

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

FATHER BRIAN M. MILLER, M.DIV., M.A.—PASTOR

FATHER FRANCIS IROOT, AJ—PAROCHIAL VICAR

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday—8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

Seven South Broad Mountain Avenue
Frackville, PA 17931
Telephone: (570) 874-0610—Fax: (570) 874-0969
Mass Schedule: Ext. 5, Parish Office: Ext. 1, Parish Secretary
Ext. 4, Confessions/Adoration Ext. 7, Holy Days Ext. 6,
Bookkeeper Ext. 2, Director of Youth Ministry Ext. 9
Email: frackvillerc3@verizon.net
Parish web site:
www.stjoesfrackville.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed for federal holidays/holydays.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in this process.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Cizek, SJ,
Sr. Margaret M. McCullough, Principal
233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976
Telephone: (570) 462-3927,
www.TrinityMatters.com

Marian Catholic High School
Mrs. Jean Susko, Principal
166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252
Telephone: (570) 467-3335, Website:
www.mariancatholics.org

Nativity B.V.M. High School
Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901
Telephone: (570) 622-8110, www.nativitybvm.net

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.
2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville, PA 17901
570-622-4638 Fax: 570-622-3420 www.stjosephctr.com

St. Joseph Parish Complex Locations

49 North Line Street &
33 S. Broad Mountain Avenue

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism- The sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. 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.victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT
Phone: (610) 332-0442, Ext. 2019
mcole@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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 PM John & Catherine Slotcavage & Family
requested by Families

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM Marie Costa requested by Fr. Dominik Kalata

10:00 AM Ed Wascavage requested by Mary Lou &
Jim Barry

11:30 AM Charles F. Gownley requested by Jim & Kay
Miller

Monday, December 23

7:30 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve (Parish Hall)

4:00 PM For all living & deceased parishioners of
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

9:00 PM For all living & deceased parishioners of
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day (Parish Hall)

10:00 AM For all living & deceased parishioners of
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Thursday, December 26

7:30 AM NO MASS
No Adoration

Friday, December 27

7:30 AM God's blessing & full recovery of Sylvia
Yonalunas requested by Friend

Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM Carol Boychak requested by Fred, Colette
& Jacob

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM Helen Dunn requested by Marian & Dennis
Marham

10:00 AM Robert & Anna Smith requested by Family

11:30 AM Deceased of the Susan & Cickavage Families
requested by Dot & Frank



PRAY FOR:

All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely. 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 the Sacred Heart** burns as a memorial for Stanley F., Ann and Stanley G. Rakowsky requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Delmar Phillips, Sr. requested by Wife & Sons.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Eva Kubeyka requested by Children and Grandchildren.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Alshon requested by wife, Eve and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

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 a Special Intention requested by TMS.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Robert and Anna Smith requested by Family.

The **Sanctuary Light** burns for a Special Intention requested by Mary Jane Recla.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. & Sunday: 8:05 a.m.,
Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.—7:55 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel & Youth Center at 27 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville. **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. Every Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Silent) Adoration in St. Ann Church. 7:30 p.m. Confessions, 7:55 p.m. Benediction.** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3:00 p.m. during the Chapel Adoration.

HOLY HOUR—The Pro-Life Holy Hour takes place the second Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Anyone wishing to commit to thirty minutes or an hour may call 570-874-3001. Please remember there is always a substitute available, if you are unable to make your designated time.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Ministry is available for those needing assistance in planning a funeral service and to provide grief support. Your option of a call or visit. Call **Parish Office 570-874-0610** if you wish to be contacted.

RCIA- If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Miller at the Parish Office 570-874-0610.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection: December 8, 2019: \$8,412.00

Second Collection: December 8, 2019: \$288.45

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

PARISH NEWS

LITURGY OF THE WORD - FOR CHILDREN—"ALLELU"



Allelu! — Children's Liturgy of the Word—is available every other Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All parish children ages Pre-school through second grade are welcome to attend.

