St. Joseph the Worker Parish

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 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

99 North Line Street, Frackville, PA 17931
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

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.

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OCTOBER 25, 2026

--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, October 24, 2026
4:00 PM ***at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

5:30 PM **SJWP** Deceased members of the Kull and Chrin Families requested by John & Sharon Chrin

Sunday, October 25
9:00 AM ***at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

11:00 AM **SJWP** Richard Diener requested by Atty. & Mrs. Paul Domalakes

Monday, October 26
5:30 PM **SJWP** Bob Freiler requested by Don & Linda Lindenmuth
—SJWP Adoration 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, October 27
8:30 a.m. No Mass at SJWP

8:30 a.m. ***Mass at SCB-Ashland***
—SCB Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

Wednesday, October 28
8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, October 29
8:30 AM SJWP Don Navit requested by Mike & Diane Bloschichak
--SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, October 30
8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM ***Mass at SCB-Ashland***

Saturday, October 31
4:00 PM ***at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland***

5:30 PM **SJWP** Helen Staconis requested by Carol & Sylvia

Sunday, November 1—All Saints Day
9:00 AM ***at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland***

11:00 AM **SJWP** Bob Reilly requested by Nanny, Wife & Families

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 St. Joseph** burns in memory of Michael Kastroba requested by Chris.
The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Florence Sienkiewicz requested by Family.
The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for recovery and blessings of Taylor Houser from the NS Class of 2029.

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)

EUCHARISTIC 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 27, 2026—$3,393.50
Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and other collections.

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PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—October 31 & November 1, 2026
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:
Saturday, October 31
5:30 p.m. Jacob Ziegmont
Sunday, November 1
11:00 a.m. Matt and Mark Monahan
LECTOR:
Saturday, October 31
5:30 p.m. Ron Whalen
Sunday, November 1
11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Saturday, October 31
5:30 p.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Bernard Bruni
Sunday, November 1
8:30 a.m. Nursing Home: Bill Rowan
11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes **Choir:** Maggie Scherer

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.

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 thee 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.**

PRAY

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

October 25—PREP at home.
October 26—Adoration 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Confession 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
October 27—The 2027 Mass Intention Book will open at 9:30 a.m. Two Masses per active parishioner. Offering is $10 per Mass.
October 29—8:30 a.m. Mass with Adoration 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
October 31—Men's Spirituality Program meets at SJWP Rectory, 99 North Line Street, Frackville.
November 1—***Trunk or Treat "Come Meet the Saints"*** in SJWP Grove at 5:15 p.m. No Costumes please.

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.

DEFENDING THE FAITH LECTURE: A Theological and Philosophical Presentation

Once again, the Order of Malta will present a lecture to assist us in defending our faith. This will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 3:00 pm, at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike in Bethlehem, PA. The lecturer will be Rev. Frans J. Berkhout, M.Div., M.Ed., Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bethlehem. Father Frans is an outstanding speaker and Pilgrimage Chaplain. This will be a timely presentation due to the increase of secularism in our world, a deterrent to our faith. The lecture is free for all, although registration is requested by November 10 to provide an accurate count.
Register at tinyurl.com/MaltaNov15.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONFIRMANDI

Bishop Alfred Schlert confirmed both St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo children on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. They include the following: Brody Sebastian Ackell, Gracie Mae Justine Biogood, Irelynn Marie Butler, Gemma Teresa Capone, Dakotah Elizabeth Dumboski, Jacqueline Dymphna Czeponis, Joshua Francis Halaburda, Jr., Bristol Marie Klementovich, Ayden Carlo Kramer, Jonah Peter Leib, Olivia Anne Logozzo, Macy Rose Lukashunas, Callie Marie Macknis, Chase Michael McElhenny, Matt Maximillian Kolbe Monahan, Isael Francisco Moran, Autumm Eileen O'Donnell, Taylor Cecelia Reading, Ben Lawrence Trakes.

We extend our congratulations to each child and may the light of the Holy Spirit always burn brightly in you. Blessings on your Confirmation.

'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us". (Romans 5:5)

RESPECT LIFE MONTH OCTOBER 2026

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. …But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. …The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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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.

PARISH NEWS



PARISH OFFICE HAS MOVED

Please note the Parish Office has moved to 99 North Line Street, Frackville. Please use the front door and either ring the bell or knock on the door. Hours remain the same.
Monday through Friday –
8:30 to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Closed Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.
Thank you. Fr. Christopher Zelonis and Staff.

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!!!

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is seeking a dedicated and compassionate Principal to lead our school community. This is an opportunity to build on a strong foundation and continue the mission of providing quality education and support to students and adults with special needs.
If you or someone you know may be a good fit for this important role, please help us spread the word. For more information about the principal position, application instructions, and other current employment opportunities at SJC, please visit https://stjosephctr.com/employment-opportunitie

2027 MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, October 27 at 9:30 a.m. Two Masses (one weekend and one weekday) per active parish family. The offering per Mass is still $10.00.

