

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Father Guency Issac

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 29, 2026

--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, March 28, 2026

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

5:30 PM SJWP Helen & John Gergal & Philip & Mary
Petrus by John & Barb Petrus

Sunday, March 29

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

11:00 AM SJWP James Digris requested by Helen Gownley

Monday, March 30

5:30 PM SJWP Peter Klem requested by Theresa Horas

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

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

--SJWP NO Adoration—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, April 2—Holy Thursday

4:00 PM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

7:00 PM SJWP Fr. Dominik Kalata requested by
Smarkanic Family

Friday, April 3—Good Friday

3:00 PM SJWP Friday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 AM *No Mass at SCB-Ashland*

Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday

8:00 PM at *St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*

5:30 PM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Edward O'Boyle requested by Teri
Krolick at SJWP Cemetery

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

11:00 AM SJWP For all SJWP Parishioners



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.



CANDLES



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 Michael Kastroba by Children.

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

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)

EUCHARISTIC 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

March 8, 2026--\$4,976.30

*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—April 4-5, 2026
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SERVERS:

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Eleanor Rall, Helena Jacobs, Kyra Krapf & Michael Fantanarosa.

LECTORS:

Diane Rowland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Deacon Sutter & Bernard Bruni **Choir:** Paul Luke Domalakes

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3 at 3:00 p.m.

SERVERS:

Mark and Matt Monahan and Olivia Yurkonis

LECTORS:

Janelle Ziegmont & Marlene Borzok

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Deacon Sutter & Marlene Borzok & Mary Lou Michaels

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland only.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

6:30 a.m. at SJWP Cemetery, bring your own chairs and if inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated at the Church.

SERVERS: 11:00 a.m. at SJWP

Rosalyn Jacobs and Eleanor Rall

LECTORS: 11:00 a.m. at SJWP

Peggy Fetterolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: 11:00 a.m. at SJWP

Nursing Home: Bill Rowan at 8:30 a.m.

Deacon Sutter & Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Patti 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.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning will host its **35th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, May 15** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Join us for a day of food, fellowship, and golf in support of the students and adults we serve. Those who register by **April 6** will receive **10% off their registration**. When registering online, use code **SJCGOLFCLASSIC** to receive the discount. For more info or to register, please visit www.stjosephctr.com or call 570-622-4638.

PALM SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

March 29—PREP 6 to 7:30 p.m.

March 30— Adoration, Confessions & Mass

April 1— NO Mass or Adoration—Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Allentown

April 6—NO Adoration, Confession or Mass

April 7—Annual Parish Festival Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the hall located behind church. Everyone is welcome!

NEW TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

To receive emergency notification of Mass cancellations and other important information:

Text 27423

To phone number (646) 681-7694

Do not respond to messages received through this service. They are one-way messages.

Depending on your cell phone plan, text messaging rates may apply.

Please contact Parish Office if you wish to be removed from this service.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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.

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 was 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!

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!

Open Registration for the 2026-2027 Divine Mercy Pre-school Program

under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study. Pre-School will be held at the Fr. Walter Ciszek Education Center, 233 W. Cherry St., Shenandoah, PA. Phone: 570-462-3927.

*Registration Fee for 2026-2027 is \$75.00. Children ages 3, 4 and 5 welcome for half and/or full day pre-school classes Monday through Friday. Our pre-school follows a modified Montessori method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided.

Please call Sr. Pataricia Mount at 570-462-3927 for more information or to request a registration packet.

ASSUMPTION BVM HAS ANNUAL CASH & GIFT CARD BINGO

Assumption BVM's HSA will host its **Annual Cash & Gift Card Bingo** on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at St. Ambrose's Parish Center. Doors open at 11:30 AM, and bingo begins at 1:00 PM. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of exciting games, great prizes, and delicious food. Advance tickets are \$35 and will be \$40 at the door. Purchase online at www.tinyurl.com/abvmHSAbingo, email ABVM.BINGO@gmail.com, or call/text (610) 618-0539 for tickets and information.

16TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ST. PATRICK CHURCH, POTTSVILLE

16th Annual Golf Tournament
Sponsored by St. Patrick Church
Saturday, May 16, 2026
Registration - 7 am; Shotgun Start - 8 am
Early Bird Special Price by April 30 - \$85

Hidden Valley Golf Course, Pine Grove
Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 0 for more information.