Next Allelu, today, Sunday, December 22

Ministry Schedule—December 28-29

Servers:

4:00 p.m. — Janelle Ziegmont
8:30 a.m. — Kylie Meskunas
10:00 a.m.— Megan Bane
11:30 a.m. — Caelan & Shane Quick

Lectors:

4:00 p.m. — Diane Rowland
8:30 a.m. — Madison Dando
10:00 a.m. — Angela Pyzowski
11:30 a.m.— Peggy Fetterolf

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 p.m. — Tom Sullivan **Choir:** Teri Krolick
8:30 a.m. — Jean Dando **Choir:** Mary Lou Michaels
Nursing Home: Theresa Horas
10:00 a.m. — Angela Pyzowski **Choir:** Maggie Scherer
11:30 a.m. — Joe Bane **Choir:** Gerald Campomizzi

Christmas Ministry Schedule — December 24/25 **PARISH HALL**

Servers: December 24

4:00 p.m. — Abbey & Kerrigan Digris & Janelle Ziegmont
9:00 p.m. — Ryan Evert, Kylie Meskunas and Katherine & Matthew Dimmick

December 25

10:00 a.m. — Shane & Caelan Quick

Lectors: December 24

4:00 p.m. — Diane Rowland
9:00 p.m. — Ron Whalen

December 25

10:00 a.m. — Larry Domalakes

Eucharistic Ministers: December 24

4:00 p.m. — Mary Lou Michaels, Teri Krolick
Choir: Sr. Patricia
9:00 p.m. — Gerald Campomizzi, Patti Domalakes
Choir: Ron Whalen

December 25

10:00 a.m. — Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

Solemnity of Mary Schedule—December 31/January 1 **St. Ann Church Complex**

Servers: December 31

4:00 p.m.—Abbey & Kerrigan Digris

January 1, 2020

10:00 a.m.—Mark & Maria Monahan

Lectors: December 31

4:00 p.m.—Carolyn Tenaglia

January 1, 2020

10:00 a.m.—Mary Jo Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: December 31

4:00 p.m.—Ron Whalen **Choir:** Sr. Patricia

January 1, 2020

10:00 a.m.—Maggie Scherer **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH **UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 24— NO Bible Study

December 26— NO Adoration

December 26—NO daily Mass

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY will take place at all Masses this weekend, December 21 & 22. Parishioners are asked to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scene for a special blessing.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR—Any child interested in singing with the children's choir for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is welcome to do so. Practice is 12/22 from 5—6 p.m. in St. Ann Church. Many voices are needed—we especially need children in grades 5—8 but all are welcome!!!

January 6 CAT I—The Creed Online Announcement
CAT I—The Creed. An overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding Symbol of our Faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. The course is highly recommended for Catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, *I believe...* This course will be presented Online by Cassie Boccardi and is scheduled from Monday, January 6 to Sunday, February 2, 2020. Cost is \$35. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/icf.
ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these course.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL—on Sunday, January 12, Nativity will be hosting an Open House and Registration for the 2020-2021 school year. School tours, presentations and displays will begin at 1:00 p.m. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. Members of the entire Nativity community will be available to answer your questions. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND—WOLF channel 56 (Fox) at 8:00 a.m.—Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this Advent Season? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in the coming of our Savior's birth. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Just as those who see the light are illuminated by the light and share its brilliance, so those who see God and share God's splendor.”

—St. Gregory the Great

2019 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, December 21 at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 22 at 8:05 a.m. **LAST CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS**
(All confessions heard in the St. Ann Church Complex)

MASSES:

Regular weekend Mass –Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. –Sundays 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
and 11:30 a.m.

(All Masses celebrated in the St. Ann Church Complex)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 (Children’s Mass) and 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

(The above Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Hall at Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue)

NO daily Mass or Adoration on Thursday, December 26, 2019

NEW YEAR’S EVE/DAY: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

(The above two Masses will be celebrated in the St. Ann Church Complex)

**The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24
through the holidays and will re-open on Monday, January 6, 2020.**

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

