# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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

#### 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. 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.assumptionbymschool.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 Telephone: (570) 668-2757 www.sjrschool.com

Nativity B.V.M. High School One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901 Telephone: (570) 622-8110, www.nativitybym.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 <u>DIRECT</u> Phone line: (800) 791-9209 <u>www.victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org</u>

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 employ-ee/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 <a href="https://www.allentowndiocese.org">www.allentowndiocese.org</a> & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page. <a href="https://www.allentowndiocese.org">www.allentowndiocese.org</a> 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.

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





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

NO MASS 8:00 a.m.

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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

## PARISH NEWS

#### Ministry Schedule—December 23—24

#### All in Parish Hall

#### SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Helena Jacobs 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

11:00 a.m. Mark, Matthew & Maria Monahan

#### LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Tim Sullivan 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Tom Sullivan Choir: Marlene Borzok

8:00 a.m. NO MASS Choir:

Nursing Home: Suspended until further notice 11:00 a.m. Gerald Campomizzi Choir: Larry Domalakes

#### 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.

#### **CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SCHEDULE** All in Parish Hall

#### Servers:

December 24, 2023

4:00 p.m. — Emily & Johnny Walsh & Lucia and Rocco Sanfilippo

Midnight Mass—Bernard Bruni

#### Lector:

4:00 p.m.— Marlene Borzok Midnight—Paul Luke Domalakes Extraordinary Ministers:

4:00 p.m.—Marlene Borzok and Tom Sullivan

Choir: Jean Dando

Midnight-Maggie Scherer Choir: Patti Domalakes

#### Servers:

December 25, 2023 9:00 a.m.—Open

Lector:

9:00 a.m.—Peggy Fetterolf

Extraordinary Minister:

9:00 a.m.—Mary Lou Michaels Choir. Joe Babatsky

#### 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.

#### ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 17— Children's Christmas Pageant in Parish Hall beginning 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 20—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

December 21— Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann

Church Location

December 24-No Children's Choir

December 24—No PREP

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



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 25 through and including Monday, January 1, 2024. No Adoration on December 27 or 28th.

Win big with our Lottery Calendars! ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH Lottery Calendar Fundraiser Available after Masses every Weekend & in the Parish Office until the end of December. 90 CHANCES TO WIN! Cost \$15.00 per calendar Prizes range from \$25.00 to \$200.00

> 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.

#### 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.

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.

Nativity's Annual Band & Chorus Christmas Concert will be held on December 21, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. at the school. Please join us for this special event!

#### **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
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

Monday, Fanuary 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.