

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GUENCY ISAAC  
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
Deacon John M. Sutter

## 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  
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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.nativitybvm.net](http://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](http://www.stjosephctr.com)

## SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism- The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the Third Sunday at 12:15 p.m. 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

[wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](http://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 4, 2026



### Saturday, January 3, 2026

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

5:30 PM SJWP Rose Matthews requested by Bill Hayek & Family

### Sunday, January 4

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

11:00 AM SJWP Living & deceased of Wayne, Croake, Kenney & Waegelein Families requested by Eileen Wayne

### Monday, January 5

5:30 PM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

### Tuesday, January 6

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

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

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

### Wednesday, January 7

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

### Thursday, January 8

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at either Parish

### Friday, January 9

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

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

### Saturday, January 10

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

5:30 PM SJWP Ron McCloskey requested by Frank & Dot Susan

### Sunday, January 11

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

11:00 AM SJWP Alex & Rosemarie Prock requested by Family

**PRAY FOR:** All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely & all our deceased. We also remember all those defending our country. Increase their faith and assist them in their difficulties.



## CANDLE OFFERINGS



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

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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the living & deceased of the Wayne, Croake, Kenney & Waegelein Families by Eileen Wayne.

## 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)

Monday: 5:10 to 5:25 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

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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

December 14, 2025—\$4,000.27

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

## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY WEBSITE

Visit the newly refurbished cemetery website. It includes Annunciation BVM and St. Joseph Cemeteries. 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 website to find the link.

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



# PARISH NEWS

## Ministry Schedule—January 10-11, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### **SERVERS:**

**Saturday, January 10**

5:30 p.m. Any altar server available

**Sunday, January 11**

11:00 a.m. Eleanor Rall and Johnny Walsh

### **LECTORS:**

**Saturday, January 10**

5:30 p.m. Tim Sullivan

**Sunday, January 11**

11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, January 10**

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Bill Rowan

**Sunday, January 11**

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

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Joe Bane

**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.

### **IMPORTANT:**

Those of you that have had collection envelopes given to you, we ask that you kindly use them when making your donations to the parish. When the envelopes are not given, it makes it very difficult for the counters to do their jobs accurately. Each different envelope has a designated column and must be counted separately. We appreciate your assistance in making this process as easy and precise as possible.

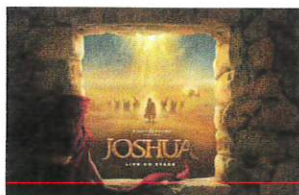
If you have not received envelopes and would like them, kindly contact the parish office 570-874-0610 ext. 4.

*May God bless you and the Blessed Virgin Mary protect you.*

## **SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP TO JOSHUA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

Due to increasing ticket costs the price is \$172.00. The total cost includes your ticket to Sight and Sound production of Joshua, after show buffet lunch at Hershey Farm, and round-trip coach bus transportation. A non-refundable deposit of \$85 is due at your time of reservation. **(\*If you call the parish office to make your reservation, please make your down payment within a week.) Final payment is due on March 20, 2026. All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office at 570-875-1521. Father Isaac will be teaching a class about Joshua on Monday April 20th. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!**



## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

**January 4**—PREP 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SCB in Ashland

**January 5**—Last Mass celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul in Girardville at 6:00 p.m.

(No Confessions or Mass in Frackville) Adoration in SJWP from 1 to 3 p.m.

**January 7**—Adoration from 9 to 11 a.m.

### PREP Sacrament Dates:

**March 7, 2026**—11:00 a.m. First Penance at SJWP, Frackville

**May 2, 2026**—10:30 a.m. Both St. Charles and St. Joseph will receive First Holy Communion at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland.

## THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS WISHES, CARDS AND GIFTS

I'm so grateful for your thoughtful gifts and for you. I pray for a blessed and peaceful New Year for each of you.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness during this Christmas Season.

