

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Father Guency Isaac
Parochial Administrator

Deacon John M. Sutter
Permanent Deacon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed on federal holidays and holydays of obligation.
Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m. 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

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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

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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.

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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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, February 21, 2026

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

5:30 PM SJWP Jack Blickley requested by Family

Sunday, February 22

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

11:00 AM SJWP Cody Murphy requested by Mom & Fran

Monday, February 23

5:30 PM SJWP Stanley & Ann Rakowsky requested by Andy & Michelle Smarkanic

—SJWP Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to Mass time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, February 25

8:30 AM SJWP Charles Thomas (Birthday) requested by Nanny, wife, Carol & Family

--SJWP Adoration after Mass to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, February 26

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

Friday, February 27

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

6-7PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

(above at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland)

Saturday, February 28

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

5:30 PM SJWP For the living & deceased of the Kastroba Family requested by Dolores

Sunday, February 29

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

11:00 AM SJWP Bob Reilly requested by Carole & Frank Syzdek



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 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 Francis, Peg and Cody Chaklos by the Chaklos Family.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph burns in memory of Frank "Fritz" Sienkiewicz requested by Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Allentown.

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)

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. (SJWP)

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 11:00 a.m. (SJWP) (change)

NEW CHURCH HOURS

Mondays 9:30 a.m. until after Mass

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:30 a.m.--12 noon

Wednesdays 7:45 a.m.—12 noon

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

February 1, 2026--\$7015.75

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and other collections.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—February 28 & March 1, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, February 28

5:30 p.m. Any available server(s)

Sunday, March 1

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

LECTORS:

Saturday, February 28

5:30 p.m. Pat Kurpell

Sunday, March 1

11:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, February 28

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Mike Boychak

Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Eileen Barlow

11:00 a.m. **Choir:** Joe Bane

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.

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP TO JOSHUA TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

Due to increasing ticket costs the price is \$172.00. The total cost includes your ticket to Sight and Sound production of Joshua, after show buffet lunch at Hershey Farm, and round-trip coach bus transportation. A non-refundable deposit of \$85 is due at your time of reservation. (**If you call the parish office to make your reservation, please make your down payment within a week.) Final payment is due on March 20, 2026. All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office at 570-875-1521. Father Isaac will be teaching a class about Joshua on Monday April 20th. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!

BOYER'S CARING AND SHARING PROGRAM

Thank you to all who use the key tags when shopping at your local Boyer's Food Market. One percent of our parish's purchases during the period of July 1 through December 31, 2025 has gained for our parish \$210.87.

Thank you to Boyer's for offering this service and for everyone that participates.

FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES (all begin at 6:00 p.m.)

February 25 at New Hope Wesleyan Church, Frackville

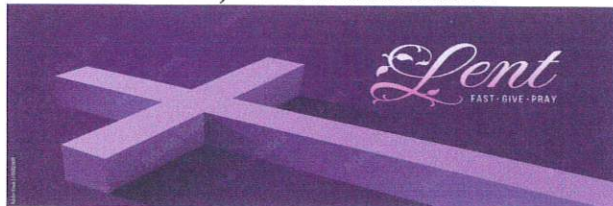
March 4 at Trinity ECC Church, Frackville

March 11 at First United Methodist Church, Frackville

March 18 Zion Luther Church (BVM), Frackville

March 26 at New Hope Wesleyan Church, Frackville

All are welcome to join the Lenten Services.



ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

February 22—PREP (parents catechesis with Katie)

February 23—Adoration, Confessions & Mass

February 25—Adoration after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 11 a.m.

February 28—Combined Parish Retreat beginning at 8:30 a.m. at SCB, Ashland social hall

March 7—Men's Spirituality Group at 8:30 a.m. at SJWP Office in Frackville

2025 Contribution tax letters have been mailed to those that received them last year. If you would like one and have never received one, kindly call the Parish Office 874-0610 ext. 4.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

We ask that if family members (or whoever requested the Mass Intention) for weekend Masses would like to take up the Offertory gifts, kindly let the ushers know. Please sit near where the gifts are located and bring them up during the Offertory.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Why are we here? What is life all about? What happens when we die? Explore these questions about life with other committed Catholic Men from our parish community.

Join us on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for a series of 7 videos which will answer your questions and empower you to be the man God is calling you to be.

