

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.nativitybvmschool.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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, February 3, 2024-Blessing of Throats after all weekend Masses

5:30 PM Walter Kuczynski requested by Family
St. Ann

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Jack H. Budwash requested by Gaughan
St. Ann Family

11:00 AM Michael Gaverick requested by Valerie &
St. Ann John Bukowski

Monday, February 5

8:30 AM For all St. Joseph the Worker Parishioners
St. Ann

Tuesday, February 6

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
St. Ann

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 AM Alice Eick requested by Rose (Nahas)
St. Ann Matthews Family

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, February 8

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
St. Ann

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

Friday, February 9

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
St. Ann

Saturday, February 10

5:30 p.m. Jack Blickley requested by Family
St. Ann

Sunday, February 11

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

11:00 a.m. Hayek Family requested by Diane Hayek
St. Ann

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 St. Joseph** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

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

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 John & Arlene Davis by Darlene and Dennis.

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 14, 2024—\$6,208.65

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY WEBSITE

Our newly refurbished cemetery website is back up and running.

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

The web address is

www.sjwccemeteries.org or you

can go to our parish website to find the link.

Parish website: www.stjoesfrackville.com

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—February 10—11 St. Ann Church Location

SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Kyra and Alexander Krapf
8:00 a.m. Claire and Alyza Kowalonek
11:00 a.m. Johnny and Emily Walsh

LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Janelle Ziegmont
8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes
11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Tom Sullivan
8:00 a.m. Bernard Bruni **Choir:** Patti Domalakes
Nursing Home: Mike Boychak
11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes **Choir:** Maggie Scherer

NURSING HOME EM —after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is the time in which to leave to go to the Nursing Home. This gives them time to be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

APRIL SHOWERS MEAT RAFFLE!

Friends of St. Joseph the Worker is sponsoring a Spring Meat Raffle. We are asking for the support of our parish. We are sending two \$10 tickets to each family. Please either purchase or sell the two tickets. Ticket returns can be put in the collection basket in an envelope with your name or dropped off at the parish office. There are 5—\$100 Marlin Meat Gift Card Prizes. Father will draw the winners after 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday April 13. You need not be present to win. If you would like to obtain extra tickets, please see any Friend's member or come to the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ALTAR SERVER MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, ALLENTOWN Saturday, April 13, 2024:

All altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass.
A personal invitation will be sent to each server's family.

Men's Morning Lenten Retreat

The Allentown Diocese's Men's Commission invites the men in the Diocese to attend their Lenten morning retreat. This year, the theme is "Brothers In Prayer" and will be held on March 2, at 9am at St. Jane de Chantal Church, 4049 Hartley Ave., Easton.
The retreat will feature Bishop Alfred Schlert, Father Alex Brown, and Father Keith Laskowski. The morning will include Mass, talks, and confession. Register at:
www.MenAliveInChrist.org/events

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

February 7—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon
February 8—Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann Church Location
February 11—**NO** Children's Choir 5 p.m. in BVM Church
February 11—**NO** PREP at 6:00 p.m.
February 12—**First** Lenten Session at St. Charles Borromeo Hall at 6:00 p.m.

February 10 & 11 there will be a Souper Bowl Collection for the benefit of the Frackville Food Bank. Children from our Parish will be collecting in the vestibule before & after all weekend Masses.

Weekend of February 3-4—Father will bless throats for the Feast of St. Blaise at all weekend Masses.

Feast of St. Blaise-February 3, 2024



THE MASS — Lenten Series — Presented by Fr. Esposito

All sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m.

There are six consecutive sessions (3 in Ashland and 3 in Frackville)

Dates: Monday, February 12, February 19 and February 26 in St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.

Monday, March 4, March 11 and March 18 in St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall.

Nothing to purchase. Please just sign up in the vestibule of the church or call either Parish Office .

The Mass by acclaimed author, speaker and theologian, Bishop Robert Barron has created *The Mass* as an opportunity for Catholics to more fully understand and participate in the Mass—to realize its true value and beauty. As Bishop Barron guides you through the Mass, you will see how it transports us from the fallen world into the heavenly realm, called by God to be intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist.

2023 TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

The 2023 Tax Contribution letters have been mailed. If you did not receive your letter, kindly call the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER TEXT ALERTS

With the winter season, if St. Joseph the Worker or St. Charles Borromeo wants to send out a reminder and you want to be notified, please add the following: Text @acb3gga to 81010. This will be a great way to keep up on Mass cancellations or postponements. If anyone has any questions regarding the text alerts, please do not hesitate to contact either parish office.

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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!

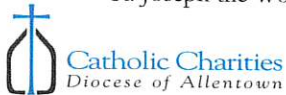

Fr. Esposito needs your help!

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!

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.



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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