HOMEMADE SHOO FLY PIE & PIE CRUSTS

Made by members of St. Mary's Church Choir, Ringtown

*Pick up @ St. Mary's Church Rectory, Ringtown on Tuesday, April 14th from 10 a.m. – noon

***Deadline to Order: Thursday, April 9th**

Call the Parish office at 570-889-3850, leave a message with name, phone number & your order.

Call Marie at 570-889-3825, see any choir member, or use the order form at St. Mary's Church.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR 65TH ANNIVERSARY

You're invited to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown. This special liturgy will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 11 at 4:15 PM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena**, located at 1825 W. Turner Street, Allentown. All are welcome to come and give thanks for 65 years of faith, service, and hope.

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION

St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the main church.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Join us for an intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment, you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, OSF at 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll free) or 610-435-1541ext 5341. You may also email Carol at cswavely@allentowndiocese.org. **The retreat will be held April 24-26, 2026.**

Deadline for registration is April 17, 2026.

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. 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 South Broad Mtn. Avenue, Frackville

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland

SCHEDULE FOR GROUP

Week 7—04/11/2026-Frackville

NOTE: If you have old palm, please deposit in the black bins, one in the vestibule and one inside the right-side door. Please remove from bags...only deposit palms.

Thank you!

Disability Ministry Training Days

All persons—of any age and with any disability—have a home in the Church. The Diocese of Allentown will be hosting the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) to provide a free two-day disability ministry training on April 21 and April 22, 2026 at St. Joseph the Worker, 1879 Applewood Dr, Orefield, PA 18069. Clergy, parish employees, diocesan staff, volunteers from any ministry, and the families of persons with disabilities are all welcomed and encouraged to register.

Day 1: Tuesday, April 21: Mental Health. Topics will include accompaniment, stigma, trauma-informed care, and suicide.

Day 2: Wednesday, April 22: Disability Ministry and Universal Design. Learn how removing barriers—including non-physical barriers—opens the doors of the Church to all. Topics will include parish assessment tools, adaptive catechesis, guidance around language, and other resources.

Both days begin with Mass at 8:30am and conclude by 5pm. Lunch will be provided.

Register no later than April 17 for one or both days using the following form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQXFqXa4S1h0Qp_4lg_IR5lAEGFPGewhgypcfKGwThdGGQ/viewform



Marian Catholic High School

Information Sessions: Saturday, April 11th, 12:00-1:00 & Monday, May 11th, 4:00-5:00.

Spring Open House: Sunday, May 3rd, 1:00-2:30.

Come see how to make a Marian education possible!

Kentucky Derby
Saturday, May 2, 2026
6:30 PM to 10:30 PM
Fountain Springs Country Inn
52 Country Club Rd., Ashland
\$10 cover charge
Come early for dinner
Food available for purchase
Live viewing of the 152nd Derby
*Live music with JFK
*Food *Drink specials *Prizes for best hat and best dressed *Kentucky Derby scratch offs
Sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Church
Ashland, PA

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please take advantage of Confessions on Monday nights from 5:15 to 5:25 p.m.
Friday nights from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. except on March 27 confessions will be heard from
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the usual weekend confessions on Saturday and Sunday.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION UPDATE, April 2, 2026

Night Prayer beginning at 9:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

After Mass, Adoration will take place. Night prayer will begin at 9:30 p.m.

This will all be held in St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Ash Wednesday



February 18, 2026

7:00 AM - SJWP, FRACKVILLE

6:00 PM - SCB, ASHLAND

Stations
OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent

6 - 7 pm - Adoration

6:30 pm - Confessions

7 pm - Stations



SCB, Ashland

February 20, 27, March 6

SJWP, Frackville

March 13, 20, 27

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28

4 pm at SCB, Ashland

5:30 pm at SJWP, Frackville

Sunday, March 29

9 am at SCB, Ashland

11 am at SJWP, Frackville

HOLY WEEK

No Mass on Wednesday, April 1 - Chrism Mass at Cathedral

4 p.m. - SCB

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

and 7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - SJWP, Frackville

Good Friday, April 3rd

3 pm - Veneration of the Cross - SJWP, Frackville

Holy Saturday, April 4th

10 am - Blessing of the Easter Food - SJWP, Frackville

8 pm - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass - SCB, Ashland

Easter Sunday, April 5th

6:30 am - Sunrise Mass - SJWP Cemetery

9:30 am - Easter Sunday Mass - SCB, Ashland

11 am - Easter Sunday Mass - SJWP, Frackville

No Mass on Monday, April 6th