

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
Father Brian Miller, M. Div., MA.A.—PASTOR



*John the Baptist Preaching
in the Wilderness*
Gustav Doré
(French, 1832-1883)
1867
nickolae/Adobe Stock

I am baptizing
you with water,
but one
mightier than I
is coming.
I am not
worthy to
loosen the
thongs of
his sandals.
Luke 3:16



Third
Sunday of **Advent**

December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 12, 2021

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, December 11, 2021

5:30 PM Mary Estock requested by Family
St. Ann

Sunday, December 12

8:00 AM Thomas & Marie Clark requested by Kathy
St. Ann Kemmery

11:00 AM Joseph Kleeman III requested by Dad and
St. Ann Sisters

Monday, December 13

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Tuesday, December 14

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Wednesday, December 15

8:30 AM Ron, Jeanne & Brad Jones requested by
St. Ann Family

Thursday, December 16

8:30 AM For all those remembered in our Memorial
St. Ann Fund

**ADORATION in St. Ann Church location
from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Friday, December 17

8:30 AM NO MASS
St. Ann

Saturday, December 18

5:30 PM Edward O'Connell requested by wife, Ann
St. Ann

Sunday, December 19

8:00 AM Jonas Smith requested by Anne & Tom
St. Ann Hall

11:00 AM Mary Poreca requested by Irene Chaya and
St. Ann Family

**The St. Ann Church location will be open Monday through
Friday until 7:00 p.m. for those that want to visit and
spend some time with our Lord.**

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 the Sacred Heart** burns as a memorial for Stanley F., Ann and Stanley G. Rakowsky as requested by Andrew & Michelle Smarkanic and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Alshon by wife, Eve and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri by wife, Kathleen.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Leona Klem requested by Denise Klem.

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. Ann** burns for health, guidance and God's blessings for Kluss Family requested by El. and Dol.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention requested by TMS.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** is burning for Special Intention by Mary Jane Recla.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

Sunday: 7:30 to 7:55 a.m. (St. Ann Church)

Thursday prior to First Friday—7:15 to 8:00 p.m.
(St. Ann Church)

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

—October 31, 2021—\$6,960.10

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

RCIA- If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Miller by calling the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please remember that we have Eucharistic Adoration Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Church location. Thursdays Adoration is from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please schedule some time with our Lord. Holidays times may differ.

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

2022 SUNDAY MISSALS

If anyone is interested in purchasing a 2022 Sunday Missal, please call the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4. The cost is \$5.00.

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—December 18—19

Servers:

5:30 p.m. Emily & Johnny Walsh
8:00 a.m. Katherine & Matthew Dimmick
11:00 a.m. Kerrigan Digris

Lectors:

5:30 p.m. Tim Sullivan
8:00 a.m. Angie Babatsky
11:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30 p.m. Tom Sullivan **Choir:** Teri Krolick
8:00 a.m. Angie Babatsky **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels
Nursing Home: Joe Venoskie
11:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski **Choir:** Maggie Scherer

**PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND
CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE FOR SERVERS,
LECTORS AND EMs.**

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER 3-MONTH LOTTERY CALENDARS

We are selling the 3-month lottery calendars. Cost will be \$15.00 each for 90 chances to win. The calendars will be for January, February and March of 2022. It will follow the evening "PA Pick 3" -straight—7:00 p.m. only. Prizes range from \$25.00 to \$200.00. Great gift, stocking stuffer or for that someone who loves playing the lottery.

The calendars will be available after Masses and at the Parish Office. Many of our own parishioners won last year. Take a chance and buy your lottery calendars for a chance of winning and supporting your Parish.

February 1 and March 1 have no winning amount—each of those days should be \$25.00. Sorry for the confusion.

CHILDREN'S EVENT FOR ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO AND ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Wednesday, December 8, children from both St. Charles and St. Joseph the Worker parishes are invited to meet at St. Joseph the Worker parish school building (use entrance B) 34 South Line Street, Frackville. Children are asked to bring a pack of plain white adult cotton socks with them. We'll be transforming those socks into slipper socks as Christmas gifts for the residents at Broad Mountain Nursing Home in Frackville. The socks will be given at a special event on December 16.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOR CHILDREN FROM BOTH ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO AND ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISHES

Thursday, December 16, children from both St. Charles and St. Joseph the Worker are invited to meet in the parking lot of Broad Mountain Nursing Home 500 Laurel Street, Frackville for some outdoors Christmas caroling. We will be singing OUTSIDE for the residents to enjoy inside. We need LOTS of voices!!! Parent will need to accompany their children. We will begin singing at 6:00 p.m. and then go to the St. Joseph Parish Hall for hot chocolate and cookies. The staff & residents have had a very difficult year—here is a simple & fun way to spread some Christmas cheer & deliver some joy with the socks. Questions? Contact Siobhan 570-449-7229 or Carolyn 570-617-3208

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11 & 12—Pick up shoe —St. Nicholas

December 12— PREP Classes

December 12—Kid's choir practice (parish hall) 5 p.m.

December 13—Bible Study in St. Joseph the Worker Parish at St. Ann Church location at 6:30 p.m.

