

# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GUENCY ISAAC  
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
Deacon John M. Sutter

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  
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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.assumptionbvmschool.net](http://www.assumptionbvmschool.net)

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 Randel 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.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](http://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](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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## DECEMBER 28, 2025



### Saturday, December 27, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP God's blessings for Sylvia Yonalunas's 100th Birthday love, Carol and