

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 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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025



Saturday, December 13, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP David Harper requested by Carl & Angela Pyzowski

Sunday, December 14

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

11:00 AM SJWP Charles F. Blozusky requested by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Blozusky and Family

Monday, December 15

5:30 PM SJWP Charles Yonalunas, Charles Thomas & Robert J. Reilly III requested by Sylvia Yonalunas

—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

8:30 a.m. *No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 AM *No Mass at SJWP*

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

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 AM SJWP Stephen Bobiak requested by Barbara Schmidt & Family
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, December 18

8:30 AM *No Mass at either Parish*

Friday, December 19

8:30 AM *No Mass at SJWP, Frackville*

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

Saturday, December 20

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

5:30 PM SJWP Mary "Sissy" Teijaro requested by John & Tina Smolock

Sunday, December 21

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

11:00 AM SJWP Charles & Julia Naspinski requested by Irene Roman & 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.



CANDLE OFFERINGS



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 the Blessed Mother burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary by Darlene & Dennis.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the special intentions of our parishioners.

ATTENTION: 2026 Contribution Envelopes & the 2026 Calendars are now ready for pick up in the Church. Please do so at your earliest convenience. Questions, contact Parish Office 874-0610 Ext. 4. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASSES—Please know it will be crowded at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at SJWP so if you would like a seat, please plan to arrive early!!!

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

November 23, 2025—\$3,596.40

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish

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—December 20-21, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 21

11:00 a.m. Kyra Krapf

LECTORS:

Saturday, December 20

5:30 p.m. Pat Kurpell

Sunday, December 21

11:00 a.m. Alexander Krapf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 20

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Pat Kurpell

Sunday, December 21

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

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Bernard Bruni

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SERVERS:

4:00 p.m. at SJWP —Eleanor Rall, Michael Fantanarosa, Maria, Mark and Matt Monahan

10:00 p.m. — Alexander and Kyra Krapf

Christmas Day—9:00 a.m. at SJWP — any server available

LECTORS:

4:00 p.m. at SJWP—Ron Whalen

10:00 p.m. — Patti Domalakes

Christmas Day—9:00 a.m. at SJWP — Angela Pyzowski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

4:00 p.m. at SJWP — **Bill Rowan Choir:** Ron Whalen

10:00 p.m. at SJWP — **Deacon Sutter Choir:** Patti Domalakes

Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m. at SJWP —Angela Pyzowski Choir: Any EM available

SCB, Ashland Masses

12/24 at 4:15 p.m.; 12/24 at 8 p.m. (St. Vincent-Girardville)

12/25 at 10:30 a.m.

PREP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a volunteer PREP teacher to begin teaching December 7, 2025. The individual will need their diocesan background check and clearances. Please call the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4 for more info.

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"

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 14— Prep at SCB 6 to 7:30 p.m. w/Confessions

December 15—Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass time, Confessions 5:10 to 5:25 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m.

December 15—Anyone interested in helping with security at Masses there is a meeting at 7 p.m. at SCB Hall. Please try to attend. We need people to assist in this important process.

December 16—Advent Penance Service—6 to 7 p.m. at St. Charles, Ashland; 7:15 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

December 17— Mass 8:30 a.m. Adoration until 11 a.m.

December 18—Food Bank and Food Truck 8 to 9:30 a.m.

December 21—Decorating of the SJWP Church following the 11 a.m. Mass. All help is appreciated

PREP Sacrament Dates:

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

May 2, 2026—10:00 a.m. Both St. Charles and St. Joseph will receive First Holy Communion at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland.

MEN, MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

Men's Spirituality Group starting Saturday, January 10, 2026. We will be viewing a video series followed by group discussions every other Saturday morning at 8:30AM. Location will alternate between St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office at 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave. in Frackville and St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St. in Ashland. God intended for men to be leaders, protectors and providers. Statistics show that when mothers takes their children to church, approximately 25% of them will attend when they become adults, but when fathers take their children the church, approximately 75% will attend when they become adults. Make it a priority to become the man God calls you to be.

