

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GUENCY ISAAC  
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
Deacon John M. Sutter

SAINT

JOSEPH  
THE WORKER

## 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;  
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Ext. 7--Confession/Adoration Schedule;

Email: [frackvillerc3@verizon.net](mailto:frackvillerc3@verizon.net)  
Parish web site: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://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](http://www.assumptionbvmschool.net)

Marian Catholic High School  
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252  
Telephone: (570) 467-3335,  
[www.mariancatholics.org](http://www.mariancatholics.org)

St. Jerome Regional School  
50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252-4313  
Telephone: (570) 668-2757  
[www.sjrschool.com](http://www.sjrschool.com)

Nativity B.V.M. High School  
One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901  
Telephone: (570) 622-8110,  
[www.nativitybvm.net](http://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](http://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](mailto:wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page. [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025



### Saturday, December 6, 2025

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

### Monday, December 8—Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

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

5:30 PM SJWP Joseph Kleeman III requested by Joe  
Kleeman  
—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

### Tuesday, December 9

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 10

8:30 AM SJWP For all those remembered in our Memorial  
Fund  
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

### Thursday, December 11

8:30 AM No Mass at either Parish

### Friday, December 12

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM Mass at SCB-Ashland

### Saturday, December 13

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP David Harper requested by Carl & Angela  
Pyzowski

### Sunday, December 14

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Charles F. Blozusky requested by Dr. & Mrs.  
Frank Blozusky and 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, guid-  
ance 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 in  
memory of John and Arlene Davis by Darlene & Dennis.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother burns in  
memory of Francis Goncalves by wife, Mary.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart burns in  
memory of Janette McCarther requested by Barb and John  
Petrus.

**ATTENTION:** 2026 Contribution Envelopes & the 2026 Cal-  
endars 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 14, 2025—\$4400.00

*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](http://www.sjwcemeteries.org) or you can go to  
our website to find the link.

Parish website: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://www.stjoesfrackville.com)

# PARISH NEWS

## Ministry Schedule—December 13-14, 2025

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### **SERVERS:**

**Saturday, December 13**

5:30 p.m. Jacob Ziegmont

**Sunday, December 14**

11:00 a.m. Maria, Mark & Matt Monahan

### **LECTORS:**

**Saturday, December 13**

5:30 p.m. Janelle Ziegmont

**Sunday, December 14**

11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, December 13**

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Ron Whalen

**Sunday, December 14**

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Mike Boychak

11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes **Choir:** Gerald Campomizzi

**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, Ashland 8:30 a.m.**

**Monday, December 8**

**SJWP, Frackville 5:30 p.m.**

**Servers:** Rocco & Lucia Sanfilippo

**Lector:** Larry Domalakes

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

## **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.

## **DONATED PIES FOR THANKSGIVING**

Donations were made on behalf of our parish and 100 pumpkin pies were made for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner held by Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in St. Clair. This dinner helped to feed over 500 people in need across the county. The PREP kids assisted by making placements for those choosing to eat the dinners in person at Holy Apostles. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed toward this project.

## **A "Knight" of Music Christmas Dance**

The Knights of Columbus, Council 431 is hosting a Christmas dance, on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 7PM – 10PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center, 99 Lombard St., New Philadelphia

Featuring...Route 61 Band.

Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door, BYOB.

For tickets call: Jerry @ 570-6928-0786; Greg @ 570-449-2580 or Ron @ 570-294-6337.

## **ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH**

**December 7**— Prep at SCB 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**December 8**—Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass time, Confessions 5:10 to 5:25 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m.