Blessings and prayers, Fr. Guency Isaac

## MEN, MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

**MEN:** More information about the Men's Spirituality Group which will start on **January 10, 2026** and run through **April 11 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.** We will be meeting approximately every other week to view a video series entitled "The Search" and then have a small-group discussion about the session. The first session will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office, 7 South Broad Mountain Avenue in Frackville. The second session will be on January 24 at St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland. Meetings will alternate between Frackville and Ashland. **MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BECOME THE MAN GOD CALLS YOU TO BE!**

## MUSTARD SEEDLINGS

Beginning in 2026, all moms from the newly pregnant to pre-k parenting stage are invited to St. John the Baptist in Pottsville for fellowship and faith formation. The first meeting is **Thursday January 8, 9:30am-11:00am.**

There will be activities for kids and coffee for the moms! Join the group on Facebook to get updates and a full 2026 schedule. The group is also seeking volunteers and material support in the form of toy/craft supply donations. Email [mgreclundcontent@gmail.com](mailto:mgreclundcontent@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.





## COMBINED PARISH RETREAT-ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO AND ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Our first combined Parish Retreat for St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, the first Saturday in Lent, at St. Charles Borromeo Hall beginning at 8:30 AM and concluding with 4:00 Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The theme of the retreat is "*Be Not Afraid.*" This is a perfect way to begin the holy season of Lent by coming away from the distractions of everyday life to listen to what God wants to tell us about the relationship of trust into which He longs to draw us.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WORSHIP SITE, GIRARDVILLE

With heartfelt sadness we must announce the last Mass being celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul in Girardville on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass. As we prepare to leave this hallowed place, we remember the generations of prayer, devotion, weddings, funerals, and baptisms that have filled St. Vincent de Paul Church. We hold these cherished memories in our hearts and ask God to bless all the past parishioners & visitors with God's love and grace and to continue to live in our hearts.

### Marian Catholic High School

#### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Come meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover the programs that make our school so special. RSVP to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, [mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org) or 570-467-3335 ext. 116



### NATIVITY BVM OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION:

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and 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.

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jenifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions.

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY #748

"We, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748, again this year, wish to thank all staff, parishioners and guests, for their support. Merry Christmas and have a blessed and happy holiday season. We continue to seek new members. If interested, please contact Carole Syzdek, 570-467-3744"

### Webinar: "Reaching, Engaging, and Inspiring the Next Generation"

Join us for an online workshop to assist parishes connect with the younger generations on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00PM. Webinar is open to clergy and parishioners. Facilitated by Maggie Riggins, Executive Director of Evangelization and Formation and Zelenda Hodgskin, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Workshop will assist participants in:

**Reaching** the Next Generation – Inviting those who have drifted away from their faith back into a relationship with the Church

**Engaging** the Next Generation – Encouraging deeper participation in parish life

**Inspiring** the Next Generation – Empowering young Catholics to embrace and respond to God's call joyfully. Use this zoom link to join the workshop: <https://zoom.us/j/93671793650>. Questions – Contact Maggie: [mriggins@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mriggins@allentowndiocese.org).

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 4, 2026

In the Bible, the Epiphany is Jesus' visit from the Magi, aristocratic men from the east (often referred to as kings or wise men) who followed a star to see the newborn baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The Magi brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was considered a symbol of kings, frankincense a perfume representing divinity and myrrh an anointing and embalming oil that symbolized death.



## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S LOVE IN THE SACRAMENTS

CATECHETICAL  
WORKSHOP



**MARCH 21  
8:30AM - 2:30PM**

Explore the meaning of the sacraments in this workshop that offers both theological insights and hands-on teaching strategies. Included in the day:

- Scholarly presentations & Interactive sessions.
- Ready-to-use classroom materials.
- Deep dive sessions on Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA  
1825 W TURNER STREET  
ALLENTOWN, PA 18104



QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATIE ALBRIGHT  
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"I AM THE LIVING  
BREAD THAT CAME  
DOWN FROM HEAVEN.  
WHOEVER EATS THIS  
BREAD WILL LIVE  
FOREVER. AND THE  
BREAD THAT I WILL  
GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR  
THE LIFE OF THE  
WORLD."

JOHN 6:51