The meeting location will alternate with each session:

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office—

**7 S Broad Mtn. Avenue,
Frackville**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall—

1115 Walnut Street, Ashland

SCHEDULE FOR GROUP

Week 5—03/07/2026-Frackville

Week 6—03/21/2026-Ashland

Week 7—04/11/2026-Frackville

COMBINED PARISH RETREAT-ST. CHARLES BORROMEO AND ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Our first combined Parish Retreat for St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, the first Saturday in Lent, at St. Charles Borromeo Hall beginning at 8:30 AM and concluding with 4:00 Mass (optional) at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The theme of the retreat is

"Be Not Afraid." This is a perfect way to begin the holy season of Lent by coming away from the distractions of everyday life to listen to what God wants to tell us about the relationship of trust into which He longs to draw us.

REFLECTION

SIGN UP FOR FORMED

Do you want to grow in your faith? Are you looking for quality, family-friendly movies to watch together?

Our parish now has access to **Formed!** Formed is an online platform that gives you access to hundreds of varying Catholic media programs, children's programming, e-books, movies, talks, studies and more. All resources on Formed will provide you with content that is in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Formed features content from many of the top Catholic publishing companies such as Ignatius Press, Lighthouse Catholic Media, and The Augustine Institute.

Sign-up is easy and the cost is FREE to you!

1. Open a browser on your computer or tablet.
2. Type in <https://formed.org/signup>
3. Create an account
4. For parish, type in "Diocese of Allentown"
5. Complete the registration and begin enjoying the resources right away!

THIRD ANNUAL SPRING MEAT RAFFLE (sponsored by Friends of St. Joseph the Worker)

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker are sponsoring an "April Showers Meat Raffle" and they are asking for the support of our parish family. Each family will be mailed (2) two "Meat Raffle" tickets. The cost per ticket is \$10 and we ask that you purchase the tickets or sell them. There will be 3 prizes of \$100 each Marlin Market gift cards. The drawing will take place on Saturday, April 18, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. You need not be in attendance to win. Stubs and money can be placed in the collection basket, or you can drop them off at the parish office. Please remember to put your name on the envelope. Additional tickets are available at our parish office for those who can sell more than two tickets.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO FAMOUS EASTER EGG SALE

Homemade Easter Egg Flavors—coconut cream, butter cream, peanut butter and cherry. Call the Parish Office to place your order today 570-875-1521! Sale ends on March 20th. Cost is \$1.25 each or \$15.00/dozen.

SCB EASTER BAZAAR

Saturday, March 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Charles' Parish Hall. Homemade food, including pigeons, haluski, BBQ, baked goods, soups, sausage hoagies and hot dogs. Eat in or take out. Items for rummage sale can be dropped off anytime M-F 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No clothes, shoes, books or suitcases please. Donations of homemade soups, baked goods and water would be greatly appreciated! Baked goods and soups should be dropped off Friday, March 20th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Saturday, March 21st before 10 a.m. Thank you for your continued support!

DIVINE MERCY PARISH, SHENANDOAH--LENTEN DINNERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Dinner on February 27 choice of Fried haddock, broiled haddock or chicken fingers w/mac & cheese, w/stewed tomatoes, green beans, roll and fruit cup-\$15.00 each. **Order deadline February 22 by calling 570-462-1968.**

Dinner on March 20 choice of haddock, shrimp or chicken fingers w/mac & cheese w/stewed tomatoes, green beans, roll and fruit cup-\$15.00 each. **Order deadline March 15 by calling 570-462-1968.**

Both are take-out only and can be picked up between 4 & 6 p.m. at Trinity School, 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF MINERSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Annual Ham Bingo on Sunday, March 15. Doors open at 11 a.m. and bingo begins at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 making this a great event to bring the whole family! Our kitchen will be open making all of your Holy Family favorites!

Annual Lenten Food Sales on Friday, February 20th, March 6th and 27th. Homemade pierogies, halushki, macaroni and cheese, potato soup, and frozen kielbasa are on the menu! **These are pre order sales only.** Place your orders to Jean at 570-640-0140 or Rosalie at 570-544-2172 by the Tuesday before each sale.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026

This Sunday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, with liturgical color being purple/violet. This sacred season prepares Catholics and other Christians for the celebration of Easter through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and repentance.

