

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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

SAINT

JOSEPH
THE WORKER

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

SACRAMENTS

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

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
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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 30, 2023

5:30 PM Michelle Salukas requested by Miller Family
St. Ann

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM Nancy De Paul requested by Teri Krolick
St. Ann

11:00 AM Catholic Daughters Ct. St. James #1029
St. Ann

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:30 AM Kathleen Arcuri requested by Savakinas
St. Ann Family

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 AM Patricia Tarson requested by Carol Thomas
St. Ann & Sylvia Yonalunas

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, January 4

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

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

Friday, January 5

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Saturday, January 6

5:30 p.m. Virginia Rumbel requested by Ed & Lynda
St. Ann Halaburda

Sunday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Claire Dura requested by Theresa Harkins
St. Ann

11:00 a.m. Ruth Giba requested by Ellis & Joyce
St. Ann Studlick Hatch

PRAY FOR:

All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely. Increase their faith and assist them in knowing that they are not alone and all they need comes from You.



CANDLE OFFERINGS



The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary 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 the Blessed Mother** burns for Mom & God's blessings for your Birthday, love, Carol & Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for God's blessings on Jenna Hubosky, love, Carol

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for a Special Intention requested by Barb & John Petrus.

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

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of Joseph Alshon by wife, Eva, children and grandchildren.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

Sunday: 7:45 to 7:55 a.m. (St. Ann Church)

The St. Ann Church location will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 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.

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 10, 2023—\$7,094.25

Retired Religious Collection—\$585.25

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

We will be taking up a second collection at weekend Masses for the remainder of December in order to help with medical bills for the Artz Family.

This past weekend Amber Artz's four youngest children were in a serious car accident with their father.

We ask for your prayers and generosity at this time for Amber and her family.

PRAYER IS SO VERY IMPORTANT.

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—January 6—7 St. Ann Church Location

SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Alexander and Kyra Krapf
 8:00 a.m. Claire and Alyza Kowalonek
 11:00 a.m. Matthew, Maria & Mark Monahan

LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia
 8:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski
 11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Marlene Borzok
 8:00 a.m. Angie Pyzowski **Choir:** Bernard Brunì
Nursing Home: Suspended until further notice
 11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes **Choir:** Bridget Quick

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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.

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2024 PARISH CALENDARS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors of our 2024 Parish Calendars. They are:

**Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home
 Frackville, PA**

**Nice-Hart Funeral Home
 Frackville, PA**

**Thomas M. Sullivan Funeral Home
 Frackville, PA
 Girardville, PA**

We appreciate your continued support of our Parish.
 May God bless you and your families.

NATIVITY HAPPENINGS: Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Nativity is scheduled for **Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the school.** Faculty, staff, administration & 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 @ 570-622-8110 with any questions.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY WEBSITE

Our newly refurbished cemetery website is back up and running.
 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 parish website to find the link.
 Parish website: **www.stjoesfrackville.com**

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

January 3—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon
January 4—Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann Church Location
January 7—Children’s Choir 5 p.m. in BVM Church
January 7—PREP at 6:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 25 through and including Monday, January 1, 2024.

Win big with our Lottery Calendars!
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
Lottery Calendar Fundraiser
LAST WEEKEND TO PURCHASE

All prizes will be sent by mail in a timely fashion.
DRAWINGS ARE FOR THE MONTHS OF
JANUARY 2024 THROUGH MARCH 2024.

Thank you to all who purchased 2024 calendars and we wish you luck.
Thank you to those members of the Friends of St. Joseph that sold them for our Parish. May God bless you for your continue support of our Parish.

DONATION TO THE FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK

After the ingredients were purchased to make the Thanksgiving Day Dinner pies, there was an excess collected of \$488.43. This amount has been donated to the Frackville Food Bank from St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Again, thank you for generosity and kindness. May God bless you and your families during this Christmas Season.

2023 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the 2023 Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. Your gifts support children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. If you have not already done so, please include the Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal in your holiday gift-giving plans by making an online donation at **www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org**.

BWAC Progress Report for Father Esposito, SJWP as of report date: December 1, 2023

- Parish Goal: \$17,383.00
- Total Committed: \$11,343.00
- Total Collected: \$11,318.00
- Number of Donors: 105
- Average Gift: \$ 107.00
- # of Registered families: 709

NEWS FROM DIOCESE AND PARISHES



SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

COST: \$150.00 (ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Daniel.

DINNER: after show, Buffet style meal at Shady Maple (included)

TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip Coach bus transportation (included)

Reserve your seat early.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of reservation. Total payment due by April 5, 2024.

Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance including live animals and special effects.

Spend an enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow parishioners.

All reservation can be made at St. Charles Parish Office 570-875-1521.

BISHOP'S CATHOLIC SCHOLAR AWARD—CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Applications are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of our Church. Deadline to submit application is February 12, 2024.

- Eighth grade students **must** be registered parishioners in a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Allentown & enrolled in a Catholic, public or private school.
- Tuition **must** be current.
- The student must have applied, be accepted, and registered for the High School indicated on the application. Scholarships are not transferable from one Diocesan High school to another.
- Children of full-time Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Allentown are **not** eligible
- The student must be available to attend the award ceremony on Saturday, April 27th.

ALTER SERVER MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, ALLENTOWN

Saturday, April 13, 2024:

All altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass.

A person invitation will be sent to each server's family.

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Come learn how to make a Marian education possible. To RSVP, please contact Mary Milosh at mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 117.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfill their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven. Amen.

