

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

FATHER BRIAN M. MILLER, M.DIV., M.A.—PASTOR

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday—8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass Schedule: Ext. 5, Parish Office: Ext. 1, Parish Secretary
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Parish web site:

www.stjoesfrackville.com (NEW)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed for federal holidays/holydays.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in this process.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Cassel, SJ,
Sr. Margaret M. McCullough, Principal
233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976
Telephone: (570) 462-3927,
www.TrinityMatters.com

Marian Catholic High School
Mrs. Jean Suck, Principal
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252
Telephone: (570) 467-3335, Website:
www.mariancatholics.org

Nativity B.V.M. High School
Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901
Telephone: (570) 622-8110, www.nativitybvm.net

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.
2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-4638 Fax: 570-622-3420 www.stjosephctr.com

St. Joseph Parish Complex Locations

49 North Line Street &
33 S. Broad Mountain Avenue

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism- The sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. 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. Krisel, M.A., NCC, LPC

DIRECT Phone line: (800) 791-9209

www.victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT

Phone: (610) 332-0442, Ext. 2019

mcole@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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2019

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, November 23, 2019

4:00 PM Jack Blickley requested by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Sunday, November 24

8:30 AM John & Lorraine Bevan requested by Cindy & Dave Leibig

10:00 AM Theresa Lane requested by Velma Sippie & Family

11:30 AM Carl D. Ziegmont requested by Curt, Jennifer Ziegmont & Family

Monday, November 25

7:30 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 AM Alice Oshman requested by Caitlin Albon and Family

Wednesday, November 27

7:30 AM Ann Marie Gallagher & Family requested by Theresa & Joe Yurkonis

Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Thomas Kneib requested by Peggy Gaughan

NO ADORATION

Friday, November 29

7:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM Ann Berencsi requested by Family

Sunday, December 1

8:30 AM Frank Patrick requested by Catherine Jakubowski

10:00 AM Helen Wayne requested by sisters, Jeanette & Karen

11:30 AM Joe Stetz requested by Joe & Angie Babatsky

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.



CANDLE OFFERINGS

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns as a memorial for Stanley F., Ann and Stanley G. Rakowsky requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Eva Kubeyka requested by Children and Grandchildren.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Alshon requested by wife, Eve and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

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 St. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention requested by TMS.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Robert and Anna Smith requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of John and Arlene Davis by Darlene & Dennis.

The **Sanctuary Light** burns for a Special Intention requested by Mary Jane Recla.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. & Sunday: 8:05 a.m.,

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.—7:55 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel & Youth Center at 27 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville. **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Every Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Silent) Adoration in St. Ann Church. 7:30 p.m. Confessions, 7:55 p.m. Benediction.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3:00 p.m. during the Chapel Adoration.

HOLY HOUR—The Pro-Life Holy Hour takes place the second Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Anyone wishing to commit to thirty minutes or an hour may call 570-874-3001. Please remember there is always a substitute available, if you are unable to make your designated time.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Ministry is available for those needing assistance in planning a funeral service and to provide grief support. Your option of a call or visit. Call **Parish Office 570-874-0610** if you wish to be contacted.

RCIA- If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Miller at the Parish Office 570-874-0610.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection: November 10, 2019: \$6,104.25

Second Collection: November 10, 2019: \$347.13

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

PARISH NEWS

LITURGY OF THE WORD - FOR CHILDREN—"ALLELU"



Allelu! — Children's Liturgy of the Word—is available every other Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All parish children ages Pre-school through second grade are welcome to attend.

Next Allelu today, Sunday, November 24

Ministry Schedule—November 30—December 1

Servers:

4:00 p.m. — Janelle Egmont
8:30 a.m. — Claire & Alysa Kowalonek
10:00 a.m.— Heplers
11:30 a.m. — Shane & Caelan Quick

Lectors:

4:00 p.m. — Marlene Borzok
8:30 a.m. — Mary Lou Michaels
10:00 a.m. — Angela Pyzowski
11:30 a.m.— Peggy Fetterolf

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 p.m. — Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Teri Krolick
8:30 a.m. — Mary Lou Michaels **Choir:** Mike Boychak
Nursing Home: Joe Babatsky
10:00 a.m. — Angela Pyzowski **Choir:** Maggie Scherer
11:30 a.m. — Frank Susan **Choir:** Joe Bane

