

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.

SAINT

JOSEPH
THE WORKER

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

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.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 5, 2025



Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP Blessings & health on their 45th Wedding Anniversary of Felicia and Bernard Bruni

Sunday, October 5

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

11:00 AM SJWP Marianne Hudson requested by Dianne Decker

Monday, October 6

5:30 PM SJWP Charles Hauser requested by wife, Mary Ann and Family
—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, October 7

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

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

Wednesday, October 8

8:30 AM SJWP Robert Freiler requested by Don and Linda Lindenmuth
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, October 9

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

Friday, October 10

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

Saturday, October 11

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

5:30 PM SJWP John & Anna Tait 65th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, October 12

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

11:00 AM SJWP Robert Gownley requested by Margaret Mary 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 the Blessed Mother burns for a Happy Birthday and 45th Wedding Anniversary to my beautiful wife, Felicia. I will always love you, love, Bernard.
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 Blessed Mother burns in memory of Eleanor Achenbach by Family.
The Vigil Light at the Sacred Heart burns in memory of Charles Hauser requested by wife, Mary Ann and Family.
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.

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) (change)

St. Joseph the Worker Church will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except as noted above.

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

September 14, 2025—\$4,710.50

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—October 11-12, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, October 11

5:30 p.m. Lucia and Rocco Sanfilippo

Sunday, October 12

11:00 a.m. Monahans

LECTORS:

Saturday, October 11

5:30 p.m. Ron Whalen

Sunday, October 12

11:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, October 11

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Ron Whalen

Sunday, October 12

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

11:00 a.m. **Deacon John Sutter Choir:** Patti Domalakes

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.

NOTE:

There are special Kids Bulletins in the vestibule of the church that introduces the children to our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV. They are on the card table and you are welcome to take them.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to remember any of your deceased loved ones in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during the month of November, kindly pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the church. Fill it out, place your donation in the envelopes and drop in the collection basket. All envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month of November.

CARDINAL BRENNAN CLASS OF 1975

50th REUNION

Cardinal Brennan High School, Class of 1975's 50th Reunion on **Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Fountain Springs Country Inn in Ashland. 5:00 p.m.** cocktails followed by a program and music. Contact Sue Ann Bann at sueannbann@gmail.com or Amy Fanelli at afanelli@schuyl.com.

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Open House, Explore, Discover, Belong.

Saturday, October 25th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come tour the school with our Marian Mentors, meet faculty and staff, and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Please RSVP with Mary Milosh at mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 116.

REVERENCE

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

October 5—Pet Blessing in SJWP Grove at 1:00 p.m. (Both SCB and SJWP welcome!!!)

October 6—Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Adoration 9 a.m. to Mass Time

October 6—Those who take up the collections and those that would like to become ushers from **either** parish, kindly attend this meeting with Fr. Guency at 6 p.m. in the **Rectory at 99 N Line Street, Frackville. Both SCB and SJWP.**

October 8—Mass at 8:30 a.m. —Adoration 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

October 12—NO PREP. Those receiving Confirmation should meet at St. Charles Borromeo at 6:00 p.m.

October 13—NO Mass, Adoration or Confessions. Parish Office will be closed for Columbus Day, as well.

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 PARISH

Do you want to help our parish while growing with Christ? Do you like to socialize with a group of wonderful people? If so, come and join Friends. **Our next meeting will be on September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room.** If you are interested, contact Kathy Stetts at 570-449-4108. We will be thrilled to have you with us.

PREP Sacrament Dates:

Confirmation is Wednesday, October 15 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland.

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

May 2, 2026—10:00 a.m. First Holy Communion at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland The change is due to a conflict with Father's schedule. **Both St. Charles and St. Joseph will receive First Holy Communion on May 2 at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland. We are sorry for any confusion.**

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR OUR PARISHIONER

Alexander Krapf, parishioner of SJWP is doing an Eagle Scout project on the corner of Oak and Lehigh Avenue. You will find a way to help him raise money to complete his project by picking up the flyer in the vestibule of the church. The money raised goes towards the cost of materials such as a fence, retaining wall, walkways, benches and plants. Donations can be sent to the address on the flyer and/or purchase a paver by filling out the form.

