

# 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.nativitybvmschool.net](http://www.nativitybvmschool.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](http://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.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 24, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE



**Saturday, December 23, 2023 (Sunday Obligation to attend one of the following)**

5:30 PM Tony Brophy requested by Ed and Mary Lou  
**Parish Hall** Michaels

**Sunday, December 24**

8:00 AM **NO MASS**  
**St. Ann**

11:00 AM Charles Thomas requested by Sylvia &  
**Parish Hall** wife, Carol

**Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve**  
(Christmas Obligation attend one of the following Masses.)

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

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

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

Midnight For all St. Joseph the Worker Parishioners  
**Parish Hall**

**Monday, December 25-Christmas Day**

9:00 AM For all St. Joseph the Worker Parishioners  
**Parish Hall**

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

**Tuesday, December 26**

8:30 AM **NO MASS at St. Charles Borromeo or**  
**St. Ann** **St. Joseph the Worker**

**Wednesday, December 27**

8:30 AM Mr. Robert T. Finlan requested by Angie &  
**St. Ann** Joe Babatsky

**NO Adoration after Mass until 12 noon**

**Thursday, December 28**

8:30 AM **NO MASS**  
**St. Ann**

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

**Friday, December 29**

8:30 AM **NO MASS**  
**St. Ann**

**Saturday, December 30**

5:30 p.m. Michelle Salukas requested by Miller Family  
**St. Ann**

**Sunday, December 31**

8:00 a.m. Nancy DePaul requested by Teri Krolick  
**St. Ann**

11:00 a.m. Catholic Daughters Ct. St. James #1029  
**St. Ann**



### 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 a successful surgery-Kathy requested by Family.

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 available in the Parish Office or 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

December 3, 2023—\$6,515.00

Immaculate Conception—\$763.25

*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.

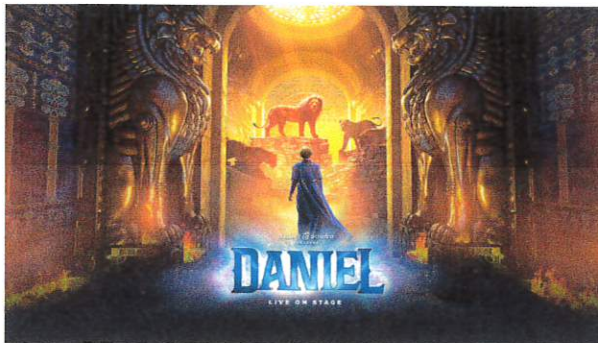
This past weekend Amber Artz's four youngest children were in a serious car accident with their father.

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



### SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

**COST:** \$150.00 (ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Daniel.)

**DINNER:** after show, Buffet style meal at Shady Maple (included)

**TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip Coach bus transportation (included)

*Reserve your seat early.*

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of reservation. Total payment due by April 5, 2024.

Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance including live animals and special effects.

Spend an enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow parishioners.

All reservation can be made at St. Charles Parish Office 570-875-1521.

**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.



### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**“Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**



# 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*

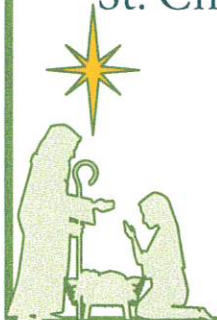
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville ... (Fr. Karpyn) ....  
..... 9:00 a.m.

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.