

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 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

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
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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.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 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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--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, September 12, 2026

4:00 PM *at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

5:30 PM SJWP Gudleski Family requested by Family

Sunday, September 13—Forty Hours at SJWP

9:00 AM *at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

11:00 AM SJWP Charlie Hauser requested by Joe and Angie Babatsky

(Adoration following until 7 p.m.)

Monday, September 14—Forty Hours at SCB

5:30 PM SJWP NO MASS

—SJWP NO Adoration or Confession—

8:30 a.m. *Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

(Adoration following until 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, September 15—Forty Hours at SJWP

8:30 a.m. Sharon Lee Nadeau requested by Krolick Family

(Adoration following until 7 p.m.)

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

—SCB NO Adoration—

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, September 17

8:30 AM SJWP For all SJWP Parishioners
-- SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, September 18

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM *at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

5:30 PM SJWP Gudleski Family requested by Family

Sunday, September 20

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

11:00 AM SJWP Robert Keys requested by Ed and Lynda Halaburda

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 St. Anthony** burns in memory of Andrew & Rose Marie Kergick by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph the Worker** burns for all those participating in the Forty Hours Devotions.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burn in memory of John and Arlene Davis by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for all deceased members of St. Joseph the Worker parish.

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)

EUCCHARISTIC 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

August 16, 2026—\$4,445.50

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and other collections.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—September 19-20, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, September 19

5:30 p.m. Janelle and Jacob Ziegmont

Sunday, September 20

11:00 a.m. Kyra Krapf

LECTOR:

Saturday, September 19

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia

Sunday, September 20

11:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, September 19

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Mike Boychak

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Bill Rowan

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Patti Domalakes

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.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any child that has received their First Holy Communion qualifies to become an altar server. If you are interested, kindly call the Parish Office 570-874-0610 ext. 4 and let us know. Training will begin soon.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FRACKVILLE COUNCIL #748 AUXILIARY MEETING

Attention Knights of Columbus, Frackville Council #748 Auxiliary, it is imperative that you attend our meeting on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, at 6 p.m., if you wish to participate in the voting process. Thank you, Carole Syzdek, President.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

September 13, 14 & 15 -Forty Hours beginning at 7:00 p.m. at SJWP Frackville. **8th Grade must attend on September 15.**

September 14—Morning Mass is at SCB with Adoration following until 7 p.m. (No evening Mass at SJWP)

September 15—Morning Mass is at SJWP with Adoration following until 7 p.m.

September 17—Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.

Sept. 19—Men's Spirituality Program meets.

September 20—Kid's Choir Practice at 4 p.m. in church.

September 20—Opening Mass for 8th gr. PREP in St. Joseph the Worker Church.

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.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY LOTS

Please note cemetery lots are available for purchase. A single grave is currently \$550.00 plus the Endowment Care (Perpetual Care) \$350 per grave. **Effective September 30, 2026, the price will increase to \$650 per grave and \$450 per grave for Endowment Care.** If you are thinking of purchasing a cemetery plot, we are giving you the opportunity to do it prior to the rate increase. Should you have any questions, kindly contact the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4.

PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Kids choir is preparing to sing at the opening Mass for PREP on Sunday, 9/20 here in our church.

Any child interested in singing is asked to be at practice the same day at 4:00 p.m. in the church. After practice we will have some pizza and the. Stay and sing for Mass at 6:00 p.m. Kaitlyn Fetterolf will also be assisting Carolyn Tengalia with the Children's Choir. Thank you to both.



FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Friends group on **Monday, September 21** immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Approx. 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the hall behind the church. All members and new members are encouraged to attend.

PREP AND FORTY HOURS

Tuesday, September 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. all 8th Grade PREP students need to attend the Forty Hours Devotion closing at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Please sit together as a group in the first pews on the left and right sides of the church. **This is a requirement for all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in October.**

ABBEYFEST2026

Join thousands of Catholics for AbbeyFest 2026 on Saturday, September 19, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. This celebration of faith, family and music brings youth, young adults and families together for a day of Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Holy Mass and live Christian music. This year's lineup includes Danny Gokey, Seph Schlueter, Lost & Found, Sarah Kroger, Brother Isaiah, Hannah Schaefer, Joe Melendrez, Gio Morales, the Jesus Youth Philly Band and more. Come experience the joy of a vibrant Catholic community gathered together in faith. See bulletin board for more info or go to **THEABBEYFEST.COM**

SILENCE

FORTY HOURS SCHEDULE

Forty Hours will take place this year on September 13, 14 & 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Following is the schedule:

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and Adoration will continue until 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 14, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

Morning Mass 8:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo with Adoration immediately following until 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

Morning Mass 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Worker with Adoration immediately following until 7:00 p.m.

Forty Hours will be preached by Fr. Hy Gia Ngô (Fr. James)

Parochial Vicar at Saint Ambrose Parish in Schuylkill Haven.

