

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GIUSEPPE C. ESPOSITO, M.DIV., M.A.

PASTOR

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  
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Ext. 5--Mass Schedule;  
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Ext. 7--Confession/Adoration Schedule;

Email: [frackvillerc3@verizon.net](mailto:frackvillerc3@verizon.net)

Parish web site: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://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](http://www.assumptionbvmschool.net)

Marian Catholic High School  
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252  
**Telephone:** (570) 467-3335,  
[www.mariancatholics.org](http://www.mariancatholics.org)

St. Jerome Regional School  
50 Meadow Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252-4313  
**Telephone:** (570) 668-2757  
[www.sjrschool.com](http://www.sjrschool.com)

Nativity B.V.M. High School  
One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901  
**Telephone:** (570) 622-8110,  
[www.nativitybvm.net](http://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](http://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

[wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page. [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 23, 2025

### MASS SCHEDULE



#### Saturday, February 22, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP Jack Blickley requested by Family

#### Sunday, February 23

9:30 AM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

11:00 AM SJWP Living & deceased of the Kastroba Family requested by Dolores

#### Monday, February 24

5:30 PM SJWP Ann Marie O'Connell requested by John & Tina Smolock  
—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to Mass Time—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

#### Tuesday, February 25

SJWP No Mass

8:30 AM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

—SCB Adoration 9:00 to 11 a.m. in Chapel—

6:00 PM Bible Study SJWP Hall

#### Wednesday, February 26

8:30 AM SJWP Howard Decker requested by Catholic Daughters #1029

—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to Noon—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

#### Thursday, February 27

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at either parish

#### Friday, February 28

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

12 Noon at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

#### Saturday, March 1

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

5:30 PM SJWP Sophie Gudleski requested by Family

#### Sunday, March 2

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

11:00 AM SJWP Gerald, Mary & Jonas Smith requested by Maryann Smith

#### **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 Peggy Gaughan.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother burns for Special Intentions.

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 Florence Sienkiewicz requested by Family.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

### WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

(effective January 1, 2025)

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 12 noon (SJWP)

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

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

February 2, 2025—\$5,588.25

*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](http://www.sjwcemeteries.org) or you can go to our website to find the link.

Parish website: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://www.stjoesfrackville.com)

# PARISH NEWS

## Ministry Schedule—March 1-2, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### **SERVERS:**

#### **Saturday, March 1**

5:30 p.m. Olivia Yurkonis & Helena Jacobs

#### **Sunday, March 2**

11:00 a.m. Eleanor Rall & Michael Fantanarosa

### **LECTORS:**

#### **Saturday, March 1**

5:30 p.m. Janelle Ziegmont

#### **Sunday, March 2**

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

#### **Saturday, March 1**

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Bill Rowan

#### **Sunday, March 2**

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Gerald Campomizzi

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

### ASH WEDNESDAY-March 5, 2025

**Mass Times**—7:00 a.m. at SJWP, Frackville

6:00 p.m. at SCB, Ashland

### **LECTORS:**

7:00 a.m. Marlene Borzok

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

7:00 a.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Mike Boychak

**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.

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

**SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES** BY

**Bishop Robert Barron**

**Presented by Rev. Giuseppe Esposito & Deacon John Sutter**

Eight (8) consecutive sessions in all.

Tuesday evenings all beginning at 6:00 p.m.

SJWP (Parish Hall) February 25, March 4, 11 & 18.

SCB Hall March 25, April 1, 8 & 15

**To register for this Bible Study, kindly contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4.**

Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, known as the “seven lively virtues.” These offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. A study guide will be provided to those attending.

### **PIEROGIE MAKING FOR THE SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Friday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday mornings beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Room off of Line Street. We plan on making them every weekend until we reach the quota of 800—1000 dozen. No experience is necessary. Please mark your calendar and come lend a helping hand for your parish.

## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

**March 2**— Kid’s Choir 5:00 to 5:45 in BVM Church

**March 2**— PREP 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**March 3**—Adoration 1 to Mass time (5:30 p.m.)

**March 4**—Bible Study 6:00 p.m. in the SJWP Parish Hall

**March 5**—Adoration 8 to 12 noon (due to Ash Wednesday Mass

**March 5**—**Ash Wednesday**—**Mass Times:** 7 a.m. at SJWP and 6:00 p.m. at SCB, Ashland

**TEXT ALERTS**—Anyone that would like to be notified of a change in Mass or cancellations due to weather and other unforeseen events, kindly text @stjosephfr to 81010. This is for anyone who has not yet signed up for *Remind*. When Father needs to change anything you will be notified on your cell phone by a text message.

