

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, January 27, 2024

5:30 PM John O'Connor requested by Nahas Family
St. Ann

Sunday, January 28

8:00 AM June Anthony requested by Mary Lou and
St. Ann Ed Michaels

11:00 AM Jack Acciarito requested by Carl & Angela
St. Ann Pyzowski

Monday, January 29

8:30 AM Thomas Kennedy requested by Geri & Joe
St. Ann Griffin and Sons

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

8:30 AM Helen Anthony requested by Pam and Ed
St. Ann Chizauski

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

Thursday, February 1

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

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

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3 —Blessing of Throats at all weekend Masses

5:30 p.m. Walter Kuczynski requested by Family
St. Ann

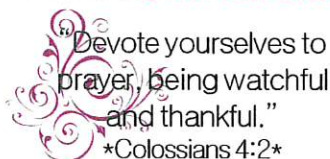
Sunday, February 4

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

11:00 a.m. Michael Gaverick requested by Valerie and
St. Ann John Bukowski

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.



Devote yourselves to
prayer, being watchful
and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2



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 Joseph, Albert and Margaret Geary by Darlene and Dennis.

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 **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 7, 2024—\$3,318.95

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.sjwcemeteries.org or you

can go to our parish website to find the link.

Parish website: www.stjoesfrackville.com

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—February 3—4 St. Ann Church Location

SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Helena Jacobs
8:00 a.m. Kylie Meskunas
11:00 a.m. Janelle and Jacob Ziegmont

LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Pat Kurpell
8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Pat Kurpell **Choir:** Bill Rowan
8:00 a.m. Bernard Bruni **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels
Nursing Home: Angela Pyzowski
11:00 a.m. Jean Dando **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

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.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 28—Celebrating Our Future — Open House/Registration 1:00 p.m.
January 29—Celebrating Our School Community — Mass as we open the week
January 30—Celebration Our Wonderful Students — Free dress down day with games and a movie
January 31—Celebrating Our Nation — Special Flag raising ceremony with our new flag , free dress down day.
February 1—Celebrating the Gift of Vocations — Special thanks to our chaplain, Fr. Kevin Bobbin, visiting religious speaker in theology classes
February 2—Celebrating Our Faculty & Staff — dress down for faculty & staff, free lunch, Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION BVM IN POTTSVILLE

01/28/2024—Open House 12 Noon—2:00 p.m.
01/29/2024—Rock, Paper, Scissors Challenge, voting for Super Bowl, bring a can of soup and get to dress down
01/30/2024—Student Appreciation Day and enjoy Philadelphia Pretzels, no homework, Twin Day, dress like a friend
01/31/2024—School Mass with Bishop Schlert at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's w/refreshments afterwards. Thank you cards to bus drivers, crossing guards & parents.
02/01/2024—Crazy hair/Crazy hat day! Scavenger Hunt.
02/02/2024—Teacher Appreciation Day! Students dress like your teachers, teachers dress like your students! Noon dismissal.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

January 30—KofC Council 748 will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in lower level of St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center, Ashland

January 31—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

February 1—Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann Church Location

February 4—Children's Choir 5 p.m. in BVM Church

February 4—PREP at 6:00 p.m.



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

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 will soon be available. If you normally receive them, they will be mailed to you automatically. If this will be the first time you need to request one, 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

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. 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!

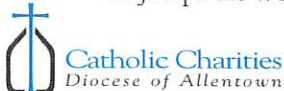

Fr. Esposito needs your help!

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!