

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Father Guency Isaac

Parochial Administrator

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.assumptionbvm.org

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 COORDINTOR:

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.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Barbara Shidisky requested by Ken and Pat Kurpell

Sunday, February 15

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Joseph Meade requested by wife, Dorothy and Family

Monday, February 16

5:30 PM SJWP NO MASS
—SJWP No Adoration, Confessions or Mass—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, February 17

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM Mass at SCB-Ashland

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, February 18-Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM SJWP James Digris requested by JoAnn & Joe Dower
—SJWP Adoration after Mass to 11:00 a.m.—

6:00 PM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

Thursday, February 19

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

Friday, February 20

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

6-7PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

(above at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland)

Saturday, February 21

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Jack Blickley requested by Family

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Cody Murphy requested by Mom and Fran



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 Blessed Mother burns in memory of Joseph, Alber & Margaret Geary 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 Sanctuary Lamp burns for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Allentown.

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: 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (SJWP)

EUCARISTIC 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 11:00 a.m. (SJWP) (change)

NEW CHURCH HOURS:

Mondays 9:30 a.m. until after Mass

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

Wednesdays 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

January 25, 2026--\$2,237.50

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



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PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—February 21-22, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, February 21

5:30 p.m. Kyra Krapf

Sunday, February 22

11:00 a.m. Maria and Matt Monahan

LECTORS:

Saturday, February 21

5:30 p.m. Alexander Krapf

Sunday, February 22

11:00 a.m. Angela Pyzowski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 22

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

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter Choir: Angela Pyzowski

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES/MINISTERS FEBRUARY 18, 2026

7:00 A.M. at SJWP Frackville

Lector: Ron Whalen

EM: Bernard Bruni Choir: Joe Babatsky

Mass--6:00 P.M. at SCB Ashland

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP TO JOSHUA TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

Due to increasing ticket costs the price is \$172.00. The total cost includes your ticket to Sight and Sound production of Joshua, after show buffet lunch at Hershey Farm, and round-trip coach bus transportation. A non-refundable deposit of \$85 is due at your time of reservation. (**If you call the parish office to make your reservation, please make your down payment within a week.) Final payment is due on March 20, 2026. All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office at 570-875-1521. Father Isaac will be teaching a class about Joshua on Monday April 20th. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!

JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

Martina Digris #014 on 01/09/26 - \$25.00

Irene Roman #017 on 01/10/26 - \$25.00

T. Biscoe #396 on 01/17/26 - \$25.00

Nikole Bobiwash #322 on 01/25/26 - \$50.00

Frances Sienkiewicz #873 on 01/26/26 - \$25.00

Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck for February and March.

All prizes will be mailed to the winners at address on the ticket. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

February 15—PREP at home activity

February 16—Office Closed due to Federal Holiday

February 16—NO Adoration, Confessions or Mass

February 18—Adoration after 7 a.m. Mass to 11 a.m.

February 18—Ash Wednesday Masses 7 a.m. at SJWP Frackville & 6:00 p.m. at SCB Ashland

February 19—Food Truck and Food Pantry beginning at 8 to 9:30 a.m. (Food truck in front of Parish Office)

February 21—Men's Spirituality Group at 8:30 a.m. in SCB Ashland

2025 Contribution tax letters have been mailed to those that received them last year. If you would like one and have never received one, kindly call the Parish Office 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.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Why are we here? What is life all about? What happens when we die? Explore these questions about life with other committed Catholic Men from our parish community.

Join us on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for a series of 7 videos which will answer your questions and empower you to be the man God is calling you to be.

The meeting location will alternate with each session:

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office—

7 S Broad Mtn. Avenue,
Frackville

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall—

1115 Walnut Street, Ashland

SCHEDULE FOR GROUP

Week 4—02/21/2026-Ashland

Week 5—03/07/2026-Frackville

Week 6—03/21/2026-Ashland

Week 7—04/11/2026-Frackville

COMBINED PARISH RETREAT-ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO AND ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Our first combined Parish Retreat for St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, the first Saturday in Lent, at St. Charles Borromeo Hall beginning at 8:30 AM and concluding with 4:00 Mass (optional) at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The theme of the retreat is

“Be Not Afraid.” This is a perfect way to begin the holy season of Lent by coming away from the distractions of everyday life to listen to what God wants to tell us about the relationship of trust into which He longs to draw us.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week, February 22, 2026, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more info at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SIGN UP FOR FORMED

Do you want to grow in your faith? Are you looking for quality, family-friendly movies to watch together?

