

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE

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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. Cizek, 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 Susko, Principal
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252
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Nativity B.V.M. High School
Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawtons 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. Krisak, 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
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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00 PM In memory of Helen & Walter Andrews
requested by Kardisco Family

Sunday, December 15

8:30 AM Mary Theresa Patrick requested by Catherine
Jakubowski

10:00 AM Ed Wascavage requested by Teri Krolick

11:30 AM Eileen Goodwin requested by Ed & Lynda
Halaburda

Monday, December 16

7:30 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 AM Edward O'Connell requested by Wife &
Children

Penance Service 6:00 p.m. in St. Ann Church Complex

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 AM Julia & Charles Naspinski requested by Irene
and Family

Thursday, December 19

7:30 AM All souls in Purgatory requested by Dolores
Adoration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 20

7:30 AM Deceased of Gergal & Petrus Families
requested by John & Barb Petrus

Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM John & Catherine Slotcavage & Family
requested by Families

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM Marie Costa requested by Fr. Dominik
Kalata

10:00 AM Ed Wascavage requested by Mary Lou and
Jim Barry

11:30 AM Charles F. Gownley requested by Jim & Kay
Miller



Third Sunday of Advent

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 Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary by Darlene & Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for God's blessings & healing for Sylvia Yonalunas, Love her 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. Joseph** burns in memory of John & Arlene Davis by Darlene & Dennis.

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 **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: December 1, 2019: \$5,203.75

Second Collection: December 1, 2019: \$194.80

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, Sunday, December 22

Ministry Schedule—December 21-22

Servers:

4:00 p.m. — Emily Walsh
8:30 a.m. — Alyza & Claire Kowalonek
10:00 a.m.— Matthew & Katherine Dimmick
11:30 a.m. — Kerrigan & Abbey Digris

Lectors:

4:00 p.m. — Ron Whalen
8:30 a.m. — Mary Lou Michaels
10:00 a.m. — Patti Domalakes
11:30 a.m.— Bridget Quick

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 p.m. — Teri Krolick **Choir:** Ron Whalen
8:30 a.m. — Mary Lou Michaels **Choir:** Jean Dando
Nursing Home: Joe Babatsky
10:00 a.m. — Patti Domalakes **Choir:** Angela Pyzowski
11:30 a.m. — Franks Susan **Choir:** Bridget Quick

Christmas Ministry Schedule — December 24/25

Servers: December 24

4:00 p.m. — Abbey & Kerrigan Digris & Janelle Ziegmont
9:00 p.m. — Ryan Evert, Kylie Meskunas and Katherine & Matthew Dimmick

December 25

10:00 a.m. — Shane & Caelan Quick

Lectors: December 24

4:00 p.m. — Diane Rowland
9:00 p.m. — Ron Whalen

December 25

10:00 a.m. — Larry Domalakes

Eucharistic Ministers: December 24

4:00 p.m. — Mary Lou Michaels, Teri Krolick
Choir: Sr. Patricia
9:00 p.m. — Gerald Campomizzi, Patti Domalakes
Choir: Ron Whalen

December 25

10:00 a.m. — Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL—on Sunday, January 12, Nativity will be hosting an Open House and Registration for the 2020-2021 school year. School tours, presentations and displays will begin at 1:00 p.m. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. Members of the entire Nativity community will be available to answer your questions. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 14-15**—Cookies Tray Sale in hall located behind St. Ann Church.
December 17—Penance Service 6:00 p.m. in St. Ann Church Complex
December 18—Bible Study in St. Ann Rectory Meeting Room at 6:45 p.m.
December 19—Adoration 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will take place on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. in our large Parish Hall at 9 S. Broad Mountain Avenue. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the pageant.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY will take place at all Masses on December 21 & 22. Parishioners are asked to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scene for a special blessing.

BUY A COOKIE TRAY AND COMBAT WORLD HUNGER ON DECEMBER 14 AND 15

After all services today, buy a \$15 cookie tray and feed 375 starving children. Our Church is selling cookie trays to support the Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger. These cookie trays make wonderful hostess gifts and affordable gifts for friends and colleagues. The cookie trays are only \$15 each and have 24 cookies, chocolates and are beautifully gift wrapped. Last year's sale provided food for 4.2 million children as part of Cross Catholic Outreach's school feeding program in Haiti. Because the cookies are great tasting and the proceeds do so much good, over 57 tons of trays of cookies have been sold so far. Please buy a tray or two.

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 has 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!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR—Any child interested in singing with the children's choir for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is welcome to do so. Practices are 12/8 and 12/22 from 5—6 p.m. in St. Ann Church. Many voices are needed—we especially need children in grades 5—8 but all are welcome!!!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Christmas isn't just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful (event); Christmas is more ... Christmas is an encounter!" — Pope Francis