

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 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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--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, August 22, 2026

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

Monday, August 24

5:30 PM SJWP Steven Joshua Molina requested by Family

—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, August 25

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 26

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, August 27

8:30 AM SJWP Joe & Irene Chaya & Bill & Mary Poreca requested by Family

— SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, August 28

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM Mass at SCB-Ashland

Saturday, August 29

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP For all SJWP parishioners

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Charlie Hauser requested by Wife and Family

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 the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Steve Joshua Molina requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns for all PREP catechists and students as they begin a new year.

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

August 2, 2026—\$3,867.75

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—August 29-30, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Olivia Yurkonis

Sunday, August 30

11:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa

LECTOR:

Saturday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Pat Kurpell

Sunday, August 30

11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter Choir: Ron Whalen

Sunday, August 30

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

11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes Choir: Patti 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.



2026 FESTIVAL WRAP-UP MEETING

Festival wrap-up meeting on **Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in the hall behind the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your comments about this year and ideas for next year. Upcoming food sales will also be discussed.

FESTIVAL INFO

We had 61 gift cards donated to our first Gift Card Auction. All were chanced off and collected by the winners. The large screen TV was won by "T" and the Lottery Board won by Pat. We will have the amount made on this event shortly. We thank all those that donated gift cards and the large prizes as well as those who purchased chances. All of which helped in making the festival a success.

May God bless you for your efforts in supporting your parish.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

August 24—Adoration 1 to Mass time, Confession 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

August 25—Festival wrap-up meeting behind church in hall at 6:30 p.m.

August 27—Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.

Sept. 12—Men's Spirituality Program begins.

September 13, 14 & 15—Forty Hours beginning at 7:00 p.m. at SJWP Frackville (see more info in bulletin)

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.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY LOTS

Please note cemetery lots are available for purchase. A single grave is currently \$550.00 plus the Endowment Care (Perpetual Care) \$350 per grave. **Effective September 30, 2026, the price will increase to \$650 per grave and \$450 per grave for Endowment Care.** If you are thinking of purchasing a cemetery plot, we are giving you the opportunity to do it prior to the rate increase. Should you have any questions, kindly contact the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4.

ATTENTION MEN:

A Men's Spirituality Program entitled "That Man is You" for men of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker parishes will begin Saturday, September 12 and continue through December 5 from 8:30-9:30am at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. We will take a break and then meet again from January 9 through April 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. All men age 18 and older are invited to come participate in a powerful experience of spiritual growth led by Fr. Zelonis, Deacon John Sutter, and a team of men from the two parishes. Please pray about joining us!

FORTY HOURS SCHEDULE

Forty Hours will take place this year on September 13, 14 & 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Following is the schedule:

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville
Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and
Adoration will continue until 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 14, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland
Morning Mass 8:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo with Adoration immediately following until 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville
Morning Mass 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Worker with Adoration immediately following until 7:00 p.m.

**Forty Hours will be preached by Fr. Hy Gia Ngô (Fr. James)
Parochial Vicar at Saint Ambrose Parish in Schuylkill Haven
He is one our newly ordained priests in the Allentown Diocese**

**NOTE: Please sign up now for an hour of Adoration. The sheet is
located in the back of the church and will rotate between St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo.
We need to fill each hour for the three days of Forty Hours.**

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.

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.)

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@allentowndiocese.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 the 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.

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.

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 (Trinity Academy), 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976.



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 Program 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. Patricia Mount at 570-462-3927 for more information or to request a registration packet.

FACILITY SAFETY

Fr. Guency and now Fr. Zelonis have been working with Ed Tarentelli in implementing some safety measures in and around St. Joseph the Worker Parish. For those that do not know, Ed Tarentelli has a great deal of experience, being a police officer most of his life and now a district court magistrate. His work dealt often within schools including North Schuylkill.

He also assisted St. Ignatius Church set up security measures, as well.

Ed and the West Mahanoy Township Police Chief did a security assessment for our church building and we are going to explain some of what we have done in conjunction with their recommendations.

First, you may have noticed we have a sign on the left-hand side of the outside of the church (looking at the church from road).

This sign states the church name and address in the event you must give it to authorities due to an emergency.

We also have signage around the rectory and in the grove stating No Trespass & No Soliciting.

Each door on the church building is numbered in the upper corner. If anyone needs to contact emergency personnel, they should give the name and address of the church (on sign) and the door number closest to the reason for contacting them. This will allow them to be able to get to the emergency and not waste time figuring out which door to enter.

Rear pew was removed to allow those with wheelchairs, walkers, etc. to easily enter in and out of the church area.

There have been many other items completed in securing the church while parishioners and visitors are attending Masses, adoration, etc.

Please note we currently have implemented all security recommendations.

Should you have any questions or comments, kindly call the Office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4 or speak with our Pastor, Fr. Zelonis.

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