

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

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
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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:30 PM Dr. Jason Green requested by Robyn and
St. Ann Children

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Elizabeth Luciani requested by John & Tina
St. Ann Smolock

11:00 AM Joseph & Eleanor Bluge requested by Mike
St. Ann and Karen Rolko

Monday, December 11

8:30 AM Bob Gownley requested by wife, Margaret
St. Ann Mary and Family

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 AM Joseph Recla requested by Mary Jane, Mary
St. Ann Ann and Matt

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, December 14

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

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

Friday, December 15

8:30 AM NO MASS

Advent Penance Service

St. Charles Borromeo—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph the Worker—7:15 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 16

5:30 p.m. Charles Gownley requested by Frank, Erin,
St. Ann Katie & Frank Blozusky

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Charles & Julia Naspinski requested by
St. Ann Family

11:00 a.m. Charles Yonalunas requested by Wife,
St. Ann Daughters and Families

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 John & Arlene Davis by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Andrew and Rose Marie Kergick 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. 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.

***CHRISTMAS WAFERS** are now available in the Parish Office of in the vestibule of the church. Cost is \$4.00 per pack of 4 wafers.

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

November 19, 2023—\$4,176.38

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—December 16—17

SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Janelle & Jacob Ziegmont
8:00 a.m. Rocco & Lucia Sanfilippo
11:00 a.m. Alexander & Kyra Krapf

LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok
8:00 a.m. Angie Babatsky
11:00 a.m. Bridget Quick

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Tom Sullivan
8:00 a.m. Angie Babatsky **Choir:** Joe Babatsky

Nursing Home: *Suspended until further notice*

11:00 a.m. Bridget Quick **Choir:** Jean Dando

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (CHRISTMAS)

The parish children's choir will be singing at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve in the Parish Hall. Practices for Christmas will take place in the parish hall—12/10, and 12/17 at 5:00 p.m.

We need many voices! All parish children grades first through high school are welcome! Questions? Please call Carolyn Tenaglia at 570-617-3208.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT!

Sponsored by the Bishop's Commission for Women in Partnership with the Women's Society of Giving

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Stephen Isaac

Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Street, Hamburg, PA 19526.

Enjoy a refreshing morning of prayer and community.

Breakfast, Keynote Speaker and Mass.

Rediscover the peace and joy of Advent that so often gets lost in Christmas to do lists.

Questions or how to register...contact Kathleen Nevel at kathleennevel@gmail.com

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH IN ST. CLAIR — ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

What: All you can eat Breakfast for St. Clare of Assisi, St. Clair

When: Sunday, December 10, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m. — Noon

Where: Immaculate Conception Hall, Diener's Hill, St. Clair
Cost is \$10.00/adults; \$5.00/Children.

Breakfast includes ham, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, pancakes, French Toast, Coffee, Tea, Orange juice and Apple juice.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 13—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

December 14— Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann Church Location

December 17—Kid's Choir practice at 5:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

December 17—PREP at 6:00 p.m.

December 17—Decorating of the church will take place immediately following the 11 am Mass. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

December 16/17—Parishioners are invited to bring an image of the Baby Jesus from their Nativity set to Mass on December 16 or 17 for a special blessing in honor of Bambinelli Sunday.

December 15—Advent Penance Service 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo and 7:15 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker

December 20—Advent Penance Service at St. John the Baptist in Pottsville beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Win big with our Lottery Calendars!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

Sale begins this weekend after Masses and every weekend until the end of December or you may purchase in the Parish Office.

90 CHANCES TO WIN!

Cost \$15.00 per calendar

Prizes range from \$25.00 to \$200.00

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 a unique 3-digit number.

All numbers are played straight as drawn.

All prizes will be sent by mail in a timely fashion.

GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON!

DRAWINGS ARE FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY 2024 THROUGH MARCH 2024.

SAINT NICHOLAS SHOE PICK UP

St. Nicholas has visited and left a surprise for each child. Shoes can be picked up this weekend December 9 and 10 after all Masses.

BIRTHRIGHT OF FRACKVILLE

The Birthright Giving Trees will not be placed in the churches as done in the past. However, for those who wish to participate, Birthright will be accepting monetary donations or gift cards. The donations will be used by only the Birthright staff to purchase items for babies. Families will not receive the cards or donations.

