St. Joseph the Worker Parish

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Father Christopher M. Zelonis
Pastor

Deacon John M. Sutter
Permanent Deacon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed on federal holidays and holydays of obligation.
Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Office closed daily from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

99 North Line Street, Frackville, PA 17931
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

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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

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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.

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DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
DIRECT Phone line: (800) 791-9209
wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org
www.victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org
DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINTOR:
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. 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 or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

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NOVEMBER 22, 2026

--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, November 21, 2026
4:00 PM ***at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

5:30 PM **SJWP** Mabel & Joseph Ackell requested by Daughter, Valerie & John Bukowski

Sunday, November 22
9:00 AM ***at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

11:00 AM **SJWP** Janice Kutchinsky requested by Ed and Kathy Stetts

Monday, November 23
5:30 PM ***NO Mass St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

5:30 PM **SJWP** Charlotte Miller requested by Family
—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to Mass Time --

Tuesday, November 24
8:30 a.m. No Mass at SJWP

8:30 a.m. ***Mass at SCB-Ashland***
—SCB Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, November 25
8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

5:30 PM ***NO Mass at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving Day
8:30 AM SJWP No Mass
--NO SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

8:30 AM ***Mass at SCB-Ashland***

Friday, November 27
8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM ***NO Mass at SCB-Ashland***

Saturday, November 28
4:00 PM ***at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

5:30 PM **SJWP** Jack Blickley requested by grandchildren, great grandchildren

Sunday, November 29
9:00 AM ***at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland***

11:00 AM **SJWP** Raymond "Duke" Tomko requested by Mike & Diane Bloschichak

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.



--CANDLES--



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 the Blessed Mother** burns for a blessed Thanksgiving Day for all SJWP parishioners.
The **Vigil Light at the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of John and Arlene Davis
The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the recovery and blessings of Taylor Houser from NS Class of 2029, Family and Friends.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturday: 3:30 to 3:55 p.m. (SCB)
5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (SJWP)
Sunday: 8:30 to 8:55 a.m. (SCB)
10:30 to 10:45 a.m. (SJWP)
Monday: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (SJWP)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday: 1:00 to Mass time (5:30 p.m.) (SJWP)
Tuesday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (SCB) in chapel
Thursday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (SJWP) (change)

CHURCH HOURS
Mondays 9:30 a.m. until after Mass
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30 a.m.--12 noon
Thursdays 7:45 a.m.—12 noon
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 COLLECTION
October 25, 2026—$3,634.50
Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and other collections.

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PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—November 28-29, 2026
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:
Saturday, November 28
5:30 p.m. Gwendolyn and Rosalyn Jacobs
Sunday, November 29
11:00 a.m. Eleanor Rall & Michael Fantanarosa
LECTOR:
Saturday, November 28
5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok
Sunday, November 29
11:00 a.m. Janelle Ziegmont
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Saturday, November 28
5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Ron Whalen
Sunday, November 29
8:30 a.m. Nursing Home: Eileen Barlow
11:00 a.m. Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Paul Luke Domalakes

Christmas Eve/Day Mass Times for SJWP:
12/24 at 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass
12/24 at 9:00 p.m. Mass
12/25 at 9:00 a.m. Mass

NURSING HOME EM — at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday is the time to go to the Nursing Home. There may or may not be someone from the Nursing Home to show you around to the rooms. Please just do your best and what you are comfortable doing.

TREASURY OF PRAYER BOOKLETS

We are grateful that people have been making use of the "Treasury of Prayer" booklets, which contain dozens of prayers new and old, outlines of the Catholic faith, a guide to Confession, and more. Please consider donating to make more copies available to take home and to keep thee racks full. Each copy costs $1.60 at the print shop we use.

Thank you to those that have made very generous donations for printing more of the Treasury of Prayer Booklets.

FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Thanksgiving Day Service will be held on **Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, 209 South Lehigh Avenue, Frackville, PA 17931**. All are welcome to attend.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

November 22—SJWP PREP 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
November 23—Adoration 1:00 to Mass time at 5:30 p.m. Confessions 4:30 to 5:25 p.m.
November 26—Thanksgiving Day Mass this year is at SCB, Ashland at 8:30 a.m.
November 28—Men's Spirituality Program meets at SJWP Rectory, 99 North Line Street, Frackville.
November 30—5:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated for the recovery and blessings of Taylor Houser. All are invited to attend.

NEW TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

To receive emergency notification of Mass cancellations and other important information:

Text 27423
To phone number (646) 681-7694
Do not respond to messages received through this service. They are one-way messages.
Depending on your cell phone plan, text messaging rates may apply.
Please contact Parish Office if you wish to be removed from this service.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

We ask that if family members (or whoever requested the Mass Intention) for weekend Masses would like to take up the Offertory gifts, kindly let the ushers know. Please sit near where the gifts are located and bring them up during the Offertory.

