

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16, 2026

Father Christopher M. Zelonis
Pastor

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.

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AUGUST 16, 2026

--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, August 15, 2026

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

5:30 PM **SJWP** William & Florence Kaledas requested
by Rob Kaledas

Sunday, August 16

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

11:00 AM **SJWP** For all those remember in our
Memorial Fund

Monday, August 17

5:30 PM **SJWP** Regina Kenesky requested by Joanne
Pleva

—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, August 19

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, August 20

8:30 AM **SJWP** Margaret "Peg" Gaughan requested by
Ed & Lynda Halaburda

-- SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, August 21

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

Saturday, August 22

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

5:30 PM **SJWP** Don Navit requested by Pam & Edward
Chizauskie

Sunday, August 23

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

11:00 AM **SJWP** John Quinn requested by Linda Sabol
and Denise Willingham

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. Joseph** burns in
memory of Trooper Michael Pahira and all law enforcement
that have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The **Vigil Light at the Sacred Heart** burns for all first
responders and emergency crews.

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 for health, faith and
perseverance of our Diocesan priests.

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: 4:30 to 5:30 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

Thursday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (SJWP) (change)

CHURCH HOURS

Mondays 9:30 a.m. until after Mass

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

Thursdays 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

July 26, 2026—\$4,393.16

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



1961 - 2026

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—August 22-23, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Kyra and Alexander Krapf

Sunday, August 23

11:00 a.m. Eleanor Rall

LECTOR:

Saturday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Ron Whalen

Sunday, August 23

11:00 a.m. Janelle Ziegmont

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Bernard Bruni

Sunday, August 23

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

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

NURSING HOME EM — at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday is the time to go to the Nursing Home. There may or may not be someone from the Nursing Home to show you around to the rooms. Please just do your best and what you are comfortable doing.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any child that has received their First Holy Communion qualifies to become an altar server. If you are interested, kindly call the Parish Office 570-874-0610 ext. 4 and let us know. Training will begin soon.



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

The raffle winner this year are as follows:

Prize #1--\$500.00 Josette Plenk #00402

Prize #2--\$200.00 Elijah Fetterolf #00469

Prize #3--\$100.00 M/M Joseph Powlick #00910

The first prize winner is donating \$100 of her winnings back to the church.

All prizes will be mailed to those who won.

Thank you to all that purchased and sold their tickets.

May God bless you and your families.

More info on the results of the Festival as they become available.

PEACE

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

August 17 —Adoration 1 to Mass time, Confession 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

August 20—Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.

August 20—Catholic Charities Food Truck and the Frackville Food Bank beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At the Frackville Senior Citizens building. Corner of Frack and Broad Mtn. Avenue.

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.

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.

FESTIVAL THANK YOU!!!

A very sincere thank you to all who helped before, during and after the 2026 Parish Festival. Although we had many curve balls thrown at us those that pulled together made it happen. The new kielbasa sandwiches were a huge success. Bleenies many said were the best they had ever had. Bean soup was delicious, as were all the other foods prepared and sold. I believe we sold out of haluski early on as well. Given more time for next year, we will be back bigger and stronger than ever.

God also blessed us with two beautiful days; we thank Him for shining down on us.

Thank you also for Fr. Zelonis and his posts on Facebook advertising that the Festival was in full swing.

May God bless everyone that participated in any way.

FAITH

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning Is Hiring!

Now Hiring at St. Joseph Center for Special Learning! St. Joseph Center in Schuylkill Haven is seeking caring, dedicated individuals to join our mission of serving children and adults with diverse abilities in a faith-filled, supportive environment. We are currently hiring for a **full-time Special Education Teacher**, **full-time Direct Service Worker** for our Adult Program, **part-time Administrative Assistant**, **part-time Behavioral Health Support**, and **part-time Teacher Aide** positions. If you're looking for a rewarding career where you can make a meaningful difference every day, we'd love to hear from you. To learn more or apply, please visit our website or contact us at (570) 622-4638.

Join us in making a difference in the lives of children and adults with special needs.

Join St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Sunday, August 16**, for a fun-filled **Cash & Gift Card Bingo** at the **SJC Parish Center**! Doors open at **11:30 AM**, with Bingo beginning at **1:00 PM**. Enjoy cash and gift card games, delicious food, raffles, and a chance to win our **\$1,000 Jackpot Game**. Proceeds benefit SJC's School and Adult Programs, helping us continue our mission of serving children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Purchase your tickets at tinyurl.com/sjcbingo or call **570-622-4638** for more information. We hope to see you there!