Your contributions can be mailed to the Birthright Office at 10 North Lehigh Avenue, Frackville, PA 17931. Any questions, please contact Birthright Office at 570-874-2621.

The staff of Birthright is very thankful for your past and present donations. 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 an end to abortion.

NEWS FROM DIOCESE AND PARISHES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #748—The Knights of Columbus Council #748, will hold their December meeting on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center in Ashland.

The **St. Monica Ministry will hold a bilingual Holy Hour** to pray for the return of loved ones who have left the church. The Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be preceded by a buffet dinner and basket raffle starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish's Friendship Hall. Presiding at the Holy Hour will be Deacon Miguel Ramirez of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Anthony of Padua Parishes in Easton. Deacon Ramirez will offer a bilingual reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe's maternal love for her children, and on her constant intercession for those who have left the Church. No registration is required to take part in the Holy Hour. To register for the dinner, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry. For more information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of †**CLAIRE DURA**:

\$100.00 from Jan Kreutal

\$50.00 from Frances Warkomski

\$50.00 from Diane & William McHale

\$50.00 from Michael & Donna Miedlar

In memory of †**JOHN J. O'CONNOR**:

\$100.00 from Hayek Family

\$25.00 from O'Boyle Family

\$250.00 from Brian Simer

\$35.00 from Beth & Charlie Becker

\$25.00 from Irene Roman

\$30.00 from James & Janis Heller

\$50.00 from Robert Burke & Suzanne McQueeney

\$10.00 from Kelly Donchak

\$40.00 from Jeff Sherry

\$30.00 from Judy Igoe Carr

\$100.00 from Thomas Wegener

\$25.00 from Stanley & Mary Dakosty

\$100.00 from Thomas & Joyce Elias

\$10.00 from Eileen Barlow

In memory of †**JACK BUDWASH**:

\$20.00 from John & Barb Petrus

\$20.00 from Mary Goncalves

\$10.00 from Smarkanic Family

\$15.00 from Joanne Pleva

\$20.00 from Adam & Linda Sedar

\$100.00 from Robert D Bricker & Marylou Rainone

\$10.00 from M/M David Leibig

\$20.00 from Irene Roman

In memory of †**GRACE LONG**:

\$20.00 from John & Sharon Chrin

In memory of †**SHIRLEY DELINSKY**:

\$15.00 from Ursaline Fitzpatrick

\$10.00 from Joanne Pleva

\$50.00 from Dianne Decker

\$10.00 from Janice Anthony

In memory of †**JUNE ANTHONY**:

\$20.00 from Dianne Decker

In memory of †**JAMES PRIGA**:

\$20.00 from Mary Lou & Ed Michaels

In memory of †**MARGE WOLFGANG**:

\$10.00 from Joanne Pleva

\$10.00 from Frank & Mary Mekailek

In memory of †**JOAN ZEMANIK**:

\$10.00 from Eileen Barlow

In memory of †**JACK BUDWASH**:

\$25.00 from Mary Lou & Ed Michaels

\$10.00 from Ann Benfield

\$40.00 from Gaughan Family

\$10.00 from Joanne Coveluski

\$25.00 from Angie & Joe Babatsky

\$20.00 from Charlie & Mary Ann Hauser

\$20.00 from Eileen Barlow

\$10.00 from Kathleen & Bernie Forgotch

\$20.00 from Ann Marie O'Boyle

\$20.00 from Jim, Brenda & Sara Stepanchick

\$20.00 from Charles & Anne Jaskowak

\$20.00 from Francis & Michael Chaklos

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Advent & Christmas



at St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville and
St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

Friday, December 15, 2023

Advent Reconciliation

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

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

Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville 4:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland ... (Fr. Karpyn) 4:00 p.m.

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

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville Midnight

Monday, December 25, 2023

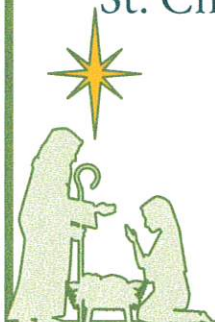
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville ... (Fr. Karpyn)
..... 9:00 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary

Regular Daily Mass Schedule



Win big with our lottery calendar!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

Sale begins Nov. 1 - Parish Office

Can be purchased after Mass

beginning Nov. 4



90 CHANCES TO WIN!

One \$15 Donation Gets You 90 Chances To

win Up To \$3,125 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.