He is one our newly ordained priests in the Allentown Diocese

NOTE: Please sign up now for an hour of Adoration. The sheet is located in the back of the church and will rotate between St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo.

We need to fill each hour for the three days of Forty Hours.

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. 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!

JOIN BISHOP SCHLERT FOR DAILY MASS AT PARISHES THROUGHTOUT THE DIOCESE AS WE COME TOGETHER IN FAITH AND UNITY:

- **Wednesday, September 16 – 8:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem
- **Thursday, September 17 – 8:00 a.m. – Holy Family Parish, St. Michael the Archangel Church, 539 Sunbury St., Minersville**

PARISH NEWS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH—MINERSVILLE CASH BINGO

Holy Family Parish of Minersville is holding a Cash Bingo on **Sunday, September 27th** at their Parish Center at Hillcrest. Admission is \$25 for 20 games with prizes of \$100 each! Food, specials, and tickets for a 50/50 drawing will also be available for purchase. Doors open at 11am and bingo begins at 1pm. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at the Parish Office. Call 570.544.4741 ext. 1 for more information.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH POTTSVILLE

Eat In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by St. Patrick Church

Sunday, October 4

11:00 am to 2:00 pm (or sell out)

313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville

Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

NATIVITY BVM HOMECOMING

Homecoming Football Game 50/50

Our annual Homecoming 50/50 Drawing is one of Nativity's biggest fundraisers of the year, and we are excited to continue this important tradition!

This year's Homecoming Football Game against Shenandoah Valley will be held at St. Clair on **Friday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.**

We greatly appreciate your continued support of Nativity and our 50/50 Drawing. Your participation helps make this fundraiser a success and directly supports our school and students. Please call us at 622-8110 to get your tickets! Sports passes are also available in our Main Office. The cost is \$75 and is good for all home (non playoff) games all year long.

Celebrating Nativity BVM High School's 70th Anniversary!

70 years of faith, academic excellence, service and leadership

We invite our Nativity families, alumni, and friends to join us on Saturday, October 10th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. as we celebrate 70 years of faith, academic excellence, service, and leadership.

The celebration will be held here at Nativity High School and will feature tours of the building and memorabilia room, small plates, a dessert array, and an open bar. Tickets are \$70 per person. Come celebrate seven decades of Nativity tradition and the people who have made our school community so special! For more information, please contact Nativity at [570-622-8110](tel:570-622-8110). We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Nativity BVM High School's 70th Anniversary!

ST. CHARLES PARISH BASKET AUCTION AUCTION DAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

1115 Walnut Street, Ashland, PA 17921

The members of Saint Charles Borromeo parish in Ashland invite everyone to come to our annual basket auction on **Sunday, September 20th**. Tons of great prizes! Something for everyone in the family including lots of children's prizes!

Food trucks for each shop n drop.

Shop n Drop Hours **FOOD TRUCK**

Sept. 10 12 – 6 p.m. Pizza Buds

Sept. 12 2—6 p.m. ATeam Wingz & Things

Sept. 13 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. The Brees Knees
Coffee

Sept. 17 12 – 6 p.m. Vince's Cheesesteaks

Sept. 18 3 – 7 p.m. REBZ Pizza

Sept. 19 2 – 6 p.m. Big Backs Remix

Sept. 20 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. SCB Kitchen

(Prize drawing will begin at 2pm) We appreciate your support!

GRAND PRIZES

\$1500 Cash, \$500 in Gift Cards, \$300 in Lottery Tickets plus \$200 cash, \$300 Walmart Gift Card Kids prizes, Gift cards and so much more!!!!
(Small Games of Chance License \$10498)

THE DIOCESE' 65TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Diocese of Allentown's 65th Anniversary Family Festival will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield. This joyful gathering will be a special opportunity for our diocesan family to come together in celebration of 65 years of faith, community, and service. There are several ways to participate: Sponsor a Saint-themed Trunk-or-Treat station. Offer a children's or family activity. Volunteer with setup, cleanup, or festival activities. Sell food, with all proceeds remaining with your parish. There is no fee to participate in the Family Festival, and tables and chairs will be provided. The Festival will begin at noon and conclude with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at 4:30 PM. The event will be held rain or shine, with a variety of activities taking place under tents. We are especially in need of volunteers to help make this celebration a success, and the Festival is a wonderful opportunity for students to earn service hours. *Please submit your registration no later than September 29, 2026.* Contact

Michele Mullikin mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org and 610-871-5200, ext. 2282, or Pam Russo prusso@allentowndiocese.org and 610-871-5200, ext. 2204.



Halupki Dinner



Saturday, October 3 - 12 noon to 3 pm

Advance Orders Only

Menu includes:

2 halupki, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll/butter, and dessert

Cost: \$15.00

Pick up in St. Joseph the Worker Kitchen

Orders must be placed no later than September 18



To Order

Call Parish Office (570-874-0610, ext. 4)

or

Place Order in Collection Basket

