

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Father Guency Isaac
Parochial Administrator

Deacon John M. Sutter
Permanent Deacon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed on federal holidays and holydays of obligation.
Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m. 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

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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

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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.

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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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, February 7, 2026

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Harviletz Family

Sunday, February 8

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Walter Fronczak requested by Tom Fronczak and Family

Monday, February 9

5:30 PM SJWP John & Mildred O'Boyle requested by O'Boyle Family

—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, February 10

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM Mass at SCB-Ashland

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, February 11

8:30 AM SJWP Fr. Luke Anderson requested by Chaklos Family

—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, February 12

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

Friday, February 13

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Saturday, February 14

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Barbara Shidisky requested by Ken & Pat Kurpell

Sunday, February 15

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Joseph Meade requested by wife, Dorothy 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 in memory of Francis Goncalves requested by wife, Mary.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph burns in memory of Andrew & Rose Marie Kergick by Darlene & Dennis.

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. The Sanctuary Lamp burns for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Allentown.

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)

NEW CHURCH HOURS:

Mondays 9:30 a.m. until after Mass

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:30 a.m.--12 noon

Wednesdays 7:45 a.m.—12 noon

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

January 18, 2026--\$3,890.75

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and other collections.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—February 14-15, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, February 14

5:30 p.m. Jacob & Janelle Ziegmont

Sunday, February 15

11:00 a.m. Helena, Rosalyn & Gwendolyn Jacobs

LECTORS:

Saturday, February 14

5:30 p.m. Alexander Krapf

Sunday, February 15

11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, February 14

5:30 p.m. Bill Rowan **Choir:** Mike Boychak

Sunday, February 15

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Angela Pyzowski

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Bernard Bruni

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES/MINISTERS FEBRUARY 18, 2026

7:00 A.M. at SJWP Frackville

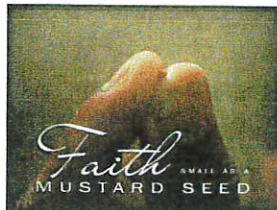
Lector: Ron Whalen

EM: Bernard Bruni Choir: Joe Babatsky

6:00 P.M. at SCB Ashland

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP TO JOSHUA TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

Due to increasing ticket costs the price is \$172.00. The total cost includes your ticket to Sight and Sound production of Joshua, after show buffet lunch at Hershey Farm, and round-trip coach bus transportation. A non-refundable deposit of \$85 is due at your time of reservation. (**If you call the parish office to make your reservation, please make your down payment within a week.) Final payment is due on March 20, 2026. All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office at 570-875-1521. Father Isaac will be teaching a class about Joshua on Monday April 20th. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!



ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

February 8—NO PREP

February 9—Adoration 1 to Mass, Confessions 5:10 to 5:25 and Mass 5:30 p.m.

February 11—Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.

February 16—Office Closed due to Federal Holiday

February 18—Ash Wednesday Masses 7 a.m. at SJWP Frackville & 6:00 p.m. at SCB Ashland

February 21—Men's Spirituality Group at 8:30 a.m. in SCB Ashland

MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART

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.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Why are we here? What is life all about? What happens when we die? Explore these questions about life with other committed Catholic Men from our parish community. Join us on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for a series of 7 videos which will answer your questions and empower you to be the man God is calling you to be.

The meeting location will alternate with each session:

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office—

7 S Broad Mtn. Avenue,
Frackville

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall—

1115 Walnut Street, Ashland

SCHEDULE FOR GROUP

Week 4—02/21/2026-Ashland

Week 5—03/07/2026-Frackville

Week 6—03/21/2026-Ashland

Week 7—04/11/2026-Frackville

COMBINED PARISH RETREAT-ST. CHARLES BORROMEO AND ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Our first combined Parish Retreat for St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, the first Saturday in Lent, at St. Charles Borromeo Hall beginning at 8:30 AM and concluding with 4:00 Mass (optional) at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The theme of the retreat is

"Be Not Afraid." This is a perfect way to begin the holy season of Lent by coming away from the distractions of everyday life to listen to what God wants to tell us about the relationship of trust into which He longs to draw us.

"VATICAN FOR ALL" News App

The Dicastery for Communication has released a free App entitled "Vatican for All" to provide information on the activities of the Pope and the Church in the world for people with sensory disabilities, as part of the "No One Left Out" project. It is available for free on the App Store and Google Play. Once the app is downloaded, click "impostazioni" then "seleziona lingua" then choose preferred language. The app otherwise defaults to Italian.

• THIRD ANNUAL SPRING MEAT RAFFLE sponsored by Friends of St. Joseph the Worker

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker are sponsoring an "April Showers Meat Raffle" and they are Asking for the support of our parish family. Each family will be mailed (2) two "Meat Raffle" tickets. The cost per ticket is \$10 and we ask that you purchase the tickets or sell them. There will be 3 prizes of \$100 each Marlin Market gift cards. The drawing will take place on Saturday, April 18, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. You need not be in attendance to win. Stubs and money can be placed in the collection basket, or you can drop them off at the parish office. Please remember to put your name on the envelope. Additional tickets are available at our parish office for those who can sell more than two tickets. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

SHENANDOAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN HONOR OF DR. STANLEY G. RAKOWSKY

