

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.

SAINT

JOSEPH
THE WORKER

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

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

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.

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 2025



Saturday, August 30, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP Jim Gober requested by Maryann Kitzer

Sunday, August 31

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

11:00 AM SJWP Robert Markey, Jr. requested by Ann & Kevin Hansen

Monday, September 1—Labor Day

5:30 PM SJWP **NO MASS**
—NO ADORATION/CONFESSIONS—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, September 2

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*
—SCB Adoration 9:00 to 11 a.m. in Chapel—

Wednesday, September 3

8:30 AM SJWP Joseph & Helen Szott & Edward Gresh requested by Family
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to Noon—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, September 4

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

Friday, September 5

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

Saturday, September 6

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

5:30 PM SJWP Simeon Bassette Rall requested by Mom & Dad

Sunday, September 7

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

11:00 AM SJWP Robert Gonski requested by Mike & Diane Bloschichak

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.



CANDLE OFFERINGS



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

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Family.

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 **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Patricia Cipione requested by Family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and surrounding areas.

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

Wednesday: 9:00 to 12 noon (SJWP)

St. Joseph the Worker Church will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except as noted above.

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 10, 2025—\$5,208.00

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 or you can go to our website to find the link.

Parish website: www.stjoesfrackville.com

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—September 6-7, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, September 6

5:30 p.m. Helena, Rosalyn & Gwendolyn Jacobs

Sunday, September 7

11:00 a.m. Janelle and Jacob Ziegmont

LECTORS:

Saturday, September 6

5:30 p.m. Alexander Krapf

Sunday, September 7

11:00 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 7

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Gerald Campomizzi

11:00 a.m. Bernard Bruni **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.

NOTE:

There are special Kids Bulletins in the vestibule of the church that introduces the children to our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV. They are on the card table and you are welcome to take them.

You're Invited to the Catholic Diocese of Allentown Cursillo Weekend!

Cursillo is a 4-day weekend held (separately for men and women) to provide a life-changing experience that enables people to follow Jesus more faithfully. From a Thursday evening to a Sunday evening, lay people and clergy live and work together to gain a deep awareness of the treasure and responsibility of their faith. Candidates come with questions and some apprehensions, but they leave with joyful enthusiasm as brothers and sisters in Christ, determined to extend His kingdom.

The weekend is a personal, lively, event which consists of talks and meditations, daily Mass, Confession, discussions, prayer, and fellowship. The basic teachings of Christ are discussed in an atmosphere of joy with joke telling and singing. You may make a Cursillo only once in your life, but you are encouraged to build upon it for the rest of your life.

The weekend is for baptized Catholics who are able to receive the Sacraments and are interested in examining what it means to be a Christian in today's world. A Cursillo is also of value to Catholics who are not presently involved in the Church or who have slipped away from Mass attendance and are beginning to come back.

The next weekends are scheduled for Men: Sept. 18-21, and Women: Sept. 25-28. For more information, please talk to



ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

September 1—NO Mass, Adoration or Confessions
(OFFICE CLOSED)

September 2—Meeting for November 15 dance at rectory at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in helping, please plan to attend.

September 3—Mass at 8:30 a.m. —Adoration 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

September 7—PREP Meet the teachers 6:00—6:30 p.m. in their Classrooms. Then please join Forty Hours at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland at 7:00 p.m.

TEXT ALERTS—Anyone that would like to be notified of a change in Mass or cancellations due to weather and other unforeseen events, kindly text @stjosephfr to 81010. This is for anyone who has not yet signed up for **Remind**. When Father needs to change anything you will be notified on your cell phone by a text message. **Remind** When Father needs to change anything you will be notified on your cell phone by a text message.

PREP REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW DUE—Please note that the 2025-2026 PREP registrations have been mailed out to those who were on the rosters last year. If you are new to the program, kindly call the parish office 570-874-0610 ext. 4 or pick up a registration packet in the vestibule of the church or parish office. One for each child should be picked up.

FORTY HOURS SCHEDULE FOR PREP/PARISHIONERS

September 7 at 7:00 p.m. all PREP (both parishes) students invited to St. Charles Borromeo for Forty Hours

September 8 at 7:00 p.m. all PREP (both parishes) students and especially the First Communion Class from 2025 (both parishes) at St. Joseph the Worker.

September 9 at 7:00 p.m. all PREP (both parishes) students invited—**8th grade students (both parishes) must attend as this will count as their retreat. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers from both parishes** also asked to attend the closing of Forty Hours at St. Charles Borromeo.

PREP TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional substitute teachers and/or classroom aids for our PREP program. It is a great opportunity for you to share your faith with the youth of our parish. Please contact the parish office or Deacon John Sutter, Director of Religious Education, for more information if you feel God calling you to help with this important parish ministry. **PREP classes begin Sunday, September 14. All teachers/aids need to be vetted according to the rules of the Diocese of Allentown.**

OPENING MASS FOR SJWP PREP STUDENTS

On **Sunday, September 14, 2025** at 6:15PM PREP students from St. Joseph the Worker Parish will attend the Opening Mass of the year at **Annunciation BVM Church** on S. Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville. Eighth grade Confirmandi will sign the Book of Inscription at this Mass. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend as well. PREP schedules for the year will soon be mailed to the parents of students who were enrolled in the program last year. Parents of new PREP students can pick up registration forms in the parish office at 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave. **Confirmation is Wednesday, October 15 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland.**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish is seeking a dedicated and organized part time secretary to join our staff.

