

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.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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:30 PM Jean Martin requested by Kathy Kraft
St. Ann

Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM Catherine Jakubowski requested by Virginia
St. Ann Ligas

11:00 AM Catherine Jakubowski requested by M/M
St. Ann John Kalata

Monday, December 4

8:30 AM Rose Kennedy requested by Maria & Jeff
St. Ann Davis and Family

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 AM Joan Bergdoll requested by Ellet and Debbie
St. Ann Sapp

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, December 7—Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conceptions-Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 PM Helen and George Kost requested by
St. Ann daughter, Kathy Stetts

NO Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8—Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Luciani requested by John and
St. Ann Tina Smolock

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

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 and Margaret Geary by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Francis Sienkiewicz requested by Family.

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

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Catherine Jakubowski requested by Kalata Family.

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.

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 12, 2023—\$6,750.75

Collection for Pie Baking Ingredients—\$759.12

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

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

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—December 9—10

SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Emily and Johnny Walsh
8:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa
11:00 a.m. Maria, Mark and Matt Monahan

LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia
8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes
11:00 a.m. Janelle Ziegmont

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Marlene Borzok
8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes **Choir:** Bernard Bruni

Nursing Home: *Suspended until further notice*

11:00 a.m. Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Joe Bane

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 7—Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker

SERVERS: Krapfs

LECTOR: Tim Sullivan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Tom Sullivan
Choir: Jean Dando

**Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland on
December 8 at 8:30 a.m. for the Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

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—12/3, 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. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 6—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

December 7—Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at SJWP at 7:00 p.m.

December 8—Mass for Immaculate Conception at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland 8:30 a.m.

December 8—Office **closed** for the Immaculate Conception

December 8—**NO** Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann Church Location

December 10—Kid's Choir practice at 5:00 p.m. in BVM Church

December 10—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 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 DROP

Parish children are invited to bring a shoe to church the weekend of December 2 and 3. St. Nicholas will visit with a surprise for each child. Shoes can be picked up the weekend of 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

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY — 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.

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. PATRICK CHURCH, POTTSVILLE — SPAGHETTI DINNER

Dine in or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church on Sunday, December 3, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or sell out)

Where: 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville

Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Cost is \$11.00 per platter.

Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

Questions: contact Debbie at 570-622-1802 ext. 0

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

NEW* Cor Jesu

Cor Jesu is a weekly diocesan worship event for Young Adults, starting in Advent. Each night will incorporate Adoration, Benediction, Confession, and Mass. Followed by fellowship afterwards.

Dates: Thursdays, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21. 7pm-9pm.

Location: St Ursula Roman Catholic Parish, Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania.

“CHOSEN, BLESSED SHARED”

Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund, “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 envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more info visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Your generosity supports retired priests in five counties of our Diocese!

First Sunday of Advent

Heavenly Father, inspire us to follow in the steps of John the Baptist and **PREPARE** for the coming of your Son. Help us to look honestly into our hearts and see our weaknesses and help us overcome our weaknesses and help us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.



faults. Give us the strength we need to stay true to your commandments. **Amen.**

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

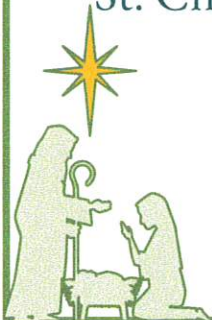
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville ... (Fr. Karpyn)
..... 9:00 a.m.

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!

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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:

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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.