

# 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  
Ext. 4--Parish Secretary;  
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 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](mailto:wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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.

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**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.

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



### Saturday, September 6, 2025

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

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

### Sunday, September 7-Forty Hours begins at 7 p.m.—SCB

9:00 AM *at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland*  
—SCB Adoration after Mass until 7 p.m.—

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

### Monday, September 8-Forty Hours begins 7 p.m. — SJWP

8:30 AM SJWP Diane Polovitch requested by Ed & Lynda Halaburda  
—SJWP Adoration 12 noon to 7 p.m.—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

### Tuesday, September 9-Closing of Forty Hours 7 p.m.—SCB

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*  
—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.—

### Wednesday, September 10

8:30 AM SJWP For all those remembered in our Memorial Fund  
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to Noon—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

### Thursday, September 11

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

### Friday, September 12

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

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

### Saturday, September 13

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

5:30 PM SJWP Thomas Elliott requested by Gary & Donna Klemovage

### Sunday, September 14

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

11:00 AM SJWP Connie & Frank Blozusky requested by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Blozusky 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.



### CANDLE OFFERINGS



The **Vigil Light** at the **Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Kathleen Schally and for health & blessings of the O'Boyle Family by a Friend.

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 the Blessed Mother** burns for the health and blessings of Joe & Angie Babatsky on their 54th Wedding Anniversary by a Friend.

The **Vigil Light** at the **Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Francis Goncalves 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 **Vigil Light** at the **Statue of St. Anthony** burns in memory of John & Arlene Davis by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for those involved in the Minneapolis Catholic School shootings and all school shootings.

### 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 17, 2025—\$4,442.50

*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](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—September 13-14, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### **SERVERS:**

**Saturday, September 13**

5:30 p.m. Rocco & Lucia Sanfilippo

**Sunday, September 14**

11:00 a.m. Maria, Mark, and Matt Monahan

### **LECTORS:**

**Saturday, September 13**

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok

**Sunday, September 14**

11:00 a.m. Bridget Quick

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, September 13**

5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Mike Boychak

**Sunday, September 14**

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Angela Pyzowski

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Bridget Quick

**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 Fr. Guency or contact [allentowncursillo@gmail.com](mailto:allentowncursillo@gmail.com).

**FAITH**

## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

**September 6-7**—Second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

**September 8**—Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Adoration 12 noon to 7 p.m. with Forty Hours beginning at 7 p.m. **(due to a funeral)**

**September 10**—Mass at 8:30 a.m. —Adoration 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

**September 14**—PREP Mass with Inscription Service

**September 15**—Friends of St. Joseph the Worker Meeting in Social Room on Line Street at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**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.

## FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

Do you want to help our parish while growing with Christ? Do you like to socialize with a group of wonderful people? If so, come and join Friends. **Our next meeting will be on September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room.** If you are interested, contact Kathy Stetts at 570-449-4108. We will be thrilled to have you with us.

## 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.

## 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.

**Confirmation is Wednesday, October 15 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland.**

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

**May 2, 2026—10:30 a.m. First Holy Communion at SJWP, Frackville**

**HOPE**

**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](mailto:markmcd@outlook.com) 610-334-0330

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES WITH B  
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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES' AUXILIARY-**

**Fr. Sheridan Council #748 (previously #2580)**

Attention: The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748, meeting for September will be Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m..

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. For more info, contact Carole Syzdek, President 570-467-3744.

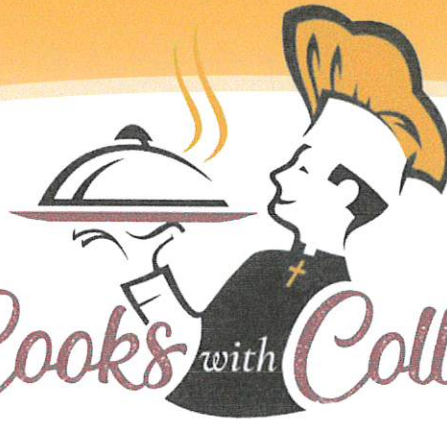
**NOTE: Anyone wanting to make a monetary donation to the Frackville Food Bank/Ministerium, please make check payable to Frackville Ministerium and send to:  
Don Dillman, 37 South Nice Street, Frackville.**

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS**

**Daily Mass with Bishop Schlert**

**Monday, October 20 (NEW DATE)** - St. John the Baptist, Pottsville

(S. Tenth and Mahantongo Sts.) 6:30 p.m.



## Cooks with Collars

# COOKS WITH COLLARS starting September 1!

*Fr. Isaac needs your help!*

Fr. Isaac will represent  
St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville, in  
COOKS WITH COLLARS,  
an online cooking competition to raise  
funds for parishes and Catholic Charities  
in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit [www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com) to see  
Fr. Isaac and your other favorite priests from  
around the Diocese creating delicious  
kitchen concoctions.

Vote early and vote often!  
(deadline September 30) for our Diocesan top chef!  
All voting proceeds will benefit our Prep Program,  
the future of our Parish.

Thanks for making Fr. Isaac and St. Joseph the  
Worker a winner!



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Diocese of Allentown



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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

ADDRESS:  
1115 Walnut St.  
Ashland, PA

Kids Prizes  
Gift Cards  
& More



## St. Charles Borromeo Church

SHOP & DROP: TIME:

FOOD TRUCK:

Sept. 4th	4pm-7pm	Chick-Fil-A Sand.
Sept. 6th	11am-5pm	Pizza Buds
Sept. 7th	9am-12pm	The Brees Knees Coffee Shop
Sept. 11th	1pm-6pm	Vince's Cheesesteaks
Sept. 12th	3pm-7pm	Mr. Yum Yum
Sept. 13th	3pm-6pm	Tommy's Dogs
Sept. 14th	9am-1pm	Our Kitchen

Grand Prizes:

\$1500 CASH

2 Tickets - Keith Urban w/ Parking at Giant Center, Hershey  
Holiday Dinner for 10 by Hess Catering  
\$300 in Lottery Tickets - \$200 in Cash