

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GUENCY ISAAC  
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
Deacon John M. Sutter

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed on federal holidays/  
holidays 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.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org)

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 Randal 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 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](mailto:wkrisak@allentowndiocese.org)

[www.victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](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. [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 18, 2026

### MASS SCHEDULE



#### Saturday, January 17, 2026

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

5:30 PM SJWP Deceased members of the Holy Rosary Church Mahanoy Plane requested by Maryann Smith

#### Sunday, January 18

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

11:00 AM SJWP Rose Matthews requested by Bob & Helene Nahas

#### Monday, January 19

5:30 PM SJWP **NO MASS**

—No Adoration or Confessions—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

#### Tuesday, January 20

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

#### Wednesday, January 21

8:30 AM SJWP Geraldine DiCasimirro requested by Kardisco Family

#### Thursday, January 22

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at either Parish

#### Friday, January 23

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

#### Saturday, January 24

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

5:30 PM SJWP Special Intention requested by Nancy & Ed Kardisco

#### Sunday, January 25

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

11:00 AM SJWP Bob Reilly requested by Carole & Frank Syzdek

**PRAY FOR:** All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely & all our deceased. We also remember all those defending our country. 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, Albert & Margaret Geary by Darlene & 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 Sacred Heart burns for Special Intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for increased vocations in our Diocese.

### 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)

### EUCARISTIC 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

December 28, 2025—\$5,945.77

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

### 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—January 24-25, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### SERVERS:

#### Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Helena Jacobs

#### Sunday, January 25

11:00 a.m. Matt & Mark Monahan

### LECTORS:

#### Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Pat Kurpell

#### Sunday, January 25

11:00 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

#### Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Pat Kurpell **Choir:** Mike Boychak

#### Sunday, January 25

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

11:00 a.m. Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Patti 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.

### IMPORTANT:

Those of you that have had collection envelopes given to you, we ask that you kindly use them when making your donations to the parish. When the envelopes are not given, it makes it very difficult for the counters to do their jobs accurately. Each different envelope has a designated column and must be counted separately. We appreciate your assistance in making this process as easy and precise as possible.

If you have not received envelopes and would like them, kindly contact the parish office 570-874-0610 ext. 4.

*May God bless you and the Blessed Virgin Mary protect you.*

### 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!

### ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Assumption BVM School will be hosting an Open House at our school on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Visit us to see some of the students' work, student Science Fair projects, browse at our Book Fair and meet the teachers and students. We look forward to showing off our wonderful school.

## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

January 18—NO PREP

January 19—NO Adoration, Confessions or Mass

January 21—Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.

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

### OFFICE CLOSED

Office will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of the Federal Holiday.

### 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 1—01/10/2026-Frackville

Week 2—01/24/2026-Ashland

Week 3—02/07/2026-Frackville

Week 4—02/21/2026-Ashland

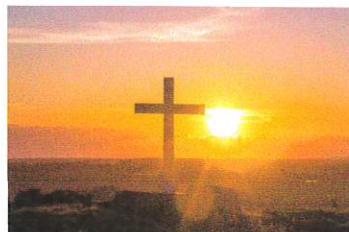
Week 5—03/07/2026-Frackville

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 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.



### **"VATICAN FOR ALL" News App**

The Dicastery for Communication has released a free App entitled "Vatican for All" to provide information on the activities of the Pope and the Church in the world for people with sensory disabilities, as part of the "No One Left Out" project. It is available for free on the App Store and Google Play. Once the app is downloaded, click "impostazioni" then "seleziona lingua" then choose preferred language.

The app otherwise defaults to Italian.

### **Marian Catholic High School** **OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 25th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Come meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover the programs that make our school so special.  
RSVP to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, [mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org) or 570-467-3335 ext. 116



### **NATIVITY BVM OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 570-622-8110 with any questions. Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jenifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions.

### **Webinar: "Reaching, Engaging, and Inspiring the Next Generation"**

Join us for an online workshop to assist parishes connect with the younger generations on Tuesday, January 27th 7:00PM. Webinar is open to clergy and parishioners. Facilitated by Maggie Riggins, Executive Director of Evangelization and Formation and Zelenda Hodgskin, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Workshop will assist participants in:

**Reaching** the Next Generation – Inviting those who have drifted away from their faith back into a relationship with the Church

**Engaging** the Next Generation – Encouraging deeper participation in parish life

**Inspiring** the Next Generation – Empowering young Catholics to embrace and respond to God's call joyfully. Use this zoom link to join the workshop: <https://zoom.us/j/93671793650>. Questions – Contact Maggie: [mriggins@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mriggins@allentowndiocese.org).

### **Fill Your Cup: Morning Retreat for Homeschooling & Young Mothers**

On Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 8am-12pm at Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem, the Office of Marriage & Family Life invites you to come and "Fill Your Cup" during a peaceful and uplifting morning designed especially for YOU, the woman who is always serving others. Allow yourself to be served - rest, reconnect, and be renewed in the presence of Christ and the company of women walking a similar journey. Enjoy a light breakfast, inspiring talk, small groups, and panel discussion. Mass & Confession will also be offered in the Church before the retreat starts. Register for FREE before January 19th at <https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/238296>.

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

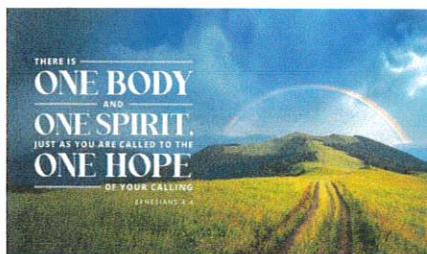
The Shenandoah Knights of Columbus Council #618 is proud to offer a scholarship to a graduating senior attending Shenandoah Valley High School, Marian Catholic, or Nativity BVM and residing within the boundaries of the Shenandoah Valley School District. This scholarship, honoring a deceased member of 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
- - Be a practicing Catholic
- - 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.

### **THANK YOU FROM THE BERNARDINE FRANCISCAN SISTERS**

Dear Pastor Isaac & Members of the Saint Joseph Community, As we celebrate Christmas, we joyfully remember the birth of the Child Jesus, who comes to us with love, peace, and hope. We sincerely thank you for your generous support of our mission. Your kindness is a true blessing & greatly appreciated. As the New Year begins, we pray it brings you good health, peace, and many blessings. Please know you remain in our prayers. Wishing you a blessed & joyful Christmas. *For all those who gave to the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters giving tree.*

*S. Jennifer Acosta R.*



### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026**

For the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25), the Catholic Church joins other Christians in praying for unity with the theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4), with resources prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church, focusing on reconciliation and the shared hope in Christ through prayers reflecting Armenian tradition, calling for a deeper fellowship and communal support.