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL, POTTSVILLE

This is the Catholic school serving not just the students of Schuylkill County, but your parish. Our students receive a values-based education rooted in the Gospel, allowing them to build a strong moral compass, self-discipline and a foundation for ethical decision making. Our curriculum is excellent and provided with the strong support of our faculty and administration. Our students learn and practice the Catholic faith.

We are different. You have a choice for your children. You can choose Catholic education. It is more affordable than you think! Now accepting application for most grades for the 2026-2027 school year.

Call us at 570-622-0106.

Holy Cross Church Annual Basket Raffle & Bake Sale

99 Lombard St., New Philadelphia

Shop & Drop Hours

Friday, August 21 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Saturday, August 22 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM

Sunday, August 23 from Noon – 2:00 PM

Tickets will be drawn on Sunday, August 23 at 2:00 PM (All winners will be notified by phone.)



Holy Family Parish of Minersville

is holding their Annual Basket Auction on Sunday, August 16th at the Parish Center at Hillcrest! Shop and Drop will be held on Friday, August 14th from 5 to 8pm, Saturday, August 15th from 4 to 8pm, and Sunday, August 16th from 11am to 2pm.

Tickets will be pulled at 2pm.

JOIN BISHOP SCHLERT FOR DAILY MASS AT PARISHES THROUGHTOUT THE DIOCESE AS WE COME TOGETHER IN FAITH AND UNITY:

- **Thursday, September 3 – 8:00 a.m.**
Holy Trinity, Whitehall
- **Wednesday, September 9 – 6:00 p.m.**
St. Peter the Fisherman, Lake Harmony
- **Wednesday, September 16 – 8:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem
- **Thursday, September 17 – 8:00 a.m.** – Holy Family Parish, St. Michael the Archangel Church,
539 Sunbury St., Minersville

RED, WHITE & BLUE MASS W/DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Join the Diocese of Allentown for a special Red, White & Blue Mass honoring those who serve our communities and our nation. On Friday, September 11, Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at *8:46 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown. Police, firefighters, first responders, health care workers, members of the military, legal professionals, elected officials, and their families are warmly invited to attend. Those who serve are encouraged to wear their uniforms. Following Mass, join us for a light reception and remarks from Sr. Deirdre (Dede) Byrne, M.D., U.S. Army Colonel, renowned surgeon, and consecrated religious. Friday, September 11, 2026 Mass at *8:46 AM | Reception at 10:00 AM Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 1825 Turner Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania. RSVP: stewardship@allentowndioocese.org *Mass begins at 8:46 AM in remembrance of the moment the World Trade Center's North Tower was struck on September 11, 2001.

TREASURY OF PRAYER BOOKLETS

We are grateful that people have been making use of the "Treasury of Prayer" booklets, which contain dozens of prayers new and old, outlines of the Catholic faith, a guide to Confession, and more. Please consider donating to make more copies available to take home and to keep thee racks full. Each copy costs \$1.60 at the print shop we use.

Thank you to those that have made donations for printing more of the Treasury of Prayer Booklets.

ST. JOHN'S CURIOSITY SHOP/YARD SALE

St. John's R.C. Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts. In Pottsville will host its

Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale on.....

Friday, August 21st from 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

at the Russell Building on 9th Street & Schuylkill Avenue, Pottsville

Various items including ...Knick-Knacks, toys, Games, kitchen items, candles, jewelry, glass items, purses framed prints, small appliances, linens, CD's, DVD's, religious items, seasonal décor, and our

Special Vintage/Collectibles Section...plus much, much more.

Food items available for purchase.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Married couples across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Matrimony during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Doors will open at 2 p.m. so couples may receive their certificates.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert.

During the Mass, the couples will receive a special blessing and will have the opportunity to renew their vows publicly.

Couples will be presented with a Wedding Anniversary Certificate as a token of appreciation. Family members are invited to take part in the celebration to show their support and celebrate the unwavering commitment

of the couples on this significant occasion.

The registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 7. Register online at allentowndiocese.org/events/anniversarymass.