December 16—Adoration 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

December 16—Food Bank from 9 to 10 a.m. in the St. Ann Hall—for residents of Frackville

December 19—Church (St. Ann location) decorating after 11:00 a.m. Mass

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH MASS FOR FIRST SATURDAY—2022

(January 2022 — June 2022) at 8:30 a.m. in St. Ann Church location. (Rosary at 8:00 a.m.)

BIBLE STUDY—

Classes will be in person and virtual (YouTube)

Schedule and location:

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville (St. Ann location)

Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

ST. NICHOLAS SHOE DROP OFF

Please have your children bring a shoe to church this weekend of December 4 and 5. St. Nicholas will make a visit and hopefully the children will find small gifts tucked in their shoes the following weekend. The spirit of St. Nicholas Eve and day is one focused on giving over receiving, remembering those less fortunate and that St. Nicholas loved children. They can pick of their shoes the weekend of December 11-12.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice is on Sundays—from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Annunciation BVM Church location. Prep students will remain for class....others will be dismissed. The choir will sing at a monthly Mass on Sunday evening for **Prep students and their families**. Specific dates will be announced. All parish children in grades 1st thru 8th are welcome to participate. **Questions—contact Carolyn at 570-617-3208 or carolynntenaglia@yahoo.com. Christmas schedule above.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Parish children are singing for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. MANY voices are needed. We will be practicing on Sunday, December 5 & 12 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be one additional practice—in the evening—the week right before Christmas—exact date/time to be announced.

ALLELU!

Allelu, children's liturgy of the word at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Children in grades pre-K thru 2nd grade are welcome to participate. Children leave the sanctuary for "class" after the entrance hymn and return just before the Offertory hymn. While in "class", children will hear a simplified version of the Mass readings and create a craft to help them understand the message. **Children are asked to wear masks when attending Allelu—if possible.**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU CAN WATCH WEEKEND MASS ON FR. MILLER'S YOUTUBE PAGE. IT IS LIVE STREAMED AT 4:00 or 5:30 P.M SATURDAYS. (THERE MAY BE EXCEPTIONS TO THESE TIMES)

PARISH NEWS

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES ADVENT EVENT

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to *The Joyful Mysteries: An Advent Reflection* on Sunday, December 12 at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, 1:00-3:00pm, in the main church. Join us for an afternoon of talks, music, and prayer to help you prepare for Christmas. RSVP Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community (kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org).

CHRISTMAS WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH OR THE PARISH OFFICE. THEY ARE \$4.00/PACKAGE OF 4 LARGE WAFERS.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 24, 2021 — 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass/Choir

Friday, December 24, 2021 — 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 2021 — 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021 — 10:15 a.m.

All of the above Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Hall at Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue.

Christmas Schedule for servers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers is on reverse side of insert.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

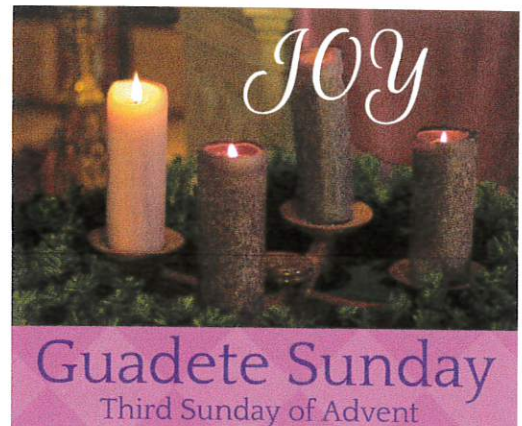
The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue. All are welcome to attend.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Sunday, December 19, 2021 is Baminelli Sunday. Please bring your baby Jesus from your Nativity Scene and a blessing will be given at each weekend Mass.

HELP WANTED!! PT maintenance person at St. Patrick Church, Pottsville—if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this position, please contact: Lisa Arant, Business Manager at 570-622-5566, larant@allentowndiocese.org.

Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

4:00 p.m. **Servers:** Ziegmonts and K. Digris

6:00 p.m. **Servers:** Artzs & Kowaloneks

10:00 p.m. **Servers:** Dimmicks & Megan Bane

SATURDAY, December 25, 2021

10:15 a.m. **Servers:** Monahans

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

4:00 p.m. **Lector:** Diane Rowland

6:00 p.m. **Lector:** Marlene Borzok

10:00 p.m. **Lector:** Ron Whalen

SATURDAY, December 25, 2021

10:15 a.m. **Lector:** Peggy Fetterolf

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

4:00 p.m. **EM:** Tom Sullivan, Mike Boychak, Gerald Campomizzi

6:00 p.m. **EM:** Marlene Borzok, Jean Dando, Bill Rowan

10:00 p.m. **EM:** Ron Whalen, Larry Domalakes, Teri Krolick

SATURDAY, December 25, 2021

10:15 a.m. **EM:** Maggie Scherer, Mary Lou Michaels

All Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be celebrated in the Parish Hall at Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.

If you have any questions or concerns, kindly contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4 at your earliest convenience.

