

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GUENCY ISAAC
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR
Deacon John M. Sutter

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
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.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 the Third Sunday at 12:15 p.m. 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

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Saturday, November 29, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP Jack Blickley requested by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Sunday, November 30

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

11:00 AM SJWP Jerome Pyzowski requested by Atty. & Mrs. Paul Domalakes

Monday, December 1

5:30 PM SJWP Gudleski Family requested by Family
—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

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

Wednesday, December 3

8:30 AM SJWP Joseph Bass requested by Ed & Lynda Halaburda
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, December 4

8:30 AM No Mass at either Parish

Friday, December 5

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

Saturday, December 6

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

5:30 PM SJWP George & Helen Kost requested by daughter, Kathy & Ed Stetts

Sunday, December 7

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

11:00 AM SJWP Alice Eick requested by Family

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.



CANDLE OFFERINGS



The **Vigil Light** at the Statue of St. Joseph burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Family.

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. Ann burns in memory of Francis, Peg and Cody Chaklos by the Chaklos Family.

The **Vigil Light** at the Statue of the Blessed Mother burns for Special Intentions.

The **Vigil Light** at the Statue of the Sacred Heart burns in memory of Frank Sienkiewicz by Family

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for God's blessings for a fruitful Advent Season.

ATTENTION: 2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AND 2026 CALENDARS ARE NOW READY FOR PICK UP IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE DO SO AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. Questions, contact Parish Office 874-0610 Ext. 4. Thank you!

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)

Monday: 5:10 to 5:25 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

Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (SJWP)

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

November 9, 2025—\$5,395.50

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

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY WEBSITE

Visit the newly refurbished cemetery website.

It includes Annunciation BVM and St. Joseph Cemeteries.

It has been expanded to include more information about our deceased loved ones.

The web address is

www.sjwcemeteries.org or you can go to

our website to find the link.

Parish website: www.stjoesfrackville.com

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—December 6-7, 2025

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, December 6

5:30 p.m. Johnny Walsh

Sunday, December 7

11:00 a.m. Olivia Yurkonis

LECTORS:

Saturday, December 6

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok

Sunday, December 7

11:00 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 6

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Mike Boychak

Sunday, December 7

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

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Joe Bane

NURSING HOME EM — at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday is the time to go to the Nursing Home. This gives them time to be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: Monday, December 8—

SCB 8:30 a.m. & SJWP 5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 8—SJWP 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Rocco & Lucia Sanfilippo

Lector: Larry Domalakes

EM: Angie Babatsky **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RETIRED AND INFIRMED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more info visit the website

www.weloveourpriests.org. Your generosity support retired priests from all five (5) counties of our Diocese!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at **retiredreligious.org**.

PREP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a volunteer PREP teacher to begin teaching December 7, 2025. The individual will need their diocesan background check and clearances. Please call the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4 for more info.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

November 30—NO PREP

December 1—Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass time, Confessions 5:10 to 5:25 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m.

December 3—Mass 8:30 a.m. Adoration until 11 a.m.

December 8—Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation—Office is closed.

2026 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

PREP Sacrament Dates:

March 7, 2026—11:00 a.m. First Penance at SJWP, Frackville

May 2, 2026—10:00 a.m. Both St. Charles and St. Joseph will receive First Holy Communion at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office will be closed on November 24, 27, 28 and December 1.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:30 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Monday, December 1 there will be Adoration, Confessions and Mass at the usual time.

Father Guency and Staff wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving.

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.

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT-Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

One of the two Christmas Trees on the altar will be for the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in Reading, PA. This is a special community to Father Guency. They are requesting children's clothing, toys, and school supplies. Please take a tag and return your donation unwrapped on or before December 16, 2025. **The tags for this have BFS on the bottom. Put donations under this specific tree—left side. (Looking at the altar from pews)**

THE MANGER MISSION

Rooted in the spirit of the Nativity, the "Manger Mission" invites the faithful across our Diocese to help support vulnerable mothers and young children through the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program. This initiative is a tangible way to honor the Holy Family who themselves faced uncertainty and hardship. Through Manger Mission, you can accompany families in our community who are waling a similar path. We are asking our parish members to join this mission of mercy by donating items that help families not just survive but thrive. The families we will serve are in need of: diapers & pull ups (3 & up). Baby wipes, infant & toddler clothing, shampoo, lotion, cream, etc., bottles & sippy cups, small infant-safe toys, small blankets, gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, Weis, Boyer's & Redners).