Bus to PA March for Life

A bus is scheduled for the Pennsylvania March for Life taking place at Harrisburg State Capitol Building on Monday, September 21. Before departure, there will be an optional Mass at 7:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church located 1817 1st Street, Bethlehem PA 18020. Bus Departure is at 8:00 a.m. from Sacred Heart Church. Please park at 1814 Second Street in Bethlehem, PA across from church parking lot (in school chain linked fence).

Time permitting, we might enter the PA Capitol to visit politicians or grab a bite to eat at cafeteria. Bus will return around 4:00 p.m. to Sacred Heart Church; we will make a gas station stop to grab a bite to eat and use restrooms. You may also bag a lunch.

Email andrewazan3rd@gmail.com to reserve a seat. Include rider's names and mobile number. Payment is \$20.00 per rider. Pay in advance with checks made out to Sacred Heart. Mail checks to Andrew Azan: PO Box 3278, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Please bring \$5.00 for bus driver tip, which we will collect on the way home.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A--centers on the universality of God's grace and the power of persistent faith. The readings (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, Psalm 67, Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, and Matthew 15:21-28)

highlight how God's salvation extends beyond boundaries to embrace all who call upon Him with a humble heart.



2026 FESTIVAL SPONSORS
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

In memory of Ann Berencsi by Ron Whalen	\$300.00
Deceased Biscoe & Boehm Family Members by Tom & Marianne Biscoe	\$50.00
In memory of Bob Gownley by Margaret Mary and Family	\$25.00
Greg Parulis and Loretta Parulis	\$25.00
In memory of Frank & Peg Chaklos from the Chaklos Family and	
In memory of Father Luke Anderson & Father Dominik Kalata	
from the Chaklos Family	\$400.00
Joe and Janice Huth	\$25.00
Stanakis Family	\$25.00
In memory of Joseph Meade by wife, Dorothy and Family	\$25.00
Kergick and Davis Families	\$25.00
Mary Lou and Jim Barry	\$25.00
In memory of Raymond D. O'Donnell love, Wife and Children	\$25.00
Len and Ann Pascavage	\$25.00
Sharon and John Chrin	\$25.00
In memory of Joe and Irene Chaya by Family	\$25.00
Tom and Mary Ellen Lowe	\$50.00
Diane O'Connor	\$25.00
Mary Goncalves	\$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vebrosky	\$25.00
Don and Linda Lindenmuth	\$50.00
In memory of Walter P. Fronczak by wife, paula Fronczak	\$100.00
Mom and Brian	\$30.00
Lightstone Family	\$30.00
William Cickavage	\$100.00
Mary Ann Hauser	\$25.00
In memory of Joseph L. Recla	\$25.00
Linda and Adam Sedar	\$25.00
Bernard and Donna Karpovich	\$25.00
Falls Family	\$25.00
Mary Anne Little	\$25.00
In memory of Kyle and Winifred Leap from Lauren Leap	\$25.00
John and Lisa Tarson	\$50.00
John and Tina Smolock	\$100.00
Joseph and Gloria Petritsch	\$25.00
John and Valerie Bukowski	\$25.00
Mike and Janice Boychak	\$25.00
Den and Betty Puls	\$25.00
Lou and Liz Welikonich	\$25.00
In memory of Michael Kastroba from Dolores	\$25.00
In memory of Melissa Chiao by parents-Sharon & Charles Chiao	\$50.00
Jkrolick Electrical Services, Ashland, PA	\$75.00
In memory of Wislosky & Sajone Families	\$30.00