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

**December 10**— Mass 8:30 a.m. Adoration until 11 a.m.

**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.

## **MEN, MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!**

Men's Spirituality Group starting Saturday, January 10, 2026. We will be viewing a video series followed by group discussions every other Saturday morning at 8:30AM. Location will alternate between St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office at 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave. in Frackville and St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St. in Ashland. God intended for men to be leaders, protectors and providers. Statistics show that when mothers takes their children to church, approximately 25% of them will attend when they become adults, but when fathers take their children the church, approximately 75% will attend when they become adults. Make it a priority to become the man God calls you to be.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY #748**

"We, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748, again this year, wish to thank all staff, parishioners and guests, for their support. Merry Christmas and have a blessed and happy holiday season. We continue to seek new members. If interested, please contact Carole Syzdek, 570-467-3744"

## **Marian High School Launches Search for Director of Strategic Communications**

We're are looking for a creative & strategic professional who believes in Marian's mission and wants to help shape its future. Key responsibilities—developing & executing integrated marketing & enrollment strategies, managing Marian's brand & digital presence, including social media, website content and targeted advertising, overseeing public relations, publications, and media outreach, partnering with Peapod Designs, launch a new website for the school in 2026, plus other responsibilities.

### **Send application materials & inquiries to:**

**Fr. Robert Finlan, Principal, Marian Catholic High School**  
**166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252**

**Email:** rfinlan@mariancatholic.org

**Questions:** 570-467-3335

## **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.

### 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.

### 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: Practices at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on 12/7; 12/14 and 12/21.



**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](mailto: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.

### 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.*

### 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. Donations need not be wrapped. 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 walking 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).**

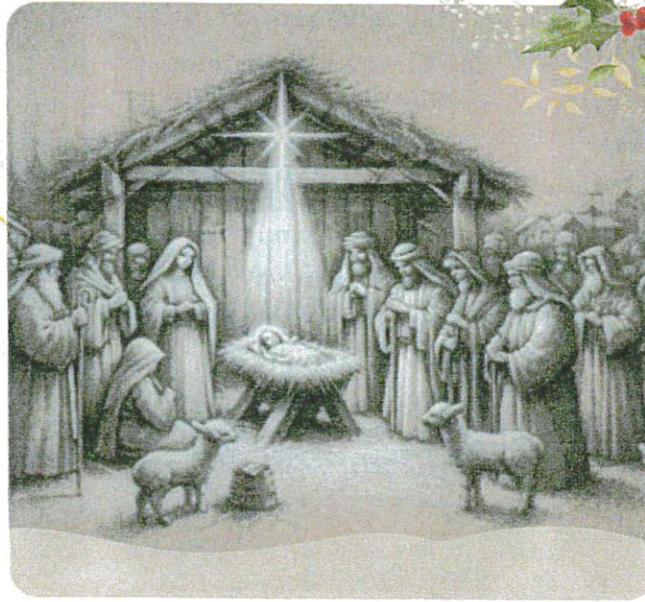
### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The second Sunday of Advent in 2025 is **December 7, 2025**. It is the second of the four Sundays in the Advent season, which precedes Christmas. This Sunday is a period of waiting, repentance, and watching for the coming of Christ. A time for preparing for Jesus' arrival, marked by lighting the second purple candle on an Advent wreath, often called the "Bethlehem Candle". Key themes include hope and faith, with readings often focusing on the voice of John the Baptist calling people to "prepare the way of the Lord" and prophecies of peace and justice from the Old Testament.



# Advent and Christmas Schedule 2025

St. Joseph the  
Worker  
Frackville



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Ashland

## Advent Reconciliation TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo  
Ashland  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker  
Frackville  
7:15 – 8:00 p.m.

## Christmas Eve Masses WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 2025

St. Joseph the Worker  
Frackville  
4:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo  
Ashland (Fr. Karpyn)  
4:15 p.m.

St. Vincent Worship Site  
Girardville  
8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker  
Frackville  
10:00 p.m.

(All Masses for St. Joseph  
the Worker will be held in  
the church, 49 North Line  
Street, Frackville)

## Christmas Day Masses THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 2025

St. Joseph the Worker  
Frackville  
9:00 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo  
Ashland  
10:30 a.m.

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 2025 (VIGIL)

St. Joseph the Worker  
Frackville  
6:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo  
Ashland  
9:00 a.m.