



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 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

99 North Line Street, Frackville, PA 17931
Frackville, PA 17931-1800

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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, October 10, 2026

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Robert Bechler requested by Kaitlyn Fetterolf

Sunday, October 11

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Bob Gownley requested by Margaret Mary and Family

Monday, October 12

5:30 PM SJWP Robert Reilly requested by Nanny, Wife and Families

—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, October 13

8:30 a.m. No Mass at SJWP

8:30 a.m. Mass at SCB-Ashland
—SCB Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, October 15

8:30 AM SJWP Thomas and Marie Clarke requested by Kathy
-- SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, October 16

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM Mass at SCB-Ashland

Saturday, October 17

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Charles Mazloom requested by John and Tina Smolock

Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Cody Chaklos requested by 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** in memory of John and Arlene Davis requested by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert and Margaret Geary by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for all those receiving Confirmation on October 13. May the Holy Spirit be with you always.

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

September 14, 2026—\$3,808.09

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—October 17-18, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, October 17

5:30 p.m. Kyra Krapf

Sunday, October 18

11:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa

LECTOR:

Saturday, October 17

5:30 p.m. Tim Sullivan

Sunday, October 18

11:00 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Mike Boychak

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Patti

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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.

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 very generous donations for printing more of the Treasury of Prayer Booklets.

MOTHER OF LIFE PRAYER CARDS

October is Pro-Life Month. "Mother of Life" Prayer Cards with a prayer asking for the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession for an end to abortion are available in the **back of the church**. Please take a card and join in praying the prayers.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

October 11—NO PREP

October 12—Office closed Columbus Day

October 12—Adoration 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Confession 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

October 13—Confirmation for both St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland at 4:30 p.m.

October 15—8:30 a.m. Mass with Adoration 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

October 17—Men's Spirituality Program meets at SJWP Rectory, 99 North Line Street, Frackville

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.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for 8th graders from St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo parishes will take place on **October 13, 2026** at St. Charles Borromeo Church at 4:30 with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Please keep our students in your prayers.



PARISH NEWS

READINGS OVERVIEW 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The readings for this Sunday focus heavily on the image of the heavenly banquet. In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies an ultimate feast where God will wipe away all tears and destroy death. In the Gospel, Matthew shares Jesus' parable of the king who invites all people—both good and bad—to the wedding feast of his son, symbolizing the inclusive and abundant nature of God's salvation.

NATIVITY BVM HOMECOMING

Homecoming Football Game 50/50

Our annual Homecoming 50/50 Drawing is one of Nativity's biggest fundraisers of the year, and we are excited to continue this important tradition!

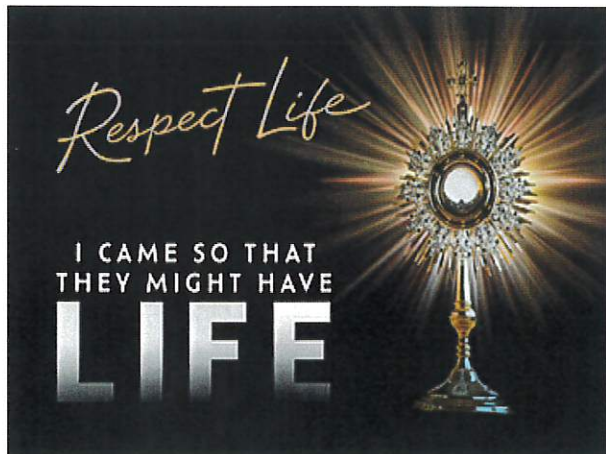
This year's Homecoming Football Game against Shenandoah Valley will be held at St. Clair on **Friday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.**

We greatly appreciate your continued support of Nativity and our 50/50 Drawing. Your participation helps make this fundraiser a success and directly supports our school and students. Please call us at 622-8110 to get your tickets! Sports passes are also available in our Main Office. The cost is \$75 and is good for all home (non playoff) games all year long.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

OCTOBER 2026

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End



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 Rectory, 99 N Line Street, Frackville. 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!