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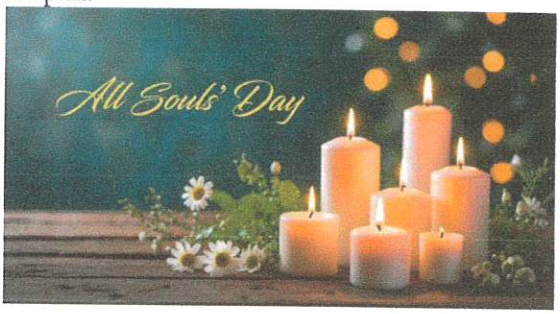
ALL SOULS DAY

If you would like to remember your loved ones in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please take an envelope from the vestibule. **Fill it out and place in the collection basket.** All envelopes will be placed on the altar for the entire month of November and the intentions will be remembered in each Mass.
Mass Schedule: Monday, November 2 at SCB, Ashland at 8:30 a.m.
Monday, November 2 at SJWP, Frackville at 5:30 p.m.



DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE "COME HOME TO MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH"

Diocesan Men's Conference "Come Home to Mary, Mother of the Church" on Saturday, November 21, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at DeSales University, 2755 Station Ave., Center Valley, PA. Speakers include Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University; Nathan Crankfield, Author & National Speaker; and Mark Houck, Apologist & Founder of The King's Men. Holy Mass at 4pm with Bishop Schlert, Confessions available, Breakfast & Lunch included.
Register at: menaliveinchrist.org/events
Info contact: Mark McDevitt at
email: markmcd@outlook.com or call 610-334-0330

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER HALLOW TIDE TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
(No Costumes please)
Come Meet the Saints behind St. Joseph the Worker Parish in the Parish Grove. To register a Saint Themed Trunk: contact – Carolyn at 570-617-3208.
If you would like to donate candy for this event (no peanuts) please place in bin in the vestibule of the church. We thank you for your assistance.

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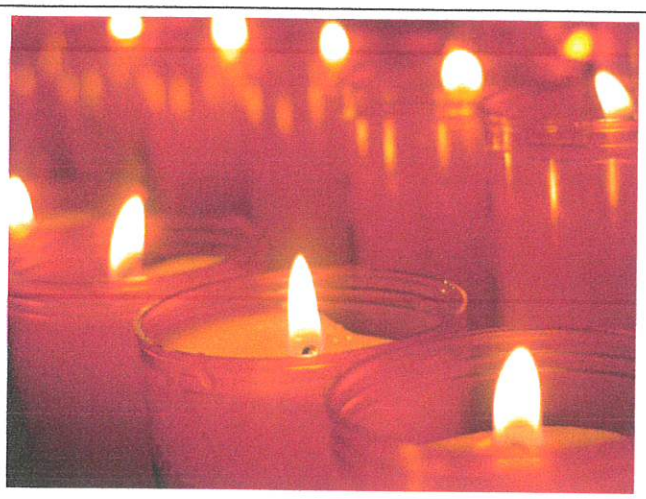


REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS 2026

This year the Remembrance Day Mass will be held at St. Charles Borromeo, 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland. It will be for the parishes of St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland and St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville.

Monday, November 9, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we gather together to honor the lives and memories of those who have gone before us.

A special time of prayer, remembrance and reflection as we celebrate the lives of our loved ones who remain forever in our hearts.

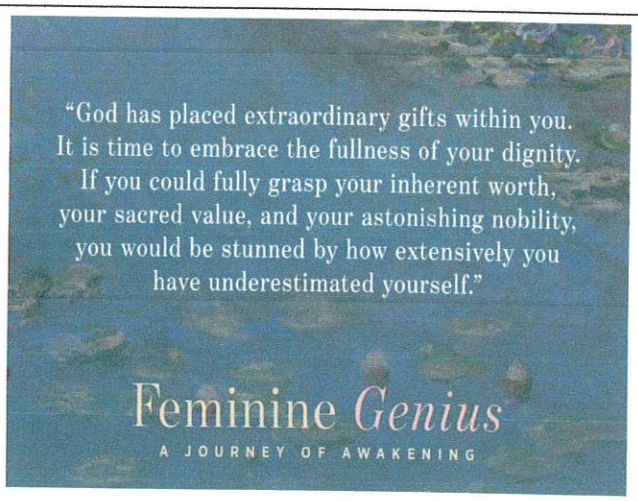
All are welcome to join!

ALL SAINT'S DAY HISTORY

All Saints' Day in the Catholic Church began as a feast for all Christian martyrs and gradually evolved into a solemn day honoring all saints and martyrs in heaven

Key Milestones in the History of All Saints' Day

- **609 AD (May 13):** Pope Boniface IV consecrated the ancient Roman Pantheon into a Christian church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all martyrs (*Santa Maria ad Martyres*). He placed cartloads of martyrs' bones beneath the altar, establishing a yearly commemoration on May 13.
- **8th Century (November 1 Shift):** Pope Gregory III (731–741) dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica on November 1 to honor all saints—expanding the focus from just martyrs to all saints and confessors.
- **837 AD:** Pope Gregory IV ordered the universal observance of All Saints' Day on November 1 across the entire Western Church, supported by the Frankish Emperor Louis the Pious.



