St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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

SAINT

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 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.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 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.org 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.

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

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.

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—December 30—31

St. Ann Church Location

SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Helena Jacobs

8:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa

11:00 a.m. Open

LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Diane Rowland 8:00 a.m. Joe Babatsky 11:00 a.m. Janelle Ziegmont

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia Choir: Tom Sullivan 8:00 a.m. Bernard Bruni Choir. Angie Babatsky

Nursing Home: Suspended until further notice

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

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

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 27—NO Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

December 28-NO Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann

Church Location

December 30— Spaghetti Dinner pickup 12 to 2 p.m.

Social Room Line Street, Frackville

December 31-No Children's Choir

December 31—No PREP



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.

DONATION TO THE FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK

After the ingredients were purchased to make the Thanksgiving Day Dinner pies, there was an excess collected of \$488.43. This amount has been donated to the Frackville Food Bank from St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Again, thank you for generosity and kindness. May God bless you and your families during this Christmas Season.

2023 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the 2023 Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. Your gifts support children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. If you have not already done so, please include the Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal in your holiday gift-giving plans by making an online donation at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

BWAC Progress Report for Father Esposito, SJWP as of report date: December 1, 2023

•	Parish Goal:	\$1	7,383.00
•	Total Committed:	\$1	1,343.00
	Total Collected:	\$11,318.00	
	Number of Donors:		105
•	Average Gift:	\$	107.00
	# of Registered families:		709

NEWS FROM DIOCESE AND PARISHES



SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

<u>COST</u>: \$150.00 (ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Daniel. <u>DINNER</u>: 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

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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				

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.