Our parish now has access to **Formed!** Formed is an online platform that gives you access to hundreds of varying Catholic media programs, children's programming, e-books, movies, talks, studies and more. All resources on Formed will provide you with content that is in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Formed features content from many of the top Catholic publishing companies such as Ignatius Press, Lighthouse Catholic Media, and The Augustine Institute.

Sign-up is easy and the cost is FREE to you!

1. Open a browser on your computer or tablet.
2. Type in <https://formed.org/signup>
3. Create an account
4. For parish, type in "Diocese of Allentown"
5. Complete the registration and begin enjoying the resources right away!

THIRD ANNUAL SPRING MEAT RAFFLE sponsored by Friends of St. Joseph the Worker

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker are sponsoring an "April Showers Meat Raffle" and they are

Asking for the support of our parish family. Each family will be mailed (2) two "Meat Raffle" tickets. The cost per ticket is \$10 and we ask that you purchase the tickets or sell them. There will be 3 prizes of \$100 each Marlin Market gift cards. The drawing will take place on Saturday, April 18, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. You need not be in attendance to win. Stubs and money can be placed in the collection basket, or you can drop them off at the parish office. Please remember to put your name on the envelope. Additional tickets are available at our parish office for those who can sell more than two tickets. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

SHENANDOAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN HONOR OF DR. STANLEY G. RAKOWSKY

The Shenandoah Knights of Columbus Council # 618 is proud to offer a scholarship to a graduating senior attending Shenandoah Valley High School, Marian Catholic, or Nativity BVM and residing within the boundaries of the Shenandoah Valley School District. This scholarship, honoring a deceased member of the Shenandoah Knights of Columbus, is intended to recognize a student who exemplifies the values of faith, service, leadership, and character, while pursuing further education, training, or service after graduation.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- - Be a graduating senior at Shenandoah Valley High School, Marian Catholic, or Nativity BVM
- - Must reside within the boundaries of the Shenandoah Valley School District
- - Plan to attend a college, university, trade/technical school, or enter military service following graduation
- - Complete and submit the full application by the stated deadline. Applications may be picked up in the church vestibule, parish office or downloaded from the Shenandoah Knights of Columbus Facebook site.

FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES (ALL AT 6:00 P.M.)

February 25 at New Hope Wesleyan Church, Frackville

March 4 at Trinity ECC Church, Frackville

March 11 at First United Methodist Church, Frackville

March 18 Zion Luther Church (BVM), Frackville

March 26 at New Hope Wesleyan Church, Frackville

All are welcome to join the Lenten Services.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH, SHENANDOAH--LENTEN DINNERS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Dinner on February 27 choice of Fried haddock, broiled haddock or chicken fingers w/ mac & cheese, w/ stewed tomatoes, green beans, roll and fruit cup-\$15.00 each. Order deadline February 22 by calling 570-462-1968.

Dinner on March 27 choice of haddock, shrimp or chicken fingers w/ mac & cheese w/ stewed tomatoes, green beans, roll and fruit cup-\$15.00 each. Order deadline March 15 by calling 570-462-1968.

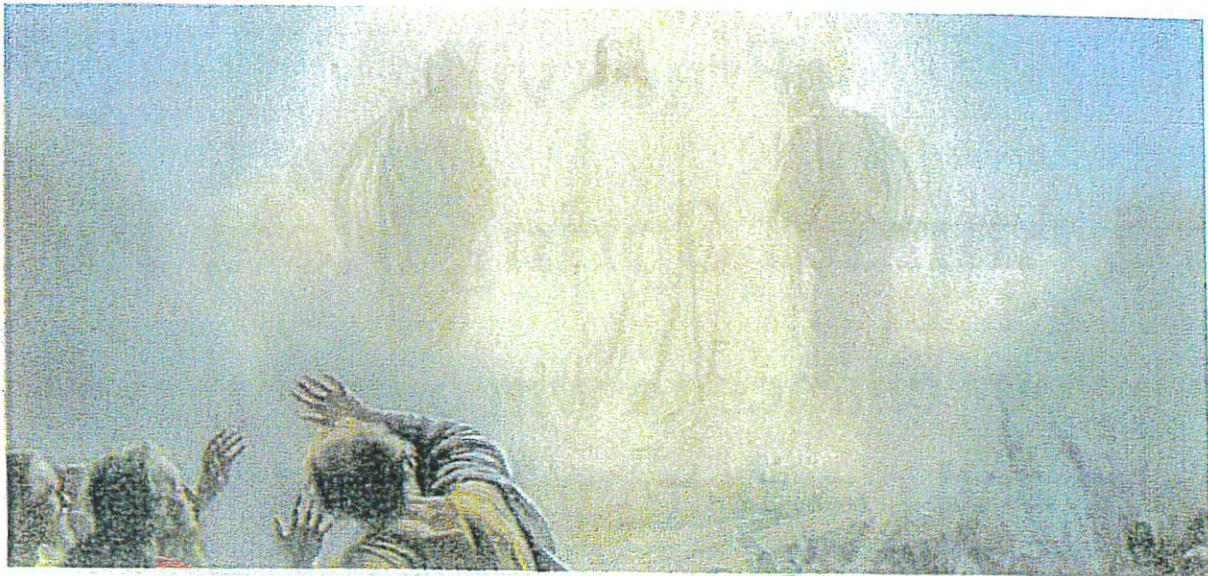
Both are take-out only and can be picked up between 4 & 6 p.m. at Trinity School, 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday 2026 marks the first day of the Lenten season. Lent is the liturgical time lasting 40 days before Easter when Catholics prepare to commemorate Jesus's Resurrection through prayer, penance, and fasting.



