

# 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](mailto:frackvillerc3@verizon.net)  
Parish web site: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://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](http://www.assumptionbvmschool.net)

Marian Catholic High School  
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252  
Telephone: (570) 467-3335,  
[www.mariancatholics.org](http://www.mariancatholics.org)

St. Jerome Regional School  
50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252-4313  
Telephone: (570) 668-2757  
[www.sjrschool.com](http://www.sjrschool.com)

Nativity B.V.M. High School  
One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901  
Telephone: (570) 622-8110,  
[www.nativitybvms.net](http://www.nativitybvms.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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page. [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/GAUDETE SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE



#### Saturday, December 16, 2023

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

#### Sunday, December 17

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

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

#### Monday, December 18

8:30 AM Dorothy Baker requested by Linda & Mike  
St. Ann Bolinsky

#### Tuesday, December 19

8:30 AM NO MASS  
St. Ann

#### Wednesday, December 20

8:30 AM Anna Collins requested by Ann Marie &  
St. Ann Carl Spece

**Adoration after Mass until 12 noon**

#### Thursday, December 21

8:30 AM NO MASS  
St. Ann

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

#### Friday, December 22

8:30 AM NO MASS

#### Saturday, December 23—Sunday Obligation

5:30 p.m. Tony Brophy requested by Ed & Mary Lou  
Parish Hall Michaels

#### Sunday, December 24—Sunday Obligation

8:00 a.m. NO MASS  
Parish Hall

11:00 a.m. Charles Thomas requested by Syliva and  
Parish Hall wife, Carol

#### Sunday, December 24—Christmas Obligation

4:00 p.m. Parish Hall—For all St. Joseph the Worker  
Parishioners

4:00 p.m.—St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

8:00 p.m.—St. Vincent Worship Site-Girardville

Midnight Mass—Parish Hall—For all St. Joseph the Worker  
Parishioners

#### Monday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Parish Hall—For all St. Joseph the Worker Parishioners

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



### CANDLE OFFERINGS



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 Special Intentions.

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 26, 2023—\$4,634.20

*Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.*

### 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.



### 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.**



## 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.

### **ADVENT EMBER DAYS**

His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert encourages the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season. Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are twelve Ember Days in all.

In particular, the Advent Ember Days are a heightened time of expectation and waiting in preparation for Christmas. Fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals.

**The Advent Ember Days for 2023 are as follows: Wednesday, December 20, 2023, Friday, December 22, 2023 and Saturday, December 23, 2023.**

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information.

### **NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**“Dear Members of St. Joseph the Worker Parish,**

**Thank you for your donation of 67 pumpkin pies for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We prepared 500 meals, delivering them all over the county. Although the meals are prepared & served from our Parish House, this endeavor is truly a community project. We are so blessed to provide this free meal & truly appreciate your help. Once again thank you for your generous donation.”**

**Yours in Christ,  
Bonnie Baker  
Senior Warden**

### **MEANING OF GAUDETE SUNDAY-December 17, 2023**

On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink. The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT/GAUDETE SUNDAY**

**Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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*

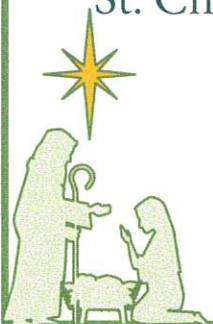
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville ... (Fr. Karpyn) ....  
..... 9:00 a.m.

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!

# 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.