Marian High School Launches Search for Director of Strategic Communications

We're are looking for a creative & strategic professional who believes in Marian's mission and wants to help shape its future. Key responsibilities—developing & executing integrated marketing & enrollment strategies, managing Marian's brand & digital presence, including social media, website content and targeted advertising, overseeing public relations, publications, and media outreach, partnering with Peapod Designs, launch a new website for the school in 2026, plus other responsibilities.

Send application materials & inquiries to:

**Fr. Robert Finlan, Principal, Marian Catholic High School
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252**

Email: rfinlan@mariancatholic.org

Questions: 570-467-3335

A "Knight" of Music Christmas Dance

The Knights of Columbus, Council 431 is hosting a Christmas dance, on Saturday, December 20th from 7PM – 10PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center, 99 Lombard St., New Philadelphia

Featuring...Route 61 Band. Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door, BYOB.
For tickets call: Jerry @ 570-6928-0786; Greg @ 570-449-2580 or Ron @ 570-294-6337.

KIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR:

Our children have been invited to sing at our 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 49 North Line Street, Frackville, AND the *Christmas on the Mountain* event scheduled for 12/13 at Arch Street park. In order to prepare for both, we will need to practice. Practices will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on the following Sundays 12/14 and 12/21 from 12:00 – 1:00 (immediately after 11:00 Mass).

ALL parish children (grades K thru 12) are invited to sing for one event or both. We will be doing a lot of familiar Christmas music. LOTS of voices are needed. Prior kids choir members are welcome to come back and new faces who haven't sung with us yet should give it a try. There is no fundraising and no travel and it will be fun! Plus, it will be an honor to lead our parish in praise on Christmas Eve. At the 12/13 event, we will lead the public in carols as they light the town tree- we will be singing in the evening- after the North Schuylkill Elementary concert.

Questions? Call Carolyn Tenaglia (570-617-3208) or Kaitlyn Fetterolf (570-933-1721) Remember: Practices at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on 12/14 and 12/21.



BIRTHRIGHT INTERNATIONAL OF FRACKVILLE

Just as in the past few years there will be no Birthright Giving Trees, however, for those who wish to participate, Birthright will be accepting monetary donations or gift cards. The donations will be used by only the Birthright staff to purchase items needed for babies. Families will not receive the cards or donations. Your contribution can be mailed to the Birthright Office at 10 North Lehigh Avenue, Frackville, PA 17931. If there are any questions, you can contact the Birthright Office at 570-874-2621 or 570-874-4307. The staff of Birthright is very thankful for your past and present donations and continued support. Because of your generosity, we are able to care for babies in need. We wish each of you a very healthy and happy holiday season.

May God bless and watch over you and pray for an end to abortion.

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT-Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

One of the two Christmas Trees on the altar will be for the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in Reading, PA. This is a special community to Father Guency. They are requesting children's clothing, toys, and school supplies. Please take a tag and return your donation unwrapped on or before **December 16, 2025**. The tags for this have BFS on the bottom. Put donations under this specific tree—left side. (Looking at the altar from pews).

THE MANGER MISSION

Rooted in the spirit of the Nativity, the "Manger Mission" invites the faithful across our Diocese to help support vulnerable mothers and young children through the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program. This initiative is a tangible way to honor the Holy Family who themselves faced uncertainty and hardship. Through Manger Mission, you can accompany families in our community who are walking a similar path. We are asking our parish members to join this mission of mercy by donating items that help families not just survive but thrive. The families we will serve are in need of: diapers & pull ups (3 & up). Baby wipes, infant & toddler clothing, shampoo, lotion, cream, etc., bottles & sippy cups, small infant-safe toys, small blankets, gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, Weis, Boyer's & Redners). Please place donations under tree on or before **December 16, 2025**.

Please place any donation for the Manger Mission under tree located on right side of altar (looking at the altar from pews).

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/GAUDETE SUNDAY

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is a day of rejoicing within the penitential season of Advent, named from the Latin word for "rejoice". The celebration is marked by liturgical changes, such as priests wearing rose or pink vestments and lighting the pink candle on the Advent wreath, which signifies a foretaste of the joy of Christ's coming at Christmas and his second coming.

The day's readings and themes emphasize hope and joyful anticipation, even amidst life's challenges. Gaudete Sunday the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar of Western Christianity, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, Lutheran churches, and other mainline Protestant churches.

It can fall on any date from 11 December to 17 December.

