

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.

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.sjtschool.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 the Third Sunday at 12:15 p.m. 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 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

NOVEMBER 2, 2025



Saturday, November 1, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP Catholic Daughters Ct. St. James #1029

Sunday, November 2

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

11:00 AM SJWP John Bozena requested by Morgan Family

Monday, November 3

5:30 PM SJWP Judith Kaplafka requested by Valerie & John Bukowski
—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, November 4

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

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

Wednesday, November 5

8:30 AM SJWP Stanley G. Rakowsky requested by Michelle and Andy Smarkanic
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, November 6

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

Friday, November 7

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

Saturday, November 8

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

5:30 PM SJWP Ann Marie O'Connell requested by Blozusky Family

Sunday, November 9

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

11:00 AM SJWP John Usalis requested by Atty. & Mrs. Paul Domalakes

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 St. Joseph** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory Andrew & Rose Marie Kergick by Darlene & Dennis.

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 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 **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for Special Intentions.

DEVOTION

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

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

When Office is closed, so will the church. Thank you.

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

October 12, 2025—\$3,877.50

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—November 8-9, 2025

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, November 8

5:30 p.m. Sanfilippos

Sunday, November 9

11:00 a.m. Monahans

LECTORS:

Saturday, November 8

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok

Sunday, November 9

11:00 a.m. Alexander Krapf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, November 8

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels

Sunday, November 9

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Mike Boychak

11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes **Choir:** Paul Luke 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS

We will have a Remembrance Day Mass for both parishes—St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker on **Monday,**

November 10 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville. The Sullivan Funeral Home will be offering a memorial gift for anyone that has lost a loved one this past year. Please call/text Tim Sullivan at 570-573-4288.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES' AUXILIARY-

Fr. Sheridan Council #748 (previously #2580)

Attention: The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748, will meet on **Wednesday, November 12 at 6 p.m. in 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.

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.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RETIRED AND INFIRMED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 13 & 14, 2025.

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL ANNUAL BASKET AUCTION-

Sunday, November 9th, drawing at 1:00 p.m.

Browse & Bid: Nov. 6th (4-7pm); Nov. 7th (10 am-1pm) & (4-7pm); Nov. 8th (4-7pm); Nov. 9th (10am-12N) Homemade foods, 50/50. Kitchen open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more info call St. Nicholas School 570-544-2800.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

November 2—PREP 6 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo w/Circle of Grace

November 3—Adoration 1 to Mass time, Confessions 5:10 to 5:25 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m.

November 5—Mass 8:30 a.m. Adoration until 11 a.m.

November 10—Remembrance Day Mass at SJWP at 5:30 p.m.

PREP Sacrament Dates:

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

May 2, 2026—10:00 a.m. Both St. Charles and St. Joseph will receive First Holy Communion on May 2 at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland.

REVERENT

PREP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a volunteer PREP teacher to begin teaching December 7, 2025. The individual will need their diocesan background check and clearances. Please call the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4 for more info.

2025 SJWP FESTIVAL RESULTS

Thank you again to all who helped to make our festival a success. The following are the finances from the festival:

Total deposits: \$42,011.00

Expenses: 15,474.56

Net Profit: \$26,536.44

Breakdown—Food sales \$30,171.00

Raffle 4,970.00

Baskets 1,580.00

Sponsors 5,290.00

Total: \$42,011.00

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Homemade food: soups, pigeons, haluski, BBQ, beefaroni and assorted baked goods. Eat in or take out. Large rummage sale. New this year! Stop in and take a chance on a Santa sign worth \$250 (cash plus rub off lottery tickets) just in time for Christmas!

St. Anne Guild Autumn Candy Sale—nothing tastes better than homemade. Orders may be placed by calling the Parish Office at **570-875-1521. All orders must be in by November 10th.** There are four kinds of candy to choose from:

Coconut Crème—One pound \$12

Peanut Butter—One pound \$12

Butter Cream—One pound \$12

Butter Cream rolled in peanuts—One pound \$14

Pickup at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center, 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland, PA 17921.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO FEAST DAY

Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m.** at **St. Charles (no morning Mass)** and then immediately following there will be a spaghetti dinner served in their parish hall. All are welcome!