JOB OPENING AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, FRACKVILLE

Our parish is seeking an experienced and highly organized Full-Time Parish Administrator to manage our busy church office. As the central hub of our parish and community, this active role requires a professional who thrives in a fast-paced environment and can balance multiple competing priorities.

Key Requirements:

- **Experience Needed:** Minimum 2–3 years of proven office administration, executive assistant, or operations management experience
- **Computer Skills:** Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office 365. Ability to quickly adapt to specialized church database management software (Parish Soft) and scheduling platforms.
- **Communication Skills:** Superb verbal and written communication. A welcoming, empathetic presence for visitors, alongside a strict commitment to privacy and data confidentiality.
- **Workflow Management:** Strong ability to work independently, coordinate calendars, answer high-volume inquiries at times, edit publications, and support ministry leaders.

How to apply:

Please email your resume and a brief cover letter to frackvillerc3@verizon.net with the subject line "Parish Administrator Application." Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

No phone calls please.

PARISH NEWS

MARIAN BLUE & GOLD

Supermarket Shopping Spree! RAFFLE TICKET \$10.00

All proceeds go to Marian Blue & Gold to be held at Boyer's Food Market of Tamaqua, 210 Cedar Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Grand Prize: win a 3-minute Boyer's shopping spree.

2nd place: \$100 Boyer's Gift Card

3rd place: \$50 Boyer's Gift Card

4th and 5th place: \$25 Boyer's Gift Card.

For more info or to purchase tickets contact Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921 or Marian Catholic at 570-467-3335. Paypal and Venmo accepted!!!

Marian Catholic High School Information Session

Tuesday, October 13th, 4:00-5:00

Fall Open House

Saturday, October 24th, 11:00-12:30

Come see how a Marian education is possible. Learn about financial aid and transportation. Tour the school with our amazing ambassadors!

Early registration is just \$50! Reach out to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, for more information: mmilosh@mariancatholic.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 116

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is seeking a dedicated and compassionate Principal to lead our school community. This is an opportunity to build on a strong foundation and continue the mission of providing quality education and support to students and adults with special needs.

If you or someone you know may be a good fit for this important role, please help us spread the word. For more information about the Principal position, application instructions, and other current employment opportunities at SJC, please visit <https://stjosephctr.com/employment-opportunities>



DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE "COME HOME TO MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH"

Diocesan Men's Conference "Come Home to Mary, Mother of the Church" on Saturday, November 21, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at DeSales University, 2755 Station Ave., Center Valley, PA. Speakers include Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University; Nathan Crankfield, Author & National Speaker; and Mark Houck, Apologist & Founder of The King's Men. Holy Mass at 4pm with Bishop Schlert, Confessions available, Breakfast & Lunch included.

Register at: menaliveinchrist.org/events

Info contact: Mark McDevitt at

email: markmcd@outlook.com or call 610-334-0330

"Speak, Lord" Women's Vocational Discernment Group

Young women ages 18-40 in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to the "Speak, Lord" Women's Vocational Discernment Group, for those discerning a vocation to marriage or religious life. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month in a hybrid format, with opportunities to attend in person or via Zoom. Each gathering includes Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, a presentation on vocational discernment, and time for fellowship. The next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Old St. Paul's School, 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown. For more information, email marianmisioneras@gmail.com or call 267-775-1222.

CONFIRMATION BLESSING

Our parish invites all members of our parish confirmation class and their families to the 11:00 Mass on 10/18. We will seek God's blessings on our newly confirmed and recognize their accomplishments with a small gift. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for everyone after Mass in the parish hall.



St. Joseph the Worker

HALLOWEEN

Trunk or Treat

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5:15 PM
No
Costumes
Please

Come Meet the Saints

Behind St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Alley by the Grove

To Register a Saint Themed Trunk:
Carolyn Tenaglia 570-617-3208