Hours will be approximately 15 hours per week.

Qualified candidate will be responsible for maintaining and keeping the Safe Environment records for all staff and volunteers up to date, answering the phones, filing, working with parishioners and others in a professional and polite manner, as well as providing general clerical support to the pastor and other church staff.

Candidate must possess:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Proven administrative and clerical experience, some computer skills are a must.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information.

The ideal candidate will be a friendly, detail-oriented individual with strong communication and organizational skills.

Must be willing to complete all Diocesan background checks and clearances.

If interested, kindly send a resume to St. Joseph the Worker, Seven South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville, PA 17931.

Deadline is September 25, 2025

UPCOMING DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL BASILICA SHRINE

OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN WASHINGTON D.C.-

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO IS SPONSORING A BUS

Join Fr. Guency and our fellow and neighbor parishioners on the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary in this, the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary offers a uniquely special day for the faithful to join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert for a day-long event of adoration, devotion, and worship. The National Shrine, also known as Mary's Shrine, receives nearly one million visitors annually and has been visited by Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Saint John Paul II, and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, among others. The Basilica is the only nationally designated "Jubilee site" in the U.S. The offerings of this pilgrimage will meet the requirements to gain an indulgence for the Year of Hope. The schedule for the day's activities will begin at 10:00 am with the closing Mass at 3:00 pm. The estimated departure time would be 4:30 pm. However, the Basilica is open to the public until 6:00 pm. **If more people do not sign up, the bus trip will need to be cancelled.**

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 Cost of bus: \$55.00

Lunch on your own. You can bring your lunch or eat in the Basilica cafeteria upon arrival.

Dinner on your own at Inner Harbor. Please call Jan at the St. Charles Borromeo parish office in Ashland to reserve your spot. (570-875-1521)

Men Alive in Christ Full Day Annual Conference - "Pilgrims Anchored in the Hope of Christ"

Saturday, October 11, 2025 8AM - 5PM

Renew and strengthen your pilgrim journey of hope and trust in Christ at our annual full day Men's Conference at the Delta Marriott, 7736 Adrienne Dr., Breinigsville, PA 18031. Embrace your mission to live virtuous masculinity and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of men's fellowship, sacraments, and talks by Bishop Alfred Schlert, Fr. Chris Alar MIC, Fr. Bill Casey, and Jeff Schiefelbein.

Registration & breakfast at 8am, Conference talks begin at 9am, Mass with Bishop Schlert at 4pm (fulfills Sunday obligation). Event includes lunch and confession. Contact: Mark McDewitt markmcd@outlook.com 610-334-0330

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

St. Catharine of Siena - Reading, September 7, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph, Summit Hill, November 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

This great gift of grace offers holistic healing by praying for a cure, but, more importantly for the gift of hope and peace that the sufferer would be united to Christ on the Cross.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of †MARGARET "PEG" GAUGHAN:

\$25.00 from Joe and Angie Babatsky

In memory of †THERESA TUNILLA:

\$10.00 from Mary Ellen Bradbury

In memory of †EDWARD L. WASCAVAGE & GRANDSON, EDWARD M. WASCAVAGE:

\$40.00 from Janet Wascavage

Donations to PREP:

In memory of †JAMES DIGRIS: \$400.00 from Martina Digris, \$50.00 from John & Cynthia Richmond & \$50.00 from Thomas and Martha Fletcher

In memory of †SCOTT JONES: \$25.00 from Cathy Rakowsky

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations in their loved ones' memories.

In memory of †SHIRLEY KLIMKO:

\$500.00 from Kevin & Jill Kerstetter

In memory of †JOANIE WALLACE:

\$10.00 from Charlie & Mary Ann Hauser

NOTE: Anyone wanting to make a monetary donation to the Frackville Food Bank/Ministerium, please make check payable to Frackville Ministerium and send to:

Don Dillman, 37 South Nice Street, Frackville.



St. Charles Borromeo
and St. Joseph the Worker Parishes

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025 at St. Charles Borromeo
(Main Church)

Monday, Sept. 8, 2025 at St. Joseph the Worker,
Frackville

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025 at St. Charles Borromeo
(Main Church)

Preached by: Rev. Robert T. Finlan

Pastor of St. Richard Parish, Barnesville and
St. John XXIII Parish, Tamaqua

WHAT IS FORTY HOURS AND WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

In the Catholic Church, the "40 Hours Devotion" is a period of continuous, solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (the consecrated Eucharist) for 40 hours of prayer and adoration. **This practice is a way for Catholics to deepen their devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist, reflecting on Christ's time in the tomb and drawing closer to Him.**

Key aspects of the 40 Hours Devotion:

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

The Eucharist is placed in a monstrance (a vessel for displaying the consecrated host) on the altar for public adoration.

- **Continuous Prayer:**

The devotion is a continuous period of prayer, often involving parishioners taking turns to ensure someone is always present in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

- **Special Masses and Benediction:**

The devotion typically begins and ends with a solemn Mass, and often includes Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament) at the end.

- **Spiritual Reflection:**

The devotion can include other elements like the Liturgy of the Hours, homilies, and opportunities for confession.

- **Significance of 40 Hours:**

The 40 hours symbolize the time Christ's body lay in the tomb after his death.

- **Observance during Lent and Advent:**

It's often observed during Lent and Advent, though it can be held at other times as well.

- **Emphasis on Eucharistic Adoration:**

The devotion emphasizes the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and encourages deeper appreciation of this sacrament.

