



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 4, 2026

Father Christopher M. Zelonis
Pastor

Deacon John M. Sutter
Permanent Deacon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed on federal holidays and holydays of obligation.

Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m. 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

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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

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REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Assumption B.V.M. School

112 South Seventh Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-0106

www.assumptionbvmschool.net

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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.

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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.

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--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, October 3, 2026

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

5:30 PM **SJWP** Francis Goncalves requested by wife,
Mary and Family

Sunday, October 4

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

11:00 AM **SJWP** Albert & Cecelia Karpovich &
Francis & Helen Heine requested by
Family

Monday, October 5

5:30 PM **SJWP** NO MASS
—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
NO Confession—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 a.m. No Mass at SJWP

8:30 a.m. *NO Mass at SCB-Ashland*
—SCB Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, October 7

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, October 8

8:30 AM **SJWP** NO MASS
-- SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, October 9

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

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

Saturday, October 10

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

5:30 PM **SJWP** Robert Bechler requested by Kaitlyn
Fetterolf

Sunday, October 11

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

11:00 AM **SJWP** Bob Gownley requested by Margaret
Mary 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.



CANDLES



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 the Blessed** in memory of Francis Goncalves requested by wife, Mary.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns for all our Diocesan priests.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for all members of St. Joseph the Worker parish.

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)

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. (SJWP)

Monday: 4:30 to 5:30 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

Thursday: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (SJWP) (change)

CHURCH HOURS

Mondays 9:30 a.m. until after Mass

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30 a.m.--12 noon

Thursdays 7:45 a.m.—12 noon

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

September 6, 2026—\$5,036.87

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



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

PARISH NEWS

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

SERVERS:

Saturday, October 10

5:30 p.m. Jacob Ziegmont

Sunday, October 11

11:00 a.m. Eleanor Rall

LECTOR:

Saturday, October 10

5:30 p.m. Janelle Zeigmont

Sunday, October 11

11:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Nursing Home: Bill Rowan

11:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels

NURSING HOME EM — at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday is the time to go to the Nursing Home. There may or may not be someone from the Nursing Home to show you around to the rooms. Please just do your best and what you are comfortable doing.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any child that has received their First Holy Communion qualifies to become an altar server. If you are interested, kindly call the Parish Office 570-874-0610 ext. 4 and let us know. Training will begin soon.

TREASURY OF PRAYER BOOKLETS

We are grateful that people have been making use of the "Treasury of Prayer" booklets, which contain dozens of prayers new and old, outlines of the Catholic faith, a guide to Confession, and more. Please consider donating to make more copies available to take home and to keep the racks full. Each copy costs \$1.60 at the print shop we use.

Thank you to those that have made very generous donations for printing more of the Treasury of Prayer Booklets.

MOTHER OF LIFE PRAYER CARDS

October is Pro-Life Month. "Mother of Life" Prayer Cards with a prayer asking for the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession for an end to abortion are available in the back of the church. Please take a card and join in praying the prayers.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

October 4—Pet Blessing at 3:00 p.m. in the SJWP grove for both parishes—St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo.

October 4—PREP beginning at 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

October 5 thru October 9—**NO Daily Masses**

October 5—Adoration 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

October 8—Adoration 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

October 10—Men's Spirituality Program meets at SJWP Rectory, 99 North Line Street, Frackville

October 13—Confirmation for both St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland at 4:30 p.m.

NEW TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

To receive emergency notification of Mass cancellations and other important information:

Text 27423

To phone number (646) 681-7694

Do not respond to messages received through this service. They are one-way messages.

Depending on your cell phone plan, text messaging rates may apply.

Please contact Parish Office if you wish to be removed from this service.

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.

PET BLESSING

Both St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker parishes.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the grove of St. Joseph the Worker parish.

All are welcome to attend.



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PARISH NEWS

SHOWER OF ROSES FESTIVAL

**October 4, 2026 The Shrine of St. Therese
One East Garibaldi Avenue, Nesquehoning**

11:00 a.m. – Food Sale

1:00 p.m. – Mass – Rev. Thomas Osei Gyau, Celebrant

2:00 p.m. – Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30 p.m. – Recital of the Rosary

4:00 p.m. – Novena/Benediction; Rose distribution

Ethnic foods, spaghetti dinner, raffle tickets.

