

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

FATHER BRIAN M. MILLER, M.Div., M.A.
PASTOR

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

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Ext. 4, Confessions/Adoration Ext. 7, Holy Days Ext. 6,
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Parish web site: www.stjoesfrackville.com (NEW)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed for federal holidays/holydays.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in this process.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Ciszek, SJ,
Sr. Margaret M. McCullough, Principal
233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976
Telephone: (570) 462-3927,
www.TrinityMatters.com

Marian Catholic High School
Mrs. Jean Susko, Principal
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252
Telephone: (570) 467-3335, Website:
www.mariancatholics.org

Nativity B.V.M. High School
Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901
Telephone: (570) 622-8110, www.nativitybvm.net

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.
2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-4638 Fax: 570-622-3420 www.stjosephctr.com

St. Joseph Parish Complex Locations

49 North Line Street &
33 S. Broad Mountain Avenue

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism- The sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. 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.

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:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT
Phone: (610) 332-0442, Ext. 2019
mcole@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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Saturday, March 16, 2019

4:00 PM Eleanor Palulis requested by Mary Sklaris

Sunday, March 17

8:30 AM Helen & Joe Chernetsky requested by Daughter and Family

10:00 AM Patrick Kempsey requested by Jerry & Kathy Campomizzi

11:30 AM For all true and holy priests, especially our Pastor

Monday, March 18

8:05 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, March 19

8:05 AM Kreitzer & Cameroni Families requested by Ann Marie O'Boyle

Wednesday, March 20

8:05 AM Therese Puddu requested by Matt & Jen Savakinas

Thursday, March 21

8:05 AM For all those remember in our Memorial Fund

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Adoration in St. Ann Church

Friday, March 22

8:05 AM George & Alberta Harviletz requested by Children

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Ann Church

Saturday, March 23

4:00 PM Donna Nahass requested by Hayek Family

Sunday, March 24

8:30 AM Szuler & Lewczyk Families requested by Jim and Maryann Szuler

10:00 AM Marge Rench requested by Vivian Verna

11:30 AM Francis Goncalves requested by Diana & Jon Lightstone

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 Blessed Mother** burns as a memorial for Stanley F., Ann and Stanley G. Rakowsky requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Eva Kubeyka requested by Children and Grandchildren.

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

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. Joseph** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Robert and Anna Smith requested by Family.

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

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of John & Arlene Davis requested by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for a Special Intention requested by Mary Jane Recla.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. & Sunday: 8:05 a.m.,

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.—7:55 p.m.

First Friday in Lent: 6:0 p.m.

Fridays during Lent: 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel & Youth Center at 27 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville. **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.** Every **Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Silent) Adoration in St. Ann Church. 7:30 p.m. Confessions, 7:55 p.m. Benediction.**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3:00 p.m. during the Chapel Adoration.

Anyone wishing to commit to thirty minutes or an hour may call 570-874-3001. Please remember there is always a substitute available, if you are unable to make your designated time.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Ministry is available for those needing assistance in planning a funeral service and to provide grief support. Your option of a call or visit. Call **Parish Office 570-874-0610** if you wish to be contacted.

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

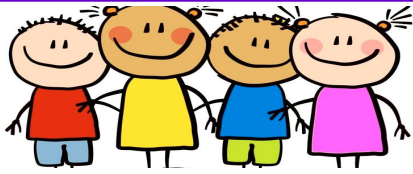
WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection: March 3, 2019: \$6,249.94

Second Collection: March 3, 2019: \$344.75

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

PARISH NEWS



LITURGY OF THE WORD - FOR CHILDREN—"ALLELU"

Allelu! — Children's Liturgy of the Word—is available every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All parish children ages 4—second grade are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR- All parish children are welcome. Practices are Sundays (prior to CCD) from 5 to 6 p.m. in Annunciation BVM Church. Please encourage your child to join us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN ON RECEIVING FIRST PENANCE:

Kyla Bechtel, Kathryn Bennett, Kyra Blozousky, Nico Capone, Richard Drescher, Henry Evans, Veronica Freyne, Payton Gawrylik, Jaydan Jordan, Kamryn Kimmel, Kyra Krapf, Logan McCabe, Brady Minahan, Emmy Pearce, John Walsh, Teagan Wayne, and Mason Zelwalk. May God continue to bless these children and their families.