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Powlick	\$25.00
Terri & Charlie Flannery-Reilly & Flannery Families	\$25.00
Joseph and Judith Kovach	\$50.00
David and Cindy Leibig	\$25.00
Luciani Family	\$100.00
Frank and Mary Mekailek	\$25.00
Barbara and John Petrus	\$25.00
Richard and Michele Borzok	\$25.00
Joe and Mary Kostingo	\$25.00
In memory of Carol Reilly by Tony Reilly	\$25.00
In memory of Clarence and Mary Bretz from The Fetterolf Family	\$25.00
Tony and Carolyn Tenaglia	\$25.00
Joe and Mary Ellen Bane and Family	\$50.00
In memory of Steiff and Bader Families from Bob and Christine Steiff	\$100.00
In memory of Henry Wayne	\$80.00
Blozusky Family	\$100.00
Thad Coleman	\$25.00
Dave and Cindy Leibig	\$25.00
Dianne Decker	\$50.00
Brendalee Whery	\$25.00
Gerard and Peggy Campbell	\$25.00
In memory of Hede & Collins Families from Tom and Karen	\$25.00
In loving memory of Teresa Karavage by Vytus Karavage	\$50.00
In memory of Rev. Dr. Joseph and Marie Costa by Joe, John & Andy Costa & Families	\$100.00
In memory of Helen and Walter Andrews by Kardisco and Petrini Families	\$25.00
Jim and Janet Buchman	\$25.00
In loving memory of Charles Yonalunas, Charles Thomas, Sr. & Bob Reilly by Carol and Family	\$50.00
Angie and Joe Babatsky	\$50.00
In memory of Edward L. and grandson, Edward M. Wascavage by Family	\$25.00
The Thomas Family	\$25.00
In memory of Leonard R. Vinskie by wife, Helen and Family	\$25.00
In memory of James Digris by the Digris Family	\$50.00
In memory of Raymond D. O'Donnell by Wife and Family	\$25.00
Walter J. and Marlene Borzok	\$25.00
Irene Roman	\$25.00
Gerri, Joe, Patrick and Matthew Griffin	\$25.00
Kathy and Ed Stetts	\$25.00
In memory of Jerome Pyzowski	\$25.00
Maryann K. Smith	\$25.00
Mary Lou and Ed Michaels	\$40.00
In honor of Helen and Joseph Swingle by son, Richard	\$100.00
Smarkanic Family	\$100.00

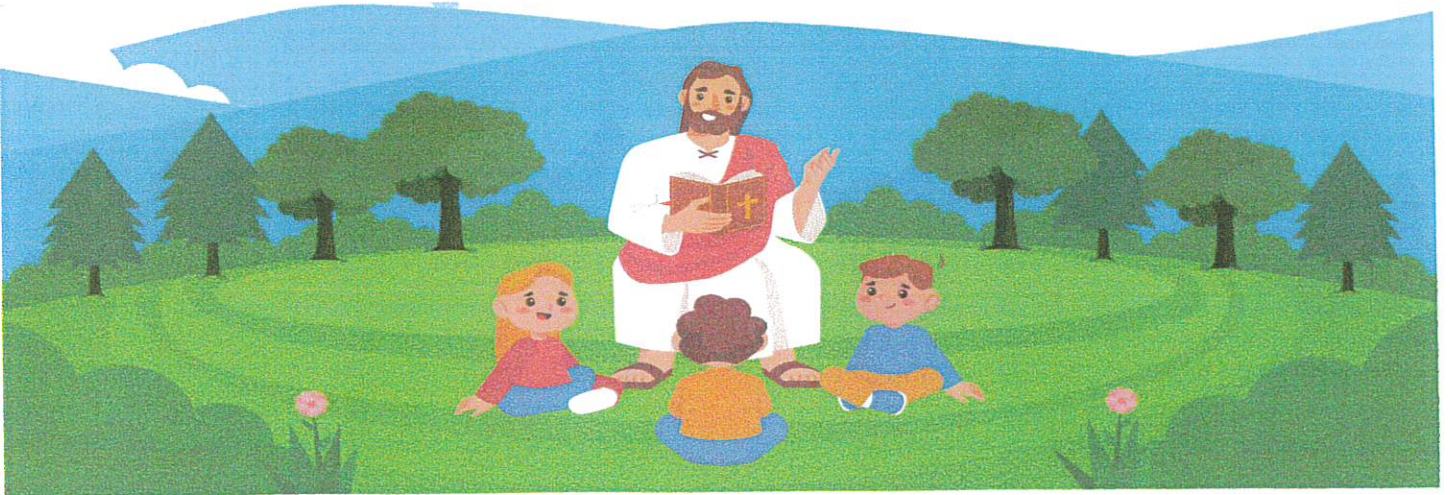
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The Wascavage Family
Class of 1964
Ed and Lynda Halaburda
Gudonis and Kowalick Families

\$50.00
\$100.00
\$30.00
\$25.00

Share your love of God

Our Parish Religious Education Program is searching for devoted Catholics to serve in the following positions: Catechists, Substitute Catechists, Youth Catechist Aides



If you feel a calling to serve or know someone who might be a good fit please contact Joe & Ashley Yurkonis
sjwpprepprogram@gmail.com
570-573-9613