

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GUENCY ISAAC
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR
Deacon John M. Sutter

SAINT

JOSEPH
THE WORKER

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
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.victimsassistance@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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025



Saturday, December 20, 2025

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 and Family

Monday, December 22

5:30 PM SJWP Jane Kleeman requested by Joe Kleeman

—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, December 23

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 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM SJWP For all SJWP Parishioners

4:15 PM SCB Mass

8:00 PM St. Vincent-Girardville Mass

10:00 PM SJWP For all deceased SJWP Parishioners

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00 AM SJWP For all SJWP Parishioners

10:30 AM SCB Mass

Friday, December 26

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

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

Saturday, December 27

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

5:30 PM SJWP God's blessings for Sylvia Yonalunas 100th Birthday, Love, Carol and Family

Sunday, December 28

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

11:00 AM SJWP Ron McCloskey requested by Michael Boris

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. Anthony** burns in memory of Andrew and Rose Marie Kergick by Darlene and Dennis.

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 for God's blessings on Sylvia Yonalunas on her 100th Birthday.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory for Helen Chernetsky by Daughter and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Charlie Hauser by Wife, and Family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of Helen & Michael Kushwarra Family by Barbara T. Kushwarra..

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 30, 2025—\$3,149.77

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 27-28, 2025

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, December 27

5:30 p.m. Olivia Yurkonis

Sunday, December 28

11:00 a.m. Jacob Ziegmont and Eleanor Rall

LECTORS:

Saturday, December 27

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia

Sunday, December 28

11:00 a.m. Janelle Ziegmont

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28

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

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Paul Luke Domalakes

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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-VIGIL 12/31/2025

SERVERS:

6:00 p.m. at SJWP—Maria and Mark Monahan

LECTOR:

6:00 p.m. at SJWP—Diane Rowland

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

6:00 p.m. at SJWP—Joe Babatsky **Choir:** Mike Boychak

SCB, Ashland Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation

THURSDAY —01/01/26 at 9:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

December 21—Decorating church for the Christmas season will take place following 11 a.m. Mass. All help will be appreciated.

December 21 & 28—NO Prep

December 22—Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass time, Confessions 5:10 to 5:25 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m.

December 31—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation 6 p.m. Mass at SJWP, Frackville

January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 a.m. Mass at SCB, Ashland

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.

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"

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. In order to prepare, we will need to practice. Final practice will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Sunday 12/21 from 12:00 – 1:00 (immediately after 11:00 Mass).

ALL parish children (grades K thru 12) are invited to sing. 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.

Questions? Call Carolyn Tenaglia (570-617-3208) or Kaitlyn Fetterolf (570-933-1721) Remember: Final practice 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 and THE MANGER MISSION

Thank you to all who donated items for the "Manger Mission" and Bernardine Franciscan Sisters. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May you and your families have a blessed and peaceful Christmas!

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.

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Fourth Sunday of Advent in 2025 falls on Sunday, December 21st, the last Sunday before Christmas, focusing on themes of God's love and the fulfillment of promises, often symbolized by lighting the final candle on the Advent wreath known as the "Angel Candle" representing the love God has for humanity.