Please place any donation for the Manger Mission under tree located on right side of altar (looking at the altar from pews).

FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER HEATING OIL RAFFLE

Friends of St. Joseph the Worker is sponsoring a holiday heating oil raffle to help support our parish. You will be mailed two \$10 tickets in October. Please help by selling or purchasing. The ticket returns are to be returned by way of Collection basket or dropping off at the office by **December 8, 2025**. Those who win will be given the choice of where to get their heating source from....whether oil, coal, etc. **Three winners will be drawn.**
Winners will be drawn on December 13, 2025 after 5:30 p.m. Mass by Fr. Guency.
Thank you in advance for your support and help with this event.

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

The Bishop's Commission for Women invites all women of the Diocese to a peaceful day of community, prayer, and reflection this Advent season. Join us on **Saturday, December 13, 2025**, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Allentown from 8:30am - 1:00pm. As Advent Women, we are called, like Mary Our Mother, to be bearers of Hope to our families and communities. Come, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, and rediscover your identity as a bearer of light in a world of darkness. **Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.**
Learn more and register at <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/womens-advent-retreat-2025>.

BIRTHRIGHT INTERNATIONAL OF FRACKVILLE

Just as in the past few years there will be no Birthright Giving Trees, however, for those who wish to participate, Birthright will be accepting monetary donations or gift cards. The donations will be used by only the Birthright staff to purchase Items needed for babies. Families will not receive the cards or donations.
Your contribution can be **mailed to the Birthright Office at 10 North Lehigh Avenue, Frackville, PA 17931. If there are any questions, you can contact the Birthright Office at 570-874-2621 or 570-874-4307.**
The staff of Birthright is very thankful for your past and present donations and continued support. Because of your generosity, we are able to care for babies in need. We wish each of you a very healthy and happy holiday season.
May God bless and watch over you and pray for an end to abortion.

KIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR:

Our children have been invited to sing at our 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 49 North Line Street, Frackville, AND the *Christmas on the Mountain* event scheduled for 12/13 at Arch Street park. In order to prepare for both, we will need to practice. Practices will be held at **St. Joseph the Worker Parish** on the following Sundays 12/7; 12/14 and 12/21 from **12:00 – 1:00** (immediately after 11:00 Mass).

ALL parish children (grades K thru 12) are invited to sing for one event or both. We will be doing a lot of familiar Christmas music. LOTS of voices are needed. Prior kids choir members are welcome to come back and new faces who haven't sung with us yet should give it a try. There is no fundraising and no travel and it will be fun! Plus, it will be an honor to lead our parish in praise on Christmas Eve. At the 12/13 event, we will lead the public in carols as they light the town tree- we will be singing in the evening- after the North Schuylkill Elementary concert.

Questions? Call Carolyn Tenaglia (570-617-3208) or Kaitlyn Fetterolf (570-933-1721) Remember: First practice is Sunday, 11/23 at St. Ann's from 12 – 1. There is no practice on 11/30. Practices resume 12/7; 12/14 and 12/21 – same place and same time.



MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S BLUE & GOLD CLUB is holding their 2025 Boyer's Shopping Spree Raffle Fundraiser! A raffle ticket costs \$10.00 to win a chance for a 3 minute shopping spree at the Tamaqua Boyer's. To purchase, please contact any Blue & Gold Club Member or call/text Tracey Zeiler 570-578-0498; Janis Dvorak 570-929-2921; Kathy Goff 610-704-8037. Email BGC@mariancatholic.org or call Marian Catholic at 570-467-3335. Drawing to be held December 13, 2025 just in time to purchase your Christmas Dinner! Blue and Gold Club can be found on Facebook.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, often referred to as Advent Sunday. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. The name comes from Latin *adventus* ('coming; arrival'). The first week's theme is typically **hope** and involves the lighting of the first purple candle on the Advent wreath.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2) "Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen."