PARISH'S NEW WEB SITE:

The Parish has a new web site and the address is as follows: www.stjoesfrackville.com. Please check it out.

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENTION BOOK LOVERS! There will be a used book sale to benefit the Men of Marian and the Marian FBLA team held at the Laurel Mall in Hazleton on March 22 from 1-9 p.m., March 23rd from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., March 24th from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

BLEENIE SALE—Men of Marian will be holding a bleenie/potato pancake sale this Lent on Friday, March 29th. Pick up at Marian High School 4-7 p.m. Orders due March 18th. Price is 6/\$5 or \$1 each. Place orders by calling Maria McGinley at 484-629-4997.

YOUNG ADULTS NEEDED—The next meeting of the Friends of St. Joseph the Worker will be held on March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room Entrance B-off Line Street. All parishioners are welcome & encouraged to attend. Especially needed are young adult parishioners (at least 18 years old)! Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome and appreciated.

TRINITY ACADEMY—offers learning opportunities for pre-school, elementary & middle school students. Tours are available by request at 570-462-3927. Students transferring from a public school to Trinity are eligible for a \$1000 transfer grant towards their first year of tuition, and \$500 towards their second year of tuition. Your child's education is an excellent investment in their future!

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 19—"Consoling the Heart of Jesus" 9:30 a.m. in the Sixth Grade Classroom
March 19—Faith Formation—6 p.m. St. Ann Rectory Meeting Room
March 20—Bible Study—5:45 p.m. St. Ann Rectory Meeting Room
March 20—Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran
March 21—Adoration in St. Ann Church 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Confession at 7:30 p.m. and Benediction at 7:55 p.m.
March 22—Confessions—6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN UPS

The Vacation Bible School sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the church. Pre-school and elementary school children interested in attending should be listed on the sheet. Middle school children interested in helping as crew leaders should also sign up. A registration packet will follow in the mail closer to June. Sign-ups are available until Easter and are important for VBS prep and planning.

VBS is scheduled for June 17-21.



FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY IS BACK!

"*Consoling the Heart of Jesus*" is the follow-up retreat to "*33 Days to Morning Glory*". Join me in the 6th Grade Classroom at 34 South Line Street, Entrance A on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning on March 12th. Just bring yourself and a pen. Questions? Call Marilyn 1-360-923-0327.

COME VENERATE & PRAY BEFORE THE HEART RELIC OF THE PATRON SAINT OF PRIESTS— SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, THE CURE' OF ARS

FRIDAY, April 12, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, St. Clair, PA 17970 from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.

12 p.m. reception of the Relic and Episcopal Liturgy celebrated by the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert D.D., Bishop of Allentown and the Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.

1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Novena to St. John Vianney led by the Knights of the Knights Councils of the Diocese of Allentown.

Veneration of the Relic & Personal Prayer

5:45 p.m. Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with the Intention for Priests. Led by Fr. Adam Sedar, Secretary for Clergy.

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross—Rev. Msgr. David James, Vicar General celebrant with Diocesan Seminarians.

7:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers—Bishop Alfred Schlert, celebrant with Diocesan Seminarians

Encountering the Merciful Savior

Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9: 28b-36

Theme: Suffering and Glory

The Transfiguration teaches us that in order for Jesus to enter into His glory, He must suffer and die first. As for our suffering, we now have a redemptive purpose for it.

The New Exodus

Before we reflect on the Transfiguration event, we must know what occurs before this passage. Jesus predicts for the first time his passion, death, and resurrection. In response to Jesus' prediction, Peter rebukes Jesus which in turn causes Jesus to rebuke Peter "Get behind me Satan". Peter, and most likely the other eleven, can not accept the fact that their Lord must suffer and die. Jesus must show them that this is necessary, so He takes them up the mountain where something special will happen.