There are flyers for purchasing pavers in the vestibule of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES' AUXILIARY-

Fr. Sheridan Council #748 (previously #2580)

Attention: The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary,

Council #748, meeting for September will be

Wednesday, October 8 at 6 p.m. Hall located behind the St. Joseph the Worker Church (St. Ann's) I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. For more info, contact Carole Syzdek, President 570-467-3744.

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 10, 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

St. Joseph, Summit Hill, November 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
This great gift of grace offers holistic healing by praying for a cure, but, more importantly for the gift of hope and peace that the sufferer would be united to Christ on the Cross.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS—Daily Mass with Bishop Schlert

Monday, October 20 (NEW DATE)— St. John the Baptist, Pottsville (S. Tenth and Mahantongo Sts.) 6:30 p.m.

READY, WILLING, AND ABLE PODCAST

The Allentown Diocese Office of Education has started the “Ready, Willing, & Able” podcast for Catholic parents. The podcast offers content which will support and empower parents as primary educators of the faith for their children. Host Genevieve O’Connor has an MTS in Moral Theology from the University of Notre Dame, and she invites a series of guests to explore a wide range of topics, including: family prayer, the relationship between politics, faith, and parenting, and bringing advent alive for kids. Listen to Ready, Willing, and Able on its website: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2410685>, or look it up on your favorite podcast streaming platform.

Men Alive in Christ Full Day Annual Conference - “Pilgrims Anchored in the Hope of Christ”

Saturday, October 11, 2025 8AM - 5PM

Renew and strengthen your pilgrim journey of hope and trust in Christ at our annual full day Men’s Conference at the Delta Marriott, 7736 Adrienne Dr., Breinigsville, PA 18031. Embrace your mission to live virtuous masculinity and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of men’s fellowship, sacraments, and talks by Bishop Alfred Schlert, Fr. Chris Alar MIC, Fr. Bill Casey, and Jeff Schiefelbein. Registration & breakfast at 8am, Conference talks begin at 9am, Mass with Bishop Schlert at 4pm (fulfills Sunday obligation). Event includes lunch and confession. Contact: Mark McDevitt markmcd@outlook.com 610-334-0330

CARPOOLING FOR DIOCESAN MEN’S CONFERENCE

Anyone who is interested in carpooling to the Diocesan Men’s Conference on Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Delta Marriott in Breinigsville, PA, please contact Deacon John Sutter through the St. Joseph the Worker 570-874-0610 ext. 4 or St. Charles Borromeo parish office 570-875-1521.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning invites you to join us for our **70th Anniversary Platinum Gala: 70 Years of Dedication and Light, A Legacy That Shines Bright** on Saturday, November 15, at Mountain Valley Seasons Restaurant. This special evening will celebrate our history, our mission, and the incredible students and adults who inspire us every day, while honoring seven decades of providing faith-filled education, care, and opportunities for individuals with special needs. For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.com or call Monica Walborn at 570-622-4638.

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>.

“The crucifix reminds us that God’s response to human suffering is to put himself in a position to experience the worst of it. The resurrection of Jesus shows that the power of God overcomes evil and its consequences.”

ALAN SCHRECK PH.D.
Jesus



 DynamicCatholic.com

LIFE

Our Sign
of Hope



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."² Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."³

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."⁴

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."⁵

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."⁶ Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."⁷

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² *Ibid.*, 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

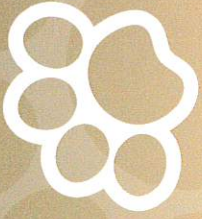
⁴ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 3.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 20.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 6.

Join Fr. Guency on
Sunday, October 5, 2025
at 1:00 p.m.



St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo



Combined Parish Pet Blessing

St. Joseph the Worker Grove (located behind the church)
49 North Line street, Frackville, PA 17931