### **JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS**

Rob & Nilo Bernadyn—1/12/25 #452—\$50.00

Larry Domalakes—1/19/25 #111—\$50.00

*Congratulations to the winners and good luck to everyone in the month of February.*

### **SPRING MEAT RAFFLE**

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker sent (2) \$10.00 tickets to our parishioners. We kindly ask that you either buy them or sell them and make returns by way of the collection basket or dropping them off at the Parish Office. The drawing will take place on **Saturday, April 26** after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. You need not be present to win. There will be (5) five \$100 prizes to Marlin Markets. Thank you in advance for your participation in this event.

**Holy Family Parish of Minersville** is holding their annual **Ham Bingo** on Sunday, April 6th. Doors open at 11am and bingo begins at 1pm at the Parish Center at Hillcrest. This is a great family event as tickets are \$5 for 20 games! There will also be specials, a 50/50 drawing, drawings for other prizes, and the kitchen will be open!

**Holy Family Parish of Minersville** is hosting a Spaghetti Supper in honor of Sister Mary Jane and Sister Catherine! Proceeds from the Sunday, March 2nd dinner will be used to send the Sisters on a pilgrimage to France. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children and includes: spaghetti, meatballs, salad bar, roll, beverage and dessert. **Preorders only by February 24th. Call Jean at 570-640-0140 or Rosalie at 570-544-2172 to order your din-**

**SAVE THE DATE! ASSUMPTION BVM’S HSA** will host its Annual Cash & Gift Card Bingo on **Sunday, April 6, 2025** at St. Ambrose’s Parish Center. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with exciting games, great prizes, and delicious food. More details to come— we hope to see you there!



## SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the "Souper" Bowl Collection during the weekend of February 8 & 9. The children collected \$553.00. This amount has been donated to the Frackville Food Pantry.

## VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

The Vocations Crucifix continues to travel from parish home to parish home. We are nearing the end of our list of families wanting to host the crucifix. If you want, you keep the crucifix in your home for two weeks and, while it's there, you and your family make an effort to increase prayers for vocations. Families are welcome to take a second turn but we also encourage new families to volunteer. Please contact Carolyn Tenaglia (570-617-3208) if you would like to add your family to the list of host families.

## WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT A TIME OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The Keynote speaker will be Auxiliary Bishop Keith Chylinski of Philadelphia. Denise Yarrison from Hope's Garden and <https://youaremadenew.com/> will be the afternoon speaker. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert and Bishop Chylinski. There will be time for Adoration and Confession. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Space is limited, please register early.

Please use the following link for details and to register:

<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/let-time-forgiveness-and-healing>

## Designed with Purpose NFP Information Night

What is "Natural Family Planning" and why does the Church promote it? Join the NFP Task Force at Building 24 Kitchen and Bar, 1115 Bern Rd., Wyomissing, PA 19610, where speakers will talk through the science of how "NFP" works and why it's vital for women's health. Whether you're single, engaged, married, or simply want to learn more about NFP, we welcome you to join us on February 27 from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Light refreshments will be provided. Contact the NFP Task Force [allentown.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:allentown.nfp@gmail.com) with questions. RSVP at <https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/191358>.

## Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with St. Ambrose Church

St. Ambrose Church (Schuylkill Haven) will be making a pilgrimage to Fátima and Lourdes with stops at Lisbon and Barcelona. *Depart Wednesday, October 15 and return on Saturday, October 25.* The all-inclusive price is \$5,395. For complete details including the full itinerary, please visit [stambrosehaven.com](http://stambrosehaven.com) or call Barbara Bindie at 570-385-1031. *An Informational meeting will be held at St. Ambrose on Monday, February 24 at 6PM.* If you are interested in attending the meeting, please email [stambroseoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stambroseoffice@comcast.net) or call Barbara at 570-385-1031 to RSVP. This is not a commitment to the trip but will help us plan for refreshments at the meeting.

## The Joyful Feast, Mardi Gras before Lent

The Commission for Young Adults would like to invite all the Young Adults in the Diocese of Allentown to enjoy an evening indulging in conversation, community, and some delicious foods and drinks we might give up during the 40 days of Lent. Tuesday March 4th 7pm-9pm @ Holy Family Parish Center 508 W. Center Street Nazareth, PA 18064. Please contact Zelenda Hodgskin with questions, [zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org).

## ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

In 2025, like in every year, Ash Wednesday is the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. It always falls six and half weeks before Easter, beginning the Lenten season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has even earlier roots — to the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance.

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, however, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection. We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God.

The leftover palms from Palm Sunday 2024 are burned and saved for the next Lenten season.

So, this year's ashes are from the palms of Palm Sunday of 2024.

The ashes symbolize our mortality. They are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay, but our souls will live on in eternal life.

Ash  
Wednesday