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE—Our Parish will be selling a variety of religious articles in the hall located behind St. Ann Church on the weekends of November 30 & December 1 and December 7 & 8. Cash only, please. Limited number of items, so shop early. ***Great ideas for Christmas!!***

BIRTHRIGHT TREE—parishioners are invited to take a tag from the Birthright Giving Tree. This project assists Mothers and their babies in need. **All items should be returned by December 15.**

GIVING TREE – our parish will have a *Giving Tree* to help needy children in our area. Please take a tag from the *Giving Tree*, purchase the gift, wrap it and bring your gift, **with the tag attached** to it, to the church **prior to December 17. It is important that the tag is attached to your gift.** Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

THANKSGIVING

O bountiful God,

You who have blessed us beyond all measure
with food and family, friends and freedom.

We thank you for looking upon us in love and filling
all creation with your loving gifts.

Show yourself to us in all the surprising ways that
you are present in our world, in our lives, in our family and
friends, co workers and strangers.

Help us to use your gifts wisely, to share them
unselfishly, and to enjoy them immensely. Amen.

All Saints Press

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27— Bible Study 6:45 p.m. in Rectory Mtg. Room

November 28—Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m.

December 4—Pierogies will be made in the kitchen located behind St. Ann Church beginning at 8 a.m.

Office closed Thursday, November 28, Friday, November 29 and Monday, December 2.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. "Thank you" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's collection.

PURSE BINGO—The Purse Bingo that was held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 was a huge success. **The Parish made \$6,723.74.**

A heartfelt thank you to all those involved with the fund raiser. Many people donated money, baskets, food, time, bought tickets and many other things. We are grateful to each and every one!!! Wonderful things can happen when we work together as a Parish Family. ***May God bless and protect you!!***

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on **Thursday, December 5 at St. Anne Church, 450 East Washington Avenue, Bethlehem.** Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. by Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community. Mass will be followed by a period of Adoration and Confessions until 7:00 p.m. & then an informal social. Please join us for this opportunity to meet each other as we come together for prayer and fellowship. (**Questions:** Fr. Bobbin 610-866-0791 ext. 332 or kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org.)

LIVE WEBINAR: How to Draw Young People Back to the Faith with Marcel Lejeune, President and Founder of "Catholic Missionary Disciples," will offer some guidance on the best ways to draw the young people in your life back into the Church, especially newly fallen-away college students. This webinar will be live on **Wednesday, December 4,** at 7:00 p.m., free to attend, but pre-registration is required. The event will not be recorded or rebroadcast.

Go to allentowndiocese.org/webinars to register.

PREP PROGRAM:

Thanksgiving Prayer Service—November 24 in Annunciation BVM Church. Please join us as we give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. It begins at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH CHILDREN are invited to bring a shoe to church on the weekend of December 1—2 in anticipation of a visit from St. Nicholas. Children may pick up their shoes on the weekend of December 7—8.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will take place on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. in our large Parish Hall on Broad Mountain Avenue. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the pageant.

PARISH AND AREA EVENTS

ROOFSTOCK—Thank you to everyone who participated in our latest “Roofstock” dance. It takes many people that devote their time and talent to make these events a success and we are grateful and blessed to have them. We will have the numbers as soon as all bills have been paid. Thank you again!!

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS & VENERATION OF THE FIRST CLASS RELIC—MASS & VENERATION OF THE FIRST CLASS RELIC OF ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER TAKES PLACE ON THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:00 P.M. IN OUR LADY'S CHAPEL OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH, 319 MAHANTONGO STREET, POTTSVILLE, PA. THE NEXT MASS WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019.

COAL REGION ETHNIC DINNER at St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall on **Saturday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

(Inclement weather date is December 8). **Meal will include:** piece of smoked Kowalonek's kielbasy, halupki, haluskie, Kugel (a baked bleenie), applesauce, beverage and dessert. **Tickets \$12.00 advanced order only.** No tickets at the door!!! Eat in after Mass or take out. Tickets available at the rectory and after weekend Masses. **SPECIAL KIDS MEAL includes:** Chicken tenders, mac n cheese, applesauce, beverage and dessert. Tickets \$6.00 each.