Lenten Parish Retreat



Be Not Afraid
Be Not Afraid

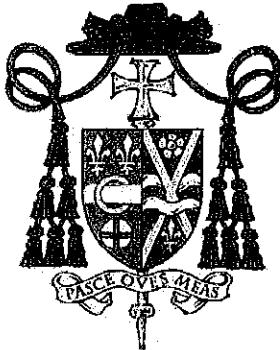
To the Parish Family of St. Joseph, the Worker and St Charles Borromeo, you are invited to our first Lenten Parish Retreat! Set aside a portion of your day for our Lord so that He might minister to you through prayer, witness, and song. Join others from our parish family as we respond to Jesus's words to us from the Gospel of Matthew: "Do Not Be Afraid!"

When: February 28, 2026

Time: 8:30-3:30 (Complimentary Lunch included)

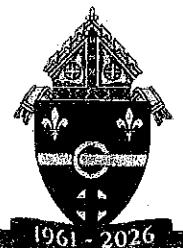
Where: St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Ashland

To register, sign the sheet at the back of the church by 2/22/26



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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18 February 2026
Ash Wednesday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown, we begin this holy season of Lent together, a sacred time to draw closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and charity.

This year, our Lenten journey unfolds within a particularly rich moment in the life of our local Church. We are celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Allentown as a Marian Year and a Eucharistic Year of Grace. These blessings invite us not only to give thanks for the past, but also to look forward with faith to the future the Lord has prepared for our local Church.

At the heart of that future are Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. The Church cannot flourish without generous men and women who are willing to give their lives entirely to Christ and His people. Through the Priesthood, Christ continues His saving work in the Sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist. Through the Consecrated Life, the Church is reminded of the primacy of God and the joy of total self-giving to Him.

Yet vocations do not arise by chance. They are born from prayer, nurtured in faith-filled families and parishes, and strengthened through sacrifice. For this reason, I am asking the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to unite this Lent in a deliberate and sustained effort of prayer and fasting for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

In a particular way, I invite you to fast on the Fridays of Lent for this intention. Whether through abstaining from food, giving up a personal comfort, or offering another meaningful sacrifice, let this fasting be consciously directed toward asking the Lord to raise up holy, faithful, and joyful priests and consecrated men and women for our Diocese.

During this Marian Year, we turn to Mary, Mother of the Church, our Diocesan Patroness, as the model of vocational response. Her humble and courageous "yes" opened the way for our salvation. May she intercede for the young men and women of our Diocese, helping them to listen attentively to the Lord's call and to respond with trust and generosity.

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During this Eucharistic Year, may our love for the Most Holy Eucharist deepen. From the Eucharist flows every authentic vocation to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, for it is there that Christ reveals the meaning of self-giving love. May time spent before the Blessed Sacrament inspire hearts to hear and follow His call.

I encourage our priests, deacons, religious, families, educators, and parish communities to speak openly and positively about priestly and consecrated vocations, to invite young people to consider this path, and to support them with prayer and encouragement.

As we journey through Lent toward the joy of Easter, let us unite our hearts in prayer, fasting, and sacrifice for priestly and consecrated vocations. We rejoice in the upcoming Ordination of what will be the largest class of priests in forty years for our Diocese, a testament to God's faithfulness and to the generosity of those who have responded to His call. At the same time, we remain steadfast in prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament, trusting that the Lord will continue to raise up new seminarians and consecrated men and women to serve His Church in the years to come.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and our Diocesan Patroness, bless you abundantly and guide each of us in responding generously to God's call. United in prayer and mission, let us bring new life to the Church and joy to the world through our witness and service.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this Sacred Season of Lent, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Alfred A. Schlert*

⌘ Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (22 February 2026 until 31 May 2026). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl. (We use the Lenten Folders)