Lent is one of the most important seasons of the liturgical year, inviting believers to slow down, turn away from sin, and renew their relationship with God as they journey toward the Resurrection.





Catholic Answers

GUIDE TO FASTING



FRIDAYS OF LENT:

March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11,
Good Friday April 18

RULES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are required to fast and abstain from meat (fish is permitted) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over fourteen should abstain on all Fridays in Lent.



The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing—as far as quantity and quality are concerned approved local custom.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we should not only abstain from all meat, but also fast by limiting ourselves to one meal for the entire day.

TIPS FOR FASTING

Start Slow: If you're new to fasting, begin with small steps like skipping one meal.

Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of water throughout the fasting period to stay healthy.

Choose Wisely: Opt for nutritious foods when breaking your fast to nourish your body.

Pray and Reflect: Use fasting as a time for prayer, self-examination, and drawing closer to God.

BENEFITS OF FASTING

Spiritual Growth: Fasting can deepen our spiritual connection and focus during Lent.

Self-Discipline: The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that fasting "helps us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (2043). Fasting teaches self-control and strengthens our willpower.

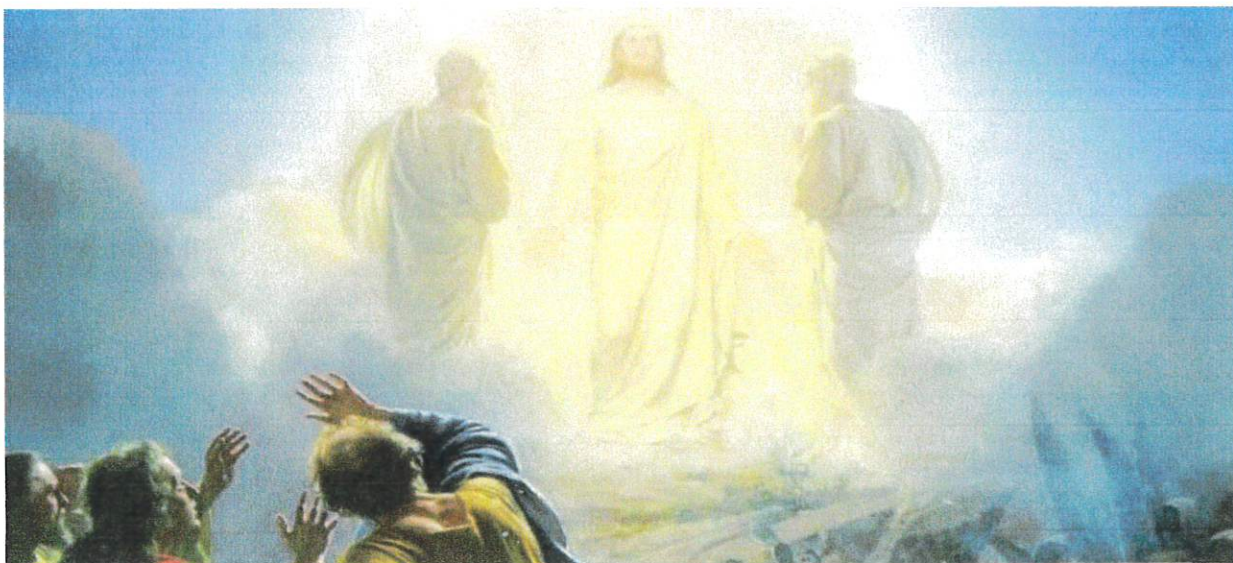
Solidarity: Fasting in solidarity with others fosters empathy and compassion.

EXCEPTIONS TO FASTING

Those with health conditions, pregnant or nursing women, and the elderly are exempt from fasting requirements.

If fasting poses a risk to your health or well-being, you are not obligated to fast.

Lenten Parish Retreat



Be Not Afraid

To the Parish Family of St. Joseph, the Worker and St Charles Borromeo, you are invited to our first Lenten Parish Retreat! Set aside a portion of your day for our Lord so that He might minister to you through prayer, witness, and song. Join others from our parish family as we respond to Jesus's words to us from the Gospel of Matthew: "Do Not Be Afraid!"

When: February 28, 2026

Time: 8:30-3:30 (Complimentary-Lunch included)

Where: St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Ashland

To register, sign the sheet at the back of the church by 2/22/26