NATIVITY GREEN & GOLD will be sponsoring a Black Friday Gift Card Bingo **Sunday, November 24** at the High School. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00—food and refreshments will be available. **Questions call Diane 570-294-0551.**

ANNUAL ADVENT RETREAT: Love Beyond All Telling—December 13-15, 2109

Can we pause in our Christmas preparations and reflect upon the Word of God and our own desire to make a difference in our world? Can we find holiness in our daily comings and goings, nurturing it with “*a love beyond all telling*” (Advent Preface) as we serve those in need? Come Christmas, can we then go tell it on the mountain that God's love has taken flesh in Emmanuel and that we, in some small way of self-giving and in deep faith, are witnesses to this Incarnation and are making our world a better place? Let's come together to share possible ways and sacred answers! **Offering: \$175.00 PP SNG OCC \$165.00 PP DBL OCC. Deposit: \$80.00 Check in begins December 13 at 6:00 p.m., First Session: 7:30 p.m.** To register or for more info, please call 610-867-8890 or [email stfranciscenter@gmail.com](mailto:stfranciscenter@gmail.com) **FACILITATOR:** Sr. Bridget Haase, OSU St. Francis Center for Renewal www.stfrancisctr.org.

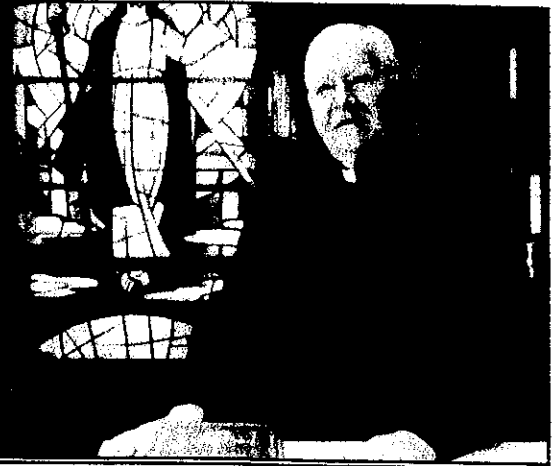
ST. THERESA OF CALCUTTA CHURCH HOAGIE SALE—sponsored by First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association on **Wednesday, December 11. Pick up at St. Theresa Hall (600 West Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City) from 6:00 to 9 a.m. 8” hoagies are \$5.00 each**—All hoagies come with lettuce, tomato and onions (individually packaged)—Choice of mayo or oil packets. Choices: ham and cheese, turkey and cheese, ham, salami and cheese. **Hoagies must be ordered and prepaid at the Parish Office (614 West Mahanoy Street) by December 4 — call 570-773-2771.**

ALL YOU CAN EAT HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI DINNER—sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, December 8** from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Location:** St. Patrick Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. Eat in or take out. Adults: \$8 and Children \$3.50. **Questions:** 570-622-1802.

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER—Thanksgiving! When you give thanks for your blessings this week—remember to thank God for the gift of your spouse. **A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend will bless your marriage! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or [visit www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK—Please remember we still take donations of food for the Frackville Food Bank. They may be dropped off in the vestibule of the church in the bin that is available. Some food options to donate are: cereal, soup, canned fruit, tuna, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, rice, spaghetti sauce, pasta, pancake mix, syrup, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, gravy and Stove Top Stuffing. **Next Food Bank distribution is Thursday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church located on West Oak Street, Frackville.**

THE ENDOWMENT FOR THE CARE OF RETIRED PRIESTS



Dear Friends

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus," wrote St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. "When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Nearly two hundred years later, these words still ring true. At baptisms, weddings, funerals, Masses, and much more, our priests generously and whole-heartedly shepherd us through the most difficult moments and the most joyful times in our lives. More importantly, our priests make it possible to live our lives in communion with Christ.

In the Diocese of Allentown, we are committed to caring for those priests in good standing who cared for us. The Diocese of Allentown has created The Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests in order to properly provide for aging clergy. With your help, the Endowment can grow to fully support the health and long-term care for our elderly priests who, as you probably know, generally continue in service to our families, to our Diocese, and to our Lord well past any kind of ordinary retirement age.

This year, I hope you will prayerfully consider making a contribution to The Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. With your help, we can continue to keep our promise to care for those who cared for us.

Thank you in advance for your remembrance and recognition of those priests in the Diocese of Allentown who have been, as Pope Benedict described, "heralds of hope, reconciliation, and peace."

Gratefully in Christ,

*Paul Acampora
Secretary for Stewardship & Development*