

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.

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. 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.

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—December 14—15

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, December 14

5:30 p.m. Johnny and Emily Walsh

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa

11:00 a.m. Jacob and Janelle Ziegmont

LECTORS:

Saturday, December 14

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski

11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 14

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Marlene Borzok

Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels

Nursing Home: Eileen Barlow

11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes **Choir:** Jean Dando

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. **Profit from the dance was \$962.53.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Support those who gave given a lifetime. Women & men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, & daily needs of thousands of senior women & men religious. Please give!!!

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 9—Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception

December 15—NO Kid's Choir

December 15—NO PREP

December 15—Christmas Pageant in SJWP Hall at 6 p.m. all are welcome.

December 18—Adoration after 8:30 a.m. Mass until Noon

December 19— Adoration from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

December 19—Catholic Charities Food Truck and Food Pantry beginning at 8:00 a.m. in rear of SJWP.

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 Monday, December 9 in observance of the Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception.

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.**

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.

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@mariancatholics.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

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.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls."



Win big with our lottery calendar fundraiser!

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

7 South Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville

**Sale begins Nov. 1 - Parish Office
Can be purchased after Mass
beginning Nov. 2**

90 Chances to win!

One \$15 Donation Gets You 90 Chances To

win Up To \$3,175 In Prizes.



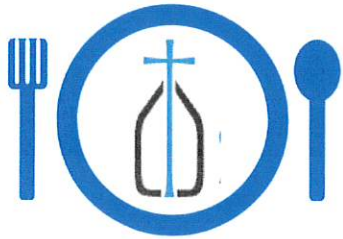
Prizes Range from \$25 to \$200

Rules:

1. Winning numbers are determined by the three "3" numbers of the Pennsylvania Lottery Daily Number Evening Drawing as matched to the number appearing at the top of each calendar. Each calendar acquired will have unique 3-digit number.
2. All cash winnings will be determined by the amount indicated on each day of this calendar.
3. All numbers are played straight as drawn.
4. All winners will be paid in a timely fashion.
5. The organization will determine each winner from the numbered information sheet completed with the acquisition of this calendar.
6. Each information sheet must be filled out accurately at the time of donation, and winnings will be administered by an authorized representative of the organization. This fundraising project is in no way related with the lottery of any state. Donations are made and random prizes are selected using a random number generator.



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Allentown



Community Cafe



**Come hungry and ready
to enjoy a meal on us
from the food truck.**

**JOIN
US**

Thursday, December 19, 2024

8 AM to 9:30 AM

**In Partnership with St. Joseph the Worker
Rear 49 North Line Street
Frackville**