

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GIUSEPPE C. ESPOSITO, M.Div., M.A.
PASTOR

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;
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 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.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
DIRECT Phone line: (800) 791-9209
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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2024



Saturday, February 10, 2024

5:30 PM Jack Blickley requested by Family
St. Ann

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM Michael Gricoski requested by Mary Ann
St. Ann Fields and girls

11:00 AM Hayek Family requested by Diane Hayek
St. Ann

Monday, February 12

8:30 AM Maura Marnell requested by Carol Thomas
St. Ann & Sylvia Yonalunas

**6:00 PM First session of *The Mass* at St. Charles
Borromeo, Ashland**

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM For all those remembered in our Memorial
St. Ann Fund

**6:00 PM (Mass at St. Charles Borromeo w/
distribution of Ashes)**

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, February 15

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

**6-7 PM Adoration, Confession 6:30 p.m. and
Stations 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles
Borromeo, Ashland**

Saturday, February 17

5:30 p.m. Cody Murphy (1st. Anniversary) requested
St. Ann by Mom and Fran

Sunday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Luciani requested by Tony &
St. Ann Carolyn Tenaglia

11:00 a.m. Robert Alexander requested by Mother,
St. Ann Ursaline Fitzpatrick

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 knowing that they are not alone and all they need comes from You.



CANDLE OFFERINGS



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 Special Intention by TMS.

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 the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Clarence & Mary Bretz requested by Fetterolf Family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the health and blessings of children and grandchildren requested by C and A.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

Sunday: 7:45 to 7:55 a.m. (St. Ann Church)

The St. Ann Church location will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for those that want to visit and spend time with our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please remember that we have Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday after Mass until 12 noon and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Church location. Please schedule some time with our Lord. Holidays and various other dates..... times may differ. The Church is open daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 28, 2024—\$3,725.48

Catholic Relief Collection — \$460.25

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

PARISH SURVEY

Next Generation Diocese

The Diocese of Allentown has asked that all parishes participate in the **Next Generation Diocese Survey**. **The online survey will open on February 14, 2024.**

The link is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/byc68b>

This is the preferred way to complete the survey; however, a paper copy can be requested by calling the Parish Office. This **Next Generation Diocese** has 3 phases-1. Priest support and Investment, 2. Parish Support, 3. Measure impact and reassessment. This experience seeks to support the bishop and his team by equipping the diocese with a deeper clarity on its priests and a clear understanding of every parish's strengths & opportunities. It also provides the tools to assess & match priest preferences and skills with a parish's needs. The **Next Generation Diocese** can assess and envision a plan for the future while cultivating a deeper missionary spirit among priests & parishes.

NEWS FROM DIOCESE AND PARISHES



SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

COST: \$150.00 (ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Daniel.

DINNER: after show, Buffet style meal at Shady Maple (included)

TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip Coach bus transportation (included)

Reserve your seat early.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of reservation. Total payment due by April 5, 2024.

Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance including live animals and special effects.

Spend an enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow parishioners.

All reservation can be made at St. Charles Parish Office 570-875-1521.

BISHOP'S CATHOLIC SCHOLAR AWARD—CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Applications are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of our Church. Deadline to submit application is February 12, 2024.

- Eighth grade students **must** be registered parishioners in a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Allentown & enrolled in a Catholic, public or private school.
- Tuition **must** be current.
- The student must have applied, be accepted, and registered for the High School indicated on the application. Scholarships are not transferable from one Diocesan High school to another.
- Children of full-time Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Allentown are **not** eligible
- The student must be available to attend the award ceremony on Saturday, April 27th.



Cooks with Collars
COOKS WITH COLLARS
starting January 12!

Fr. Esposito needs your help!

Fr. Esposito will represent St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville,
in **COOKS WITH COLLARS**, an
online competition
to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities
in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see Fr. Esposito
and your other favorite priests from around the
Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions.
Vote early and vote often!
(deadline February 12) for our Diocesan top chef!
All voting proceeds benefit our PREP Program.,
the future of our Parish.

Thanks for making Fr. Esposito and
St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville, top chef! **

**If you would like to make a donation to “COOKS WITH COLLARS” but do not have internet access, drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope along with your name, unless you want to remain anonymous. Thank you for your support!

April Showers Meat Raffle!

Tickets ~ \$10 each

- 1ST PRIZE: \$100 MARLIN MARKET GIFT CARD
- 2ND PRIZE: \$100 MARLIN MARKET GIFT CARD
- 3RD PRIZE: \$100 MARLIN MARKET GIFT CARD
- 4TH PRIZE: \$100 MARLIN MARKET GIFT CARD
- 5TH PRIZE: \$100 MARLIN MARKET GIFT CARD

Drawing:

April 13 following
5:30 p.m. Mass

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Call the Parish Office for more information or to purchase tickets.

Proceeds benefit St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasure in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (February 18 until May 26, 2024). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year during this time.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl/Lenten Folder a portion goes to Operation Rice Bowl.