The Shenandoah Knights of Columbus Council #618 is proud to offer a scholarship to a graduating senior attending Shenandoah Valley High School, Marian Catholic, or Nativity BVM and residing within the boundaries of the Shenandoah Valley School District. This scholarship, honoring a deceased member of the Shenandoah Knights of Columbus, is intended to recognize a student who exemplifies the values of faith, service, leadership, and character, while pursuing further education, training, or service after graduation. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior at Shenandoah Valley High School, Marian Catholic, or Nativity BVM
- Must reside within the boundaries of the Shenandoah Valley School District
- Plan to attend a college, university, trade/technical school, or enter military service following graduation
- Complete and submit the full application by the stated deadline. Applications may be picked up in the church vestibule, parish office or downloaded from the Shenandoah Knights of Columbus Facebook site.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

St. Joseph Center is seeking a **part-time PAES Lab Supervisor** to help students develop real-world job skills for the future. This hands-on role is perfect for a **creative, caring individual** who enjoys working with students with special needs in a supportive and positive environment. The position is 29 hours per week, year-round, and requires a high school diploma (experience with children with special needs recommended) and clearances. Interested applicants can **email their resume to Principal Bob Giba at rgiba@stjosephctr.com** or stop by the school between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to complete an application.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Join us for an intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment, you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, OSF at 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll free) or 610-435-1541 ext 5341. You may also email Carol at cswavely@allentowndiocese.org. The retreat will be held April 24-26, 2026.

Deadline for registration is April 17, 2026.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH, SHENANDOAH

Krispy Kreme Glazed only donuts (by the dozen) \$14.00. Orders due by Monday, February 9. Pick up date Monday, February 16th from 3-4:30 p.m. at Trinity School, 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA. Call office at 570-462-1968 to place your order. Order forms in Divine Mercy bulletin or the Parish Office.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time in 2026 is **February 8, 2026**. It falls within Liturgical Cycle A. The readings for this Sunday focus on themes of being the "salt of the earth" and "light of the world," with the Gospel focusing on Matthew 5:13-16.

Living the Faith: The readings emphasize practical actions of charity, such as feeding the hungry and sheltering the oppressed, as ways to let one's light shine. **Salt and Light:** Christians are called to influence the world positively through their actions and to bring the light of Christ to others. **Service:** The readings challenge believers to remove oppression and malicious speech from their lives.

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

3rd Annual Spring Meat Raffle

Grab your chance to win one of three \$100
grand prizes from Marlin Market

Drawing in the Church on Saturday,
April 18, 2026 following the 5:30 pm Mass

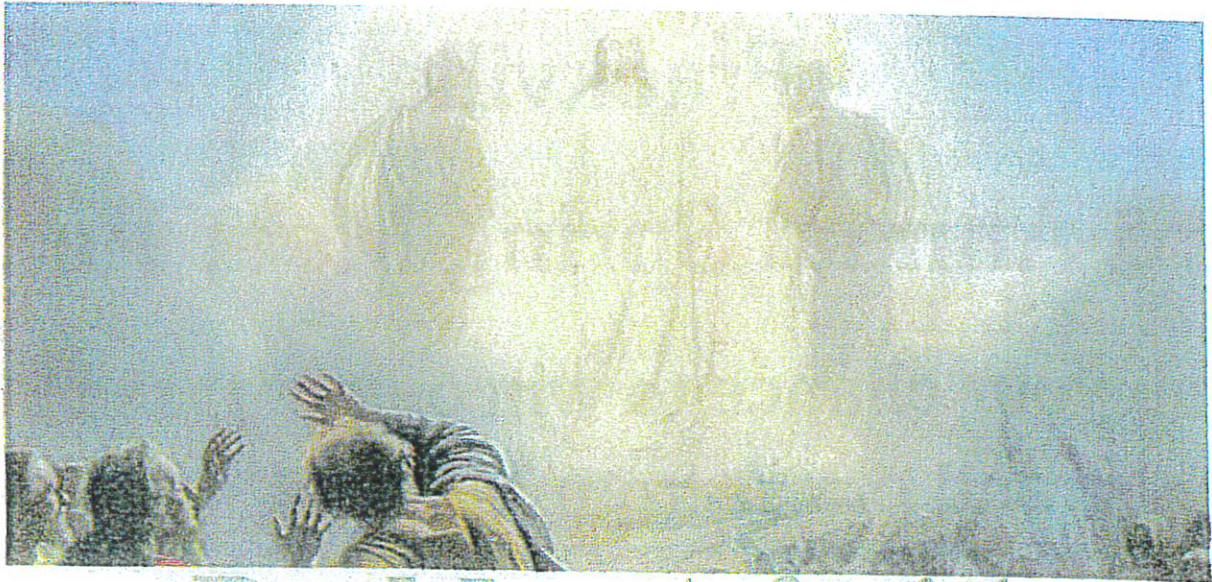
\$10 per chance

Enter
to Win

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Lenten Parish Retreat



Be Not Afraid

To the Parish Family of St. Joseph, the Worker and St Charles Borromeo, you are invited to our first Lenten Parish Retreat! Set aside a portion of your day for our Lord so that He might minister to you through prayer, witness, and song. Join others from our parish family as we respond to Jesus's words to us from the Gospel of Matthew: "Do Not Be Afraid!"

When: February 28, 2026

Time: 8:30-3:30 (Complimentary-Lunch included)

Where: St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Ashland

To register, sign the sheet at the back of the church by 2/22/26