 @ Lakeside Ballroom, Barnesville

Doors open at 12 noon—Games start at 1:00 p.m.

\$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door.

10 regular games, specials, Tricky Trays, 50/50 and more! Food and Drink available for purchase!

Contact Angela at 570-582-5980 for reservations/payment.

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

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

God of our waiting, We light this candle to remind us of the great promise that your Son, Jesus, will be born anew among us.”



St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker

Advent / Christmas Schedule

FRIDAY, DECEMBER

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Advent Reconciliation

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER

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Christmas Eve Masses

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker Hall, Frackville... (Fr. Karpyn)....4:00 p.m.

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

St. Joseph the Worker Church, Frackville....Midnight

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER

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Christmas Day Masses

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

St. Joseph the Worker Hall, Frackville..... 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER

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Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Vigil

(Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY

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Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville..... 8:30 a.m.