

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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-Gaudete Sunday

December 15, 2024



Saturday, December 14, 2024

5:30 PM Michael Gaverick requested by Miss
SJWP Diane

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Irene Chaya requested by Mary Lou &
SJWP Ed Michaels

11:00 AM John Bozena requested by Valerie & John
SJWP Bukowski

Monday, December 16

8:30 AM Mildred Klem requested by Theresa
SJWP Horas

Tuesday, December 17

8:30 AM NO MASS
SJWP

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 AM Eve Alshon requested by Theresa &
SJWP Russ Burock

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, December 19

8:30 AM NO MASS
SJWP

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

Friday, December 20

8:30 AM NO MASS

PENANCE SERVICE

6 to 7 PM St. Charles Borromeo—Ashland

7:15 to 8 PM St. Joseph the Worker-Frackville

Saturday, December 21

5:30 PM Cornelius Sullivan requested by Pat
SJWP Kurpell

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Carol Reilly requested by Hayek Family
SJWP

11:00 AM Joseph Blasko requested by cousin,
SJWP Ursaline

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 Blessed Mother** burns for the safety and blessings of Max requested by Mom and Dad.

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. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention by TMS.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of Thelma Domenici requested by Barbara Kushwarra.

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 24— \$4,362.00

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 21—22 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Alexander and Kyra Krapf

Sunday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Lucia and Rocco Sanfilippo

11:00 a.m. Helena Jacobs

LECTORS:

Saturday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Diane Rowland

Sunday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Lynn Kuzmitsky

11:00 a.m. Janelle Ziegmont

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Mike Boychak **Choir:** Bill Rowan

Sunday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes **Choir:** Joe Babatsky

Nursing Home: Gerald Campomizzi

11:00 a.m. Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

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.

St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker

Advent / Christmas Schedule

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 2024

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 24 2024

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 25 2024

Christmas Day Masses
St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland 9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph the Worker Hall, Frackville..... 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 2024

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 1 2025

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville..... 8:30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

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

December 22—NO Kid's Choir

December 22—Decorating of the Church after 11:00 a.m. Mass. All help is greatly appreciated!!!

December 22— NO PREP

December 21/22—Bambinelli Sunday—bring your infant Jesus from your Nativity set to Mass this weekend to have Father bless them.

December 25—NO Adoration

December 26— NO Adoration

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 @stjosephr 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 Tuesday, December 24 through December 29 inclusive. Open Monday, December 30 and then closed until Thursday, January 2, 2025 when we will open at 8:30 a.m.

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 12/15, 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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS-Women and men religious offer gratitude.

“Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next,” says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81 of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD TRUCK NEEDS YOU!!!

Looking for a fun and rewarding way to help your neighbors?
Volunteer once a month with the Food Truck!
Spend a few hours once a month with fellow parishioners at the
Catholic Charities Food Truck serving a free hot meal to those
In need! No training or experience necessary!

Sign up at the Parish Office or email: frackvillerc3@verizon.net for more info.

*Feeding the Hungry
in Schuylkill County*

Catholic Charities
101
Community Cafe



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.

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

ADORATION TIMES:

St. Joseph the Worker—Mondays 1:00 to Mass Time 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph the Worker-Wednesday 9:00 to 12 noon

St. Charles Borromeo—Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Chapel

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT or GAUDETE SUNDAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024**

The third Sunday of Advent in the Roman Catholic calendar of the church year. The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the introit antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always." The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration. The pink or rose-colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolize joy and the joyful anticipation of Christmas.

