

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GIUSEPPE C. ESPOSITO, M.Div., M.A.  
PASTOR

SAINT

JOSEPH  
THE WORKER

## 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](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.nativitybvmschool.net](http://www.nativitybvmschool.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  
[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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.

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 7, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE



#### Saturday, January 6, 2024

5:30 PM Virginia Rumbel requested by Ed & Lynda  
**St. Ann** Halaburda

#### Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Claire Dura requested by Theresa Harkins  
**St. Ann**

11:00 AM Ruth Giba requested by Ellis & Joyce  
**St. Ann** Studlick Hatch

#### Monday, January 8

8:30 AM For all St. Joseph the Worker Parishioners  
**St. Ann**

#### Tuesday, January 9

8:30 AM **NO MASS**  
**St. Ann**

#### Wednesday, January 10

8:30 AM Michael G. Gricoski requested by Albert &  
**St. Ann** Denise Gricoski

**Adoration after Mass until 12 noon**

#### Thursday, January 11

8:30 AM **NO MASS**  
**St. Ann**

**Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

#### Friday, January 12

8:30 AM **NO MASS**  
**St. Ann**

#### Saturday, January 13

5:30 p.m. Russell Brobst requested by Delinsky Family  
**St. Ann**

#### Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Jack Budwash requested by Diane Hayek  
**St. Ann**

11:00 a.m. Henry Wayne & Living & Deceased of the  
**St. Ann** Wayne Family requested by wife, Eileen

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

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** in memory of Francis Goncalves by wife, Mary.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for God's blessings and thank you to Mary Ann Hauser and "The Flitch Gang"

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for health and God's healing of Jenna Hubosky by Sylvia Yonalunas and Carol Thomas.

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

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns for health, guidance and God's blessings for Kluss Family requested by El. and Dol.

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of Joseph Alshon by wife, Eva, children and grandchildren.

### WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (St. Ann Church)**

**Sunday: 7:45 to 7:55 a.m. (St. Ann Church)**

**The St. Ann Church location will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for those that want to visit and spend time with our Lord.**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please remember that we have Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday after Mass until 12 noon and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Church location. Please schedule some time with our Lord. Holidays and various other dates..... times may differ.

**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

**December 17, 2023—\$4,725.00**

*Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.*

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY WEBSITE

Our newly refurbished cemetery website is back up and running.

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 parish website to find the link.

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

# PARISH NEWS

## Ministry Schedule—January 13—14 St. Ann Church Location

### SERVERS:

5:30 p.m. Johnny & Emily Walsh  
8:00 a.m. Kylie Meskunas  
11:00 a.m. Helena Jacobs

### LECTORS:

5:30 p.m. Tim Sullivan  
8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes  
11:00 a.m. Bridget Quick

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 p.m. Tom Sullivan **Choir:** Bill Rowan  
8:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels  
**Nursing Home:** Mike Boychak  
11:00 a.m. Jean Dando **Choir:** Bridget Quick

NURSING HOME EM—after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is the time in which to leave to go to the Nursing Home. This gives them time to be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

NATIVITY HAPPENINGS: Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Nativity is scheduled for **Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the school.** Faculty, staff, administration & coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 570-622-8110 with any questions.

## ALTAR SERVER MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, ALLENTOWN

Saturday, April 13, 2024:

All altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass.

A personal invitation will be sent to each server's family.

## MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.  
Come learn how to make a Marian education possible. To RSVP, please contact Mary Milosh at [mmilosh@mariancatholicchs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholicchs.org) or 570-467-3335 ext. 117.



## MATCH THE DAILY NUMBER

The Marian Catholic High School Blue & Gold Club is selling Lottery Calendars for the 2024 year. Match the daily number on the 7:00 p.m. drawing. The cost is \$25.00 each. To purchase a calendar please contact a school volunteer. Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921; Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037; Maria McGinley at 484-629-4997; or Erin Marek at Marian 570-467-3335; or even visit the Facebook page; Blue and Gold Club.

## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

**January 10**—Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

**January 11**—Adoration 1 to 4 p.m. in St. Ann Church Location

**January 14**—NO Children's Choir 5 p.m. in BVM Church

**January 14**—NO PREP at 6:00 p.m.

**January 18**—Food Bank from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at rear entrance of St. Ann Hall

**January 22 through January 26**—NO Daily Masses in either St. Joseph the Worker or St. Charles Borromeo as Father will be away.

OFFICE HOURS: The Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

*Thank You!*

Father Esposito would like to thank everyone for the gifts, cards, goodies and wishes for Christmas. He appreciates everyone's thoughtfulness.