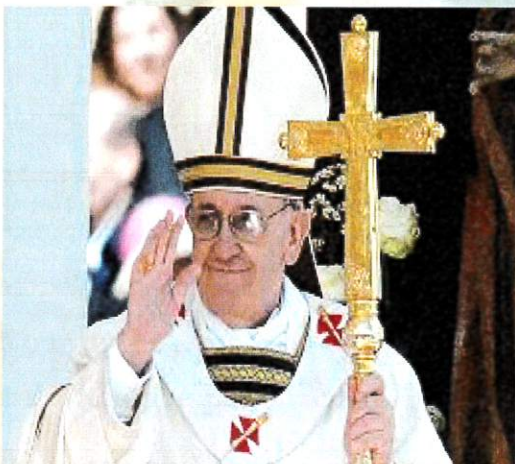
Note the similarities between Jesus and Moses in this passage. Both ascend a mountain and take three others with them. Jesus' face is changed and Moses' face is changed when talking to the Lord. Moses appears in the scene conversing with Jesus about his upcoming exodus. The last point is the lesson Jesus wants to share with Peter and the rest of the apostles, that His passion and death is an exodus to eternal life. Scholars commenting on the crossing of the Red Sea by the Hebrews in the Old Testament is the definitive moment where the Hebrew people become God's chosen people. At the bank of the Red Sea they were still slaves to the Egyptians, but once they cross through the waters they become free and blessed people of God. Likewise, the three apostles Peter, James, and John get a preview of the new and definitive exodus led by the new Moses, Jesus Christ. Jesus' passion and death is His movement to a new and eternal life. What is being laid to rest is sin, suffering, and death itself. What lives on forever is His resurrection. But to get to the resurrection He must suffer and die.

As for us, Baptism is our exodus. Through the waters of Baptism, we lay to rest our old self, and we die with Christ so we can rise with Him to a new life. Our physical death changes from a curse into a passage way to eternal life. Like Christ who suffered and died, we too will undergo sufferings and a physical death; and like Christ we will also rise to new life with Him.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Where did the Stations Come From?

The first we hear about the 'Way of the Cross' comes from St. Jerome (342-420) who while living in Bethlehem comments on the large group of travelers coming to Jerusalem to make 'The Way of the Cross'. (This does not mean that it wasn't done earlier, just that this is the earliest mention of it.) When Moslem Turks blocked access to the Holy Land in the 1400's, reproductions of The Way of the Cross began to spring up all over Europe. By the end of the 17th century churches began to have stations of the cross placed inside the building. This was not the official practice until 1742 when Pope Benedict XIV decreed that churches should contain fourteen stations depicting the Way of the Cross.



Eight Reasons to Pray the Stations of the Cross

From Pope Francis

1. They allow us to place our trust in Jesus
2. They put us into the story
3. They remind us that Jesus suffers with us
4. They compel us to action
5. They help us to make a decision for or against Christ
6. They reveal God's response to the evil in the world
7. They give us certainty of the love that God has for us
8. They guide us from the cross to the resurrection

Catechism on Suffering

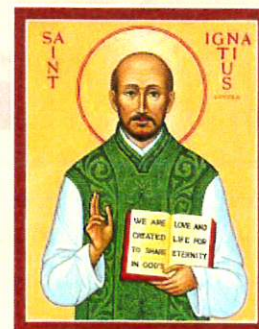
By His passion and death on the cross, Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion. (CCC 1505)

Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus. (CCC 1521)

Saint Quote on Suffering

From St. Ignatius Loyola

"If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint."



CONGRATULATIONS-ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISHIONERS—Since we exceeded our goal for the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal we received a check from the Diocese in the amount of \$1,192.00. This represents 50% of the amount we exceeded our goal by. Our goal was \$20,000.00. May God bless you and your families for your generous donations to this Appeal..