2026 St. Joseph Missals are available at St. Charles Borromeo to purchase. \$8.00 each.

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.

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.

HALLOWED

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>.

Restore: Healing Retreat for Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma

Thursday, Nov 13-Sunday, Nov 16, 2025 at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA. This retreat is for women healing from sexual betrayal trauma due to an intimate partner's infidelity, pornography use or sex addiction. God longs for us to live from the truth that we are His beloved daughters, carefully created and infinitely loved. The traumas we've suffered, and the subsequent emotional and spiritual wounding, keep us tethered to identity lies, distortions and adverse patterns of thinking and relating. Through unique, facilitated healing encounters, we listen for the Holy Spirit's promptings as He reveals the wounds, the memories, the circumstances that caused dis-integration within us. With Him, we are gently invited into a fully integrated experience – mind, heart, body, spirit, soul. Come...and let Him Restore you!

Retreat Leaders: Father Allen Hoffa of the Diocese of Allentown, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden.

Email De at de@youaremadenew.com with questions. For more information and to register, go to: <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-retreats-betrayal-trauma/>.

TURKEY DINNERS IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

The **Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils** will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable, and dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (27 November 2025). If you know of a person who is in need of a meal, or if you are a person who is in need of a meal, please call either 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333 and leave the following information if no one answers the phone (**name, phone number only**) and we will get back to you. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement we have for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is 20 November 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in order to order the required items for the meal. Thank you.

Also, anyone who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to Saint Patrick's social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8:00 a.m. You can sign up for an area you may know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1:00 p.m.

NATIVITY HAPPENINGS

The **month of November**, Nativity's Green & Gold Club will be selling Gift Card Calendars. The Club will be mailing out 5 calendars to each Nativity family to sell and additional calendars will be available in the main office. **The cost of each calendar is \$10.00.**

On **Sunday, November 23rd**, Nativity will be hosting a Fall Open House for potential students for the 2026-2027 school year beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board members will be on hand to discuss specific info about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This info will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families.

We invite you & your family to join us for this event. No pre registration is required. All are welcome!

Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

October 23, 2025

RE: Mold and Asbestos Issues at the Annunciation BVM Complex.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph the Worker Parish,

As you are aware our Annunciation BVM Complex was tested for asbestos and mold issues. (Not including the church); and found to have higher levels of mold and some asbestos.

Prices to remove the mold have come in at \$119,017 and \$208,750. This does not include items like new flooring, dehumidifiers, windows, etc.

The Parish & Finance Councils agreed to address each of the areas in terms of how much it will cost and how it will effect and ensure the future of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

We have made committees to look into our various options and find out the cost of these options.

Once they have gathered the information needed, we will meet again to discuss further.

No definite answer has been made for this situation.

We want everyone to know that we will make the best possible decision for our parish and its parishioners.

As information becomes available, we will share with you in a timely fashion.

The reality is we cannot afford all the buildings we currently own and must seek the best option to move forward.

Please see below the members of the Parish and Finance Councils.

God bless,

Fr. Guency Isaac, Parochial Administrator

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dawn Evert
Jami Zelwalk
Mary Therese Bernadyn
Ron Bane
Tom Sullivan

PARISH COUNCIL

Eileen Barlow
Mike Boychak
Bernard Bruni
Andrew Rall
Jean Dando
Larissa Ketchum
John Tarson
Patricia Kurpell

St. Joseph the Worker & St. Charles Borromeo

combined
Remembrance Day Mass



**Monday, November 10, 2025
at 5:30 p.m.**

Location: St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 49
North Line Street, Frackville, PA 17931

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memorial gift for anyone that has lost
a loved one this past year.

Please call/text Tim Sullivan at 570-573-4288.