DIOCESE - Turkey Trot Walking Challenge

Challenge Dates: October 25–November 25, 2026

Your Goal: Move 7,000 steps per day!

This individual movement challenge includes both steps and activities. As you log your movement, you'll progress along a virtual, turkey-shaped route, unlocking milestone pins along the way. Each milestone includes helpful wellness tips for reducing stress, eating better, and improving your overall health.

Who Can Participate?

All Diocese subscribers enrolled in the Capital Blue Cross medical plan are eligible. Spouses and dependents ages 18 and older are also invited to participate.

Register Today!

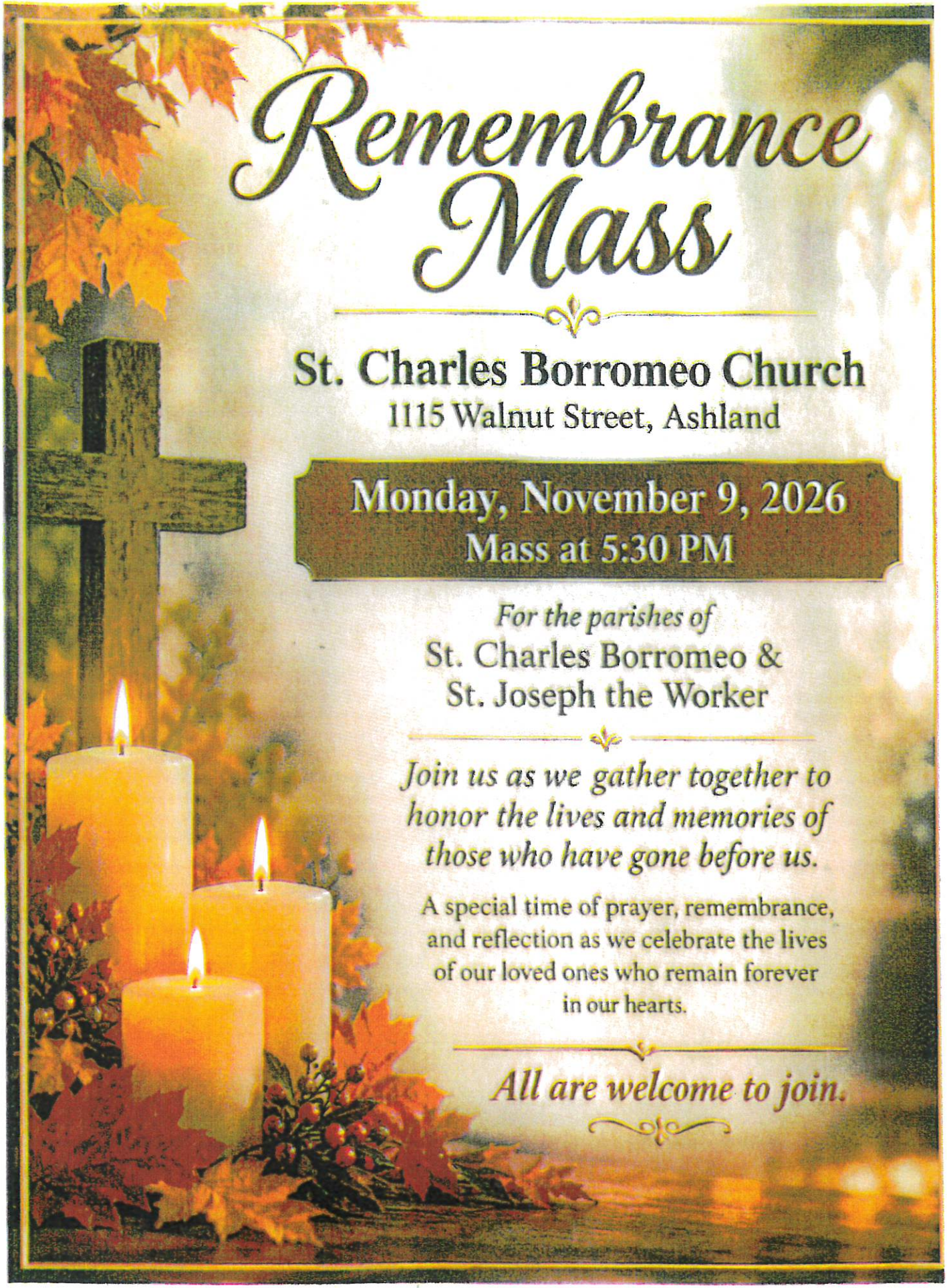
Registration is open for one week only, from October 19–24. The challenge begins Sunday, October 25, so don't miss your chance to join! Download the Be Well by Terryberry app on your Apple or Android device.

Register

at https://wellnessdioceseallentown.thrives.app/

An Extra Incentive!

For every 10 people who register and participate in the challenge, we'll hold a raffle for a $50 gift card! Whether you're looking for a little friendly competition or simply want to build healthy habits, the Turkey Trot is a great way to keep moving this fall. Lace up your walking shoes, invite your family members to join, and let's get walking!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