He sends blessings for a Happy, blessed and healthy New Year to all!

God bless,  
Fr. Giuseppe C. Esposito, Pastor

## PIEROGIE MAKING BEGINS

Pierogies will be made beginning January 12, 13 and 14 in the Social Room at 34 South Line Street, Frackville.

Friday, January 12 at 10 a.m. (peeling & mashing potatoes),

Saturday, January 13 from 8 a.m. to Noon

Sunday, January 14 after 8 a.m. Mass until 9:30 ish.

No experience necessary. Come and join the fun of making pierogies.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER FOR THE ARTZ FAMILY:

**50/50 Raffle** — winner, Rich donated his \$46.50 back to the Artz Family. Total collected \$93.00

**Basket** — winner, Terry Smith. Total collected \$86.00

**Lottery Board** — winner Jake Artz. Total collected \$303.00

**A total of \$482.00 will be given to the Artz Family from the Raffles that took place on Saturday. Thank you to all who took chances.**

Once we have the total from the dinners, we will publish it in the bulletin as well as the total from the second collections for the month of December.

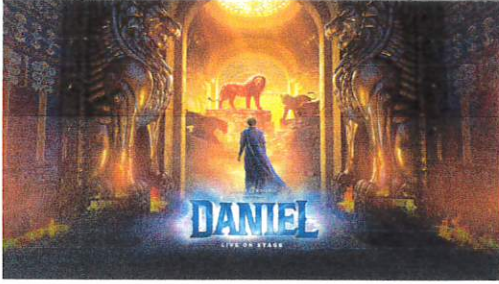
Thank you to everyone for their donations for such a worthy cause.

The Artz Family is so grateful and appreciates everything that has been done for them.

May God bless you and fill your New Year with blessings!

*Blessings*

## NEWS FROM DIOCESE AND PARISHES



### SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

**COST:** \$150.00 (ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Daniel.

**DINNER:** after show, Buffet style meal at Shady Maple (included)

**TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip Coach bus transportation (included)

**Reserve your seat early.**

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of reservation. Total payment due by April 5, 2024.

Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance including live animals and special effects.

Spend an enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow parishioners.

All reservation can be made at St. Charles Parish Office 570-875-1521.

### BISHOP'S CATHOLIC SCHOLAR AWARD—CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2024

Applications are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of our Church. Deadline to submit application is February 12, 2024.

- Eighth grade students **must** be registered parishioners in a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Allentown & enrolled in a Catholic, public or private school.
- Tuition **must** be current.
- The student must have applied, be accepted, and registered for the High School indicated on the application. Scholarships are not transferable from one Diocesan High school to another.
- Children of full-time Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Allentown are **not** eligible
- The student must be available to attend the award ceremony on Saturday, April 27th.

*Thank You*

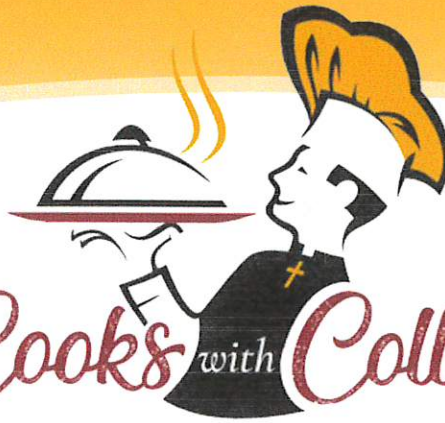
To all those that decorated our church and hall, those who accompanied the choirs, for the choir members, the PREP teachers in preparing the children for the Christmas Pageant, parents, parishioners and everyone who had anything to do with celebrating Christmas, especially our Pastor for celebrating our Advent and Christmas Masses. May we continue to grow as a parish while asking God to be with us each and every day.

**Happy, prosperous and blessed New Year 2024.**

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.





*Cooks with Collars*

## COOKS WITH COLLARS starting January 12!

*Fr. Esposito needs your help!*

Fr. Esposito will represent  
St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville, in  
COOKS WITH COLLARS,  
an online cooking competition to raise  
funds for parishes and Catholic Charities  
in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit [www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com) to see  
Fr. Esposito and your other favorite priests from  
around the Diocese creating delicious  
kitchen concoctions.

Vote early and vote often!  
(deadline February 12) for our Diocesan top chef!

All voting proceeds benefit our parish.

Thanks for making Fr. Esposito and  
St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville, top chef!



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