For more info call 570-645-2664 or

Visit: www.shrineofsainttherese.com

NATIVITY BVM HOMECOMING

Homecoming Football Game 50/50

Our annual Homecoming 50/50 Drawing is one of Nativity's biggest fundraisers of the year, and we are excited to continue this important tradition!

This year's Homecoming Football Game against Shenandoah Valley will be held at St. Clair on **Friday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.**

We greatly appreciate your continued support of Nativity and our 50/50 Drawing. Your participation helps make this fundraiser a success and directly supports our school and students. Please call us at 622-8110 to get your tickets! Sports passes are also available in our Main Office. The cost is \$75 and is good for all home (non playoff) games all year long.

Celebrating Nativity BVM High School's 70th Anniversary!

70 years of faith, academic excellence, service and leadership

We invite our Nativity families, alumni, and friends to join us on Saturday, October 10th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. as we celebrate 70 years of faith, academic excellence, service, and leadership.

The celebration will be held here at Nativity High School and will feature tours of the building and memorabilia room, small plates, a dessert array, and an open bar.

Tickets are \$70 per person. Come celebrate seven decades of Nativity tradition and the people who have made our school community so special! For more information, please contact Nativity at [570-622-8110](tel:570-622-8110).

We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Nativity BVM High School's 70th Anniversary!

LISTEN

ATTENTION MEN:

A Men's Spirituality Program entitled "That Man is You" for men of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker parishes will begin Saturday, September 12 and continue through December 5 from 8:30-9:30am at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Rectory, 99 N Line Street, Frackville. We will take a break and then meet again from January 9 through April 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. All men age 18 and older are invited to come participate in a powerful experience of spiritual growth led by Fr. Zelonis, Deacon John Sutter, and a team of men from the two parishes. Please pray about joining us!

JOB OPENING AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, FRACKVILLE

Our parish is seeking an experienced and highly organized Full-Time Parish Administrator to manage our busy church office. As the central hub of our parish and community, this active role requires a professional who thrives in a fast-paced environment and can balance multiple competing priorities.

Key Requirements:

- **Experience Needed:** Minimum 2–3 years of proven office administration, executive assistant, or operations management experience
- **Computer Skills:** Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office 365. Ability to quickly adapt to specialized church database management software (Parish Soft) and scheduling platforms.
- **Communication Skills:** Superb verbal and written communication. A welcoming, empathetic presence for visitors, alongside a strict commitment to privacy and data confidentiality.
- **Workflow Management:** Strong ability to work independently, coordinate calendars, answer high-volume inquiries at times, edit publications, and support ministry leaders.

How to apply:

Please email your resume and a brief cover letter to frackvillerc3@verizon.net with the subject line "Parish Administrator Application." Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

No phone calls please.

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MARIAN BLUE & GOLD

Supermarket Shopping Spree!

RAFFLE TICKET \$10.00

All proceeds go to Marian Blue & Gold to be held at Boyer's Food Market of Tamaqua, 210 Cedar Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Grand Prize: win a 3-minute Boyer's shopping spree.

2nd place: \$100 Boyer's Gift Card

3rd place: \$50 Boyer's Gift Card

4th and 5th place: \$25 Boyer's Gift Card.

For more info or to purchase tickets contact Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921 or Marian Catholic at 570-467-3335. Paypal and Venmo accepted!!!

Marian Catholic High School

Information Session

Tuesday, October 13th, 4:00-5:00

Fall Open House

Saturday, October 24th, 11:00-12:30

Come see how a Marian education is possible. Learn about financial aid and transportation. Tour the school with our amazing ambassadors!