2027 MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book opened. Two Masses (one weekend and one weekday) per active parish family. The offering per Mass is $10.00.

PARISH EVENTS

You will find family activity packets to take home. The packets contain materials and a craft to help our families with children celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the season of Advent. Please help yourself! There is one craft kit in each packet- if you have more than one child, please take one packet and then additional craft kits as needed. We invite our children to prepare for a visit from St. Nicholas by leaving a spare shoe in church the weekend of 11/28 & 11/29. St. Nicholas should visit that week and shoes can be retrieved the weekend of 12/5 and 12/6.

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on November 26, 27 and 30 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at St. Charles in Ashland at 8:30 a.m.
The office opens on Tuesday, December 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Fr. Zelonis wishes everyone a most blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving. May God bless you and your family.

PIEROGIES FOR SALE

Pierogies will be sold after all weekend Masses in St. Joseph the Worker kitchen beginning November 28th while supplies last. Cost is $12/dozen.

PARISH OFFICE HAS MOVED

Please note the Parish Office has moved to 99 North Line Street, Frackville. Please use the front door and either ring the bell or knock on the door. Hours remain the same.
Monday through Friday –
8:30 to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Closed Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.
Thank you. Fr. Christopher M. Zelonis and Staff.
NOTE: All those that have automatic payments or send items to the Parish Office, kindly remember or have changed the mailing address to: 99 North Line Street, Frackville, PA 17931.
Thank you!

A WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

The Gift Within: A Women's Advent Retreat
Join the Bishop's Commission for Women and the Catholic Women's Society of Giving for A Women's Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 12, 2026, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 8:00 AM–12:30 PM, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Allentown.
Spend a morning preparing your heart for Christmas as we contemplate Mary, the Ark of the Covenant, and reflect on the virtues of our Blessed Mother and how we can offer our unique gifts to the King and draw others into His presence. The retreat will feature guest speaker Dr. Carmina Chapp, Ph.D., Catholic theologian, educator, and Dean of the School of Theological Studies at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. The morning will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert.
$15 per person, including a continental breakfast.
Register and view the flyer at **allentowndiocese.org/events/the-gift-within-a-womens-advent-retreat**.

ATTENTION MEN:

A Men's Spirituality Program entitled "That Man is You" for men of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker parishes will begin **Saturday, September 12 and continue through December 5 from 8:30-9:30am at St. Joseph the Worker Parish** Rectory, 99 N Line Street, Frackville. We will take a break and then meet again from January 9 through April 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. All men age 18 and older are invited to come participate in a powerful experience of spiritual growth led by Fr. Zelonis, Deacon John Sutter, and a team of men from the two parishes. Please pray about joining us!

JOB OPENING AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, FRACKVILLE

Our parish is seeking an experienced and highly organized Full-Time Parish Administrator to manage our busy church office. As the central hub of our parish and community, this active role requires a professional who thrives in a fast-paced environment and can balance multiple competing priorities.

Key Requirements:

- **Experience Needed:** Minimum 2–3 years of proven office administration, executive assistant, or operations management experience
- **Computer Skills:** Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office 365. Ability to quickly adapt to specialized church database management software (Parish Soft) and scheduling platforms.
- **Communication Skills:** Superb verbal and written communication. A welcoming, empathetic presence for visitors, alongside a strict commitment to privacy and data confidentiality.
- **Workflow Management:** Strong ability to work independently, coordinate calendars, answer high-volume inquiries at times, edit publications, and support ministry leaders.

How to apply:
Please email your resume and a brief cover letter to frackvillerc3@verizon.net with the subject line "Parish Administrator Application." Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.
No phone calls please.

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SJWP CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES

It's time for the Kids Choir to prepare for Christmas! Any parish child who would like to sing for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is welcome to do so. There are 3 practices: Sunday, 12/6 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (after 11:00 a.m. Mass); Sunday 12/13 and Sunday 12/20 from 5:00—6:00 p.m. (right before PREP).
Practices will be in our church--in the choir loft.
Please encourage your children to join us so we can make a ***JOYFUL NOISE*** for Christmas!
Questions: call Carolyn at 570-617-3208.

FOURTH ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

We are excited to announce our Fourth Annual FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and we are once again reaching out to our wonderful community partners for their support! This year, we are especially excited to announce that St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Frackville is partnering with St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Ashland to expand our outreach to families and residents throughout the Ashland and Butler Township communities.

ITEMS NEEDED:

BONELESS HAMS, STUFFING MIX
VEGETABLES; CORN, GREAN BEANS,
SWEET POTATOES, CRANBERRY SAUCE
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
DESSERTS: CAKES, PIES, COOKIES
CASES OF WATER, CASES OF SODA
JUICE BOXES
COFFEE, TEA BAGS, SUGAR
LARGE ALUMINUM PANS
ALUMINUM FOIL
STERNO CHAFING FUEL CANS
TAKEOUT CONTAINERS – LARGE & SMALL

Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office during normal business hours. Address: 99 North Line Street, Frackville, PA 17931 or at SCB Parish Office, 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland, PA 17921. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

To register for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, please email or call Wendy-at 570-617-9085 or e-mail wmont28@gmail.com or email Shannon at sbutler@allentowndiocese.org or call St. Charles Borromeo at 570-875-1521.

Dinner will be served at the North Schuylkill High School Cafeteria at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29, 2026. Eat in, take out or delivery within the NS School District Area.

BWAC PROGRESS REPORT

St. Joseph the Worker – Frackville
As of October 28, 2026

- Parish Goal: $19,144.38
- Total Committed: $15,369.04
- Total Collected: $15,339.04
- Number of Donors: 83
- Average Gift: $185.17
- # of registered families: 725

Thank you to all who have made their donations to the Because we are Catholic Campaign. If you have not yet made your donation, it is not too late.

NATIVITY HAPPENINGS:

On Sunday, December 6th, Nativity will be hosting a Fall Open House for potential students for the 2027-2028 school year beginning at 3:00 PM at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board Members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This information will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

Friends of St. Joseph the Worker

Oil Raffle—You should have received 2 $10 tickets in the mail. Please purchase or sell them. The winners will receive one of two $300 prizes for the purchase of oil. Drawing will be after 5:30 p.m. Mass on December 19, 2026. More tickets can be purchase in Parish Office if needed.
Lottery Ticket Raffle—tickets are being sold in the vestibule after every weekend Mass. Cost is $10 each or 3 for $20. The prize is five $50 State Lotto Tickets. Drawing will be picked on December 19, 2026 not February 13, 2027 as previously stated. Please help to support your parish.

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PARISH NEWS



Address: Immaculate Conception Parish/ National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (501 Ridge Ave. Allentown) For more information, call 484-838-8590 or 484-714-2351.

FRESH HOLIDAY GREENS TO HELP THE FRACKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Frackville Public Library is taking orders for the Fresh Holiday Greens Fundraiser. Wreaths, swags, cemetery crosses, white birch logs and much more are available to order. **The deadline to order is November 23, 2026**. **Delivery date is Thursday, December 3, 2026.** To order call the Frackville Library at 570-874-3382, view the order form on the Frackville Library Facebook page or stop in the Frackville Library at 56 N. Lehigh Ave, Frackville. Thank you for supporting the Frackville Public Library fundraiser.

BIRTHRIGHT INTERNATIONAL OF FRACKVILLE

As the holiday season approaches, the staff at Birthright would like to extend a very grateful thank you for your kindness and generosity shown to our organization over the years. Because of your donations, Birthright continues to assist babies in need. Once again, we are accepting monetary and gift card donations for anyone wishing to give. The staff at Birthright purchases clothing and supplies needed for the babies. Families are not given the gift cards or financial donations. **Mail to Birthright Office at 10 North Lehigh Avenue, Frackville, PA 17931. Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon.** May God continue to bless you and your families. We pray for an end to abortion one day.

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT ST. CLARE OF ASSISI IN ST. CLAIR

Adult Education Advent Series "The Jewish Roots of Christmas" to be held on Thursday, December 3, 10, & 17 @ 6:00 PM.
Location – St. Clare of Assisi John Mentzel Prayer & Study Room – 250 E. Hancock St., St. Clair
Call 570-429-0370 to register.

St. Clare of Assisi will host the Schuylkill Chorale Christmas Concert at 250 E. Hancock St., St. Clair on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 PM.
Ticket Information - Adult $20.00; Seniors (65+) $15.00; Student (K-12) $15.00; 5 and under – Free
Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at schchoral.org.

Living Nativity with the children from St. Clare of Assisi and Holy Cross Parishes along with real animals and other fun activities at St. Clare of Assisi 250 E. Hancock St., St. Clair in conjunction with the St. Clair Tree Lighting beginning at 5:30 p.m.; Homemade Frozen Pierogies will be available for sale.
All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN-THE MANGER MISSION

We will have a Christmas tree in the sanctuary area with tags with items listed to purchase and place under the tree **on or before Friday, December 18**. This Christmas season join Catholic Charities in honoring the Holy Family by supporting families and children in need through The Manger Mission—a holiday outreach benefiting our Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program.

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The feast reminds the faithful that Christ's kingdom is spiritual, eternal, and universal, standing above all earthly political systems and powers