TRAVEL TO ITALY with Pastor of Saint Joseph the Worker, Fr. Brian Miller and Fr. Allen Hoffa, Pastor of St. Joseph in Summit Hill

Where: Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Siena, Cinque Terre. **Dates:** June 16-25, 2019 **Cost:** \$3,899.00 airfare and all-included. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508)340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLINESS REVOLUTION PARISH MISSION

For this year's Mission, we will be bringing in an **international speaker and best-selling Catholic author, Dan DeMatte**. Dan also starred in A&E's reality TV show, *God or the Girl*, as well as defended the teachings of the Catholic Faith on Larry King Live, The View and the Today Show. Dan DeMatte is also the host of a new radio show called, *Encounter*. He proclaims the Gospel with passion, energy, and overflowing joy. He will challenge you to be the best God created you to be. **March 24, 25, 26—7 to 8:15 p.m. Address: South Tenth and Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville.**

Questions: 570-622-5470.

ALTAMONT FIRE COMPANY—FISH FRY—Every Friday starting March 8 until April 19, 2019. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Eat in, Take out or free delivery in the Frackville Area. Call 570-874-4384 to order. Many options to choose from.

Also, remember there **all you can eat breakfasts every 4th Sunday of the month**. 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Omelets, Sausage, Bacon, Scrapple, Ham, toast and more!!!

ST. MARY'S BASKET SOCIAL — St. Mary's Parish Center, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua. Friday, March 29, 6 to 9 p.m.; March 30, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; March 31st, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets on sale at the door. Advance tickets by 3/24-buy 5 get 1 free. Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Mary's CCD Program. For more info: call 610-264-0332 or 610-264-9383.**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!!**

DAMSEL IN DEFENSE—**Demonstration and sale by Kimberly Minarchick featuring a presentation by Frackville Police Chief Bell.** Come support the Frackville Community Pool and learn about women's self defense and self defense products. The presentation is free and a portion of all sales will benefit the pool efforts. (Frackville Community Pool) Presentation is on **March 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Frackville Borough Council Chambers, 42 South Center Street, Frackville.**

FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK—The next Food Bank will be held on Thursday, March 21 from 9 :00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church located on the corner of Nice and Oak Streets in Frackville. New people need only provide proof of residency.

Thank you to our parishioners who continue to contribute much needed food and monetary donations. If interested in making donations—non-perishable food may be dropped off in the vestibule of our church. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Parish Office at 7 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville or dropped into the collection basket.(**please mark for the Food Bank**).

OMEGA HEALTH SCREEN SPONSORED BY Frackville Rotary Club—A screening consisting of blood tests. **Saturday, April 6, 2019** from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Frackville Senior Citizens Center, 130 East Frack Street, Frackville, PA 17931. Cost \$60.00. Optional tests you can add to the Health Screen: PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen-Males) \$25.00; TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) \$25.00; Vitamin D (Are you Vitamin D deficient) \$35.00. Please pre-register by calling: 1-800-776-6342, Mon.—Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Performed by Quest Diagnostics.**

TOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."
— St. Jeanne de Chantal

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2019

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, March 16 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 17 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, March 22 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 23 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 24 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, March 29 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 30 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 31 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, April 5 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 6 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, April 7 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, April 12 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 13 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, April 14 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, April 19 6:30 p.m. (**Last confession before Easter**)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. (**immediately after Confessions**)

LENTEN SERVICES:

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church
Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist PCC
Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (St. Ann location)
Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church

PALM SUNDAY MASSES (In Parish Hall)

Saturday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at 8:30 and **10:30 a.m.**

HOLY WEEK (In Parish Hall)

Holy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.
 (**Adoration in Annunciation BVM until 11 p.m.**)
Good Friday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 20 at 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 21 at 8:30 and **10:30 a.m.**

EASTER EGG HUNT: (In St. Ann Grove behind church)

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD:

Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Ann Church location