Early registration is just \$50! Reach out to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, for more information: mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 116

MSC OKTOBERFEST – OCTOBER 11, 12 NOON TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE READING LIEDERKRANZ

This event is hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.! Live Music & dancing with the Josef Kroboth Band 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.! \$20 entrance donation online or at the door (under 18 free). An outdoor celebration in a scenic, accessible grove with Heated pavilion, open-air first-come seating (groups of 6+ may reserve a table for 8). Authentic German Food and Beer ordered by guests at cash/credit food and beverage stands. To reserve, sponsor or donate, visit

www.mscreading.org or email

cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org

A highly anticipated raffle of high-value and mission-related items! Something for everyone!

FAITH

Young Adult Women's Hiking Club

Young women in the Diocese are invited to a beginner-friendly hike on Saturday, October 10, at 9am at Trexler Nature Preserve in Schnecksville, PA. Enjoy the autumn season and the Month of the Holy Rosary by bringing your friends, your water, and a rosary for a prayerful and fun morning of fellowship and exercise. Bagels, donuts, and hot chocolate will be available for a post-hike snack!

Sign up for free and view the flyer at

allentowndiocese.org/events/womens-hiking-club.

Holy Hour of Petition and Hope

The St. Monica Ministry will sponsor a Holy Hour of Petition and Hope on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown. All are invited to gather before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the return of those who have left the Church. The evening will include the Sacrament of Confession, the Rosary of Supplication for Our Prodigals, Vespers and Benediction. The Holy Hour will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend. For more information, email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com.

"Speak, Lord" Women's Vocational Discernment Group

Young women ages 18–40 in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to the "Speak, Lord" Women's Vocational Discernment Group, for those discerning a vocation to marriage or religious life. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month in a hybrid format, with opportunities to attend in person or via Zoom. Each gathering includes Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, a presentation on vocational discernment, and time for fellowship. The next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Old St. Paul's School, 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown. For more information, email marianmisioneras@gmail.com or call 267-775-1222.

CONFIRMATION BLESSING

Our parish invites all members of our parish confirmation class and their families to the 11:00 Mass on 10/18. We will seek God's blessings on our newly confirmed and recognize their accomplishments with a small gift. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for everyone after Mass in the parish hall.

PARISH NEWS

RESPECT LIFE MONTH OCTOBER 2026

“When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: “Mary: Mother of Life”



St. Francis Spirituality & Retreat Center Reopens

The Monsignor Robert J. Coll Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the reopening of the St. Francis Spirituality & Retreat Center of Easton, formerly known as the St. Francis Retreat House. For more than 65 years, this sacred ground has welcomed people seeking prayer, reflection, and a deeper encounter with God. Now, under the care of the Foundation, the Center begins a renewed chapter of faith, hospitality, and spiritual renewal.

All are warmly invited to a special Mass of Blessing & Renewal on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Francis, on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will offer a blessing of the Center at the beginning of the liturgy and will serve as principal celebrant.

St. Francis Spirituality & Retreat Center of Easton
3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA 18045

Seating is limited, and registration is required. Please register online at stfrancisretreatcenter.org/october4 or by calling the Retreat Center at (484) 837-1112.

Come celebrate this joyful new beginning and the continuation of a beautiful legacy of faith in the Lehigh Valley. Learn more at stfrancisretreatcenter.org.

Oktoberfest to Support Our Lady's Helpers

Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun at the Our Lady's Helpers Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 5:00 to 9:30 pm at Holy Ghost Parish Billinger Hall, 417 Carlton Ave., Bethlehem, PA. The evening opens with welcoming comments by Bishop Schlert, followed by traditional Oktoberfest food, live music, dancing, a stein holding contest, and a tricky tray. Tickets are \$85 per person, and there will also be a cash bar (beer and wine). All guests must be 21 or older. Proceeds support OLH's mobile ultrasound unit, which gives expectant mothers the chance to see their baby and choose life. To purchase tickets, email OurLadysHelpers@proton.me or call Lilyan at 610-944-1437.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for 8th graders from St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo parishes will take place on October 13, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo Church at 4:30 with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Please keep our students in your prayers.

St. Joseph the Worker

HALLOWEEN

Trunk or Treat

TIDE



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5:15 PM
No
Costumes
Please

Come Meet the Saints

Behind St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Alley by the Grove

To Register a Saint Themed Trunk:
Carolyn Tenaglia 570-617-3208