

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GIUSEPPE C. ESPOSITO, M.DIV., M.A.
PASTOR

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.nativitybvmm.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.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
DIRECT Phone line: (800) 791-9209
www.victimassistance@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 IN LENT—LAETARE SUNDAY

March 10, 2024



Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:30 PM Mildred Klem requested by Joe and Angie
St. Ann Babatsky

Sunday, March 10

8:00 AM Eve Alshon requested by Judy Williams
St. Ann

11:00 AM Robert Kraft requested by Valerie & John
St. Ann Bukowski

Monday, March 11

8:30 AM Smarr & Pengrin Families requested by
St. Ann Patty Smarr

6:00 PM Fifth session of *The Mass* at St. Joseph
the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville

Tuesday, March 12

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
St. Ann

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 AM For all those remembered in our Memorial
St. Ann Fund

Adoration after Mass until 12 noon

6:00 PM Lenten Ministerium Service at St.
John the Baptist Church, Frackville
(Fr. Esposito will be preaching)

Thursday, March 14

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
St. Ann

Adoration from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 15

8:30 AM **NO MASS**
St. Ann

6-7 PM Adoration, Confession 6:30 p.m. and
Stations 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Work-
er Parish, Frackville

Saturday, March 16

5:30 PM Oliver Klitsch requested by Sue and John
St. Ann Wislosky

Sunday, March 17

8:00 AM Enice Biacco requested by a Friend
St. Ann

11:00 AM Catholic Daughters of American, Ct.
St. Ann St. James#1029

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 knowing that they are not alone and all they need comes from You.



CANDLE OFFERINGS



The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for Special Intention by TMS.

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 Mother** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margaret Geary requested by Darlene and Dennis.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:10 to 5:25 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

Sunday: 7:45 to 7:55 a.m. (St. Ann Church)

The St. Ann Church location will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for those that want to visit and spend time with our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please remember that we have Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday after Mass until 12 noon and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Church location. Please schedule some time with our Lord. Holidays and various other dates..... times may differ. The Church is open daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 25, 2024—\$4,500.30

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

PARISH SURVEY-Disciple Maker Index

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Take the DMI survey today.

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/byc68b>

Your input helps strengthen our parish.

Results help leadership prepare for the future.

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey Parish Office. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at Parish Office before March 22, 2024. Info also on our website: **www.stjoesfrackville.com**

NEWS FROM DIOCESE AND PARISHES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER AND ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Lenten Penance Service—Thursday, March 21—St. Joseph the Worker Parish at 6:00 p.m. (for both parishes)

Palm Sunday Masses—Saturday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. both in the

SJWP Parish Hall. Also, Saturday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland
NO Mass on Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in **St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall**—after Mass Father and congregation will process to **St. Joseph the Worker Church (St. Ann)**. Adoration will take place until 11:00 p.m. with Night Prayer beginning at 10:45 p.m. There will be no Mass or Adoration at St. Charles Borromeo.

Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. in SJWP Parish Hall (for both Parishes)

Blessing of Easter Food, Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. at SJWP, Frackville (for both parishes)

Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland (for both parishes)

Easter Sunday: St. Joseph the Worker Cemetery, Frackville 6:30 a.m. (**bring your own chair**)

St. Vincent Worship Site, Girardville 8:00 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland 9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: We will have bins to collect old/used palm in the Parish Hall. The bins will be marked. Feel free to bring any and all old palm that week to deposit into these bins.

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 (9 seats left)

COST: \$150.00 (ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Daniel.



DINNER: after show, Buffet style meal at Shady Maple (included)

TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip Coach bus transportation (included)

Reserve your seat early.

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of reservation. Total payment due by April 5, 2024.

Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance including live animals and special effects.

Spend an enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow parishioners.

All reservation can be made at St. Charles Parish Office 570-875-1521.

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 DIVINE MERCY PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pre-School will be held at the Fr. Walter Cizek Education Center (Trinity Academy), 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA.

Phone: 570-462-3927. *Registration Fee for 2024-2025 is \$75.00. Children ages 3, 4 and 5 welcome for half and/or full day Pre-school classes Monday through Friday. Our Pre-School Program follows a modified Montessori method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided.

The Pre-School is under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study.

Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 570-462-3927 for more info or to request a registration packet.

All community registrations will begin the week of February 20th. Please mark this on your calendar.

Daily Masses With Bishop Schlert, Because We Are Catholic

Thursday, April 25 - Sacred Heart, Palmerton - 8:30 am

Wednesday, May 22 - St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield - 8:30 am

Monday, September 9 - Our Lady of Mercy, Easton - 8:00 am

Thursday, September 12 - Holy Guardian Angels, Reading - 8:00 am

Monday, September 16 - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City - 6:00 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday.

Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today’s Gospel describes the reason for our joy:

God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus.

Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection,
Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Our children and our program are deeply grateful to Father Esposito for donating the proceeds from “Cooks with Collars” to benefit PREP.

You may ask, “What is PREP?” and “How does it work?”.

The PREP Program is held in our Parish on Sunday nights from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Formerly known as the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), the program has its beginnings in 16th Century Milan as a system of “Sunday Schools”. Pope Pius X mandated the establishment of CCD in every parish in 1905 in his letter *Acerbo nimis*, as a means by which priests and laymen pledged to instruct both children and adults in Christian Doctrine. The program has evolved since its inception to provide religious education for children who do not attend parochial school.

Parents and other caring adults ARE, and will always be, the primary instructors of our Parish children. PREP provides an added component, or supplement, to their direction.

PREP provides education for children from Pre-K through 8th grade, preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. 2 years of continuous PREP is required for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Successful completion of PREP for Grades 3 through 8 allows for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our program is staffed by career educators, community professionals, and individuals who have a passion for sharing their Catholic Faith with our youth. Each catechist is fully vetted and complies with all State and Diocesan Safe Environment Requirements.

Besides Basic Catechism, our program also provides monthly Mass, 40 Hours Devotions, Safe Environment Training for Children, Living Rosary, Thanksgiving Food Drive, our annual Christmas Pageant, the Soup-er Bowl collection and Operation Rice Bowl – both of which benefit our local Food Pantry, Eucharistic Exposition, Living Stations, and May Procession. We also provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Christmas and Easter time for students and catechists.

We are presently seeking caring individuals to work with our program. One full-time catechist is currently needed, as well as several substitutes. Team Teaching is also available if you are unable to commit to full-time. All Diocesan requirements must be completed in advance.

If interested, please contact Eileen Barlow, DRE, (570-590-4332 or nannyb@ptd.net) or the Parish Office at 570-874-0610, x 4. Our children are the future of our Church. We are committed to making sure they continue to have a loving relationship with God and their Church for generations to come.

Catholic Charities Annual Gala

April 14, 2024 at 2pm

DeSales University, Center Valley PA

Honoring

Very Rev. Msgr. William Glessner

Anthony & Evelyn Cartagno

Special \$75/pp ticket price for Schuylkill County Residents

Call 610-435-1541 or email catholiccharities@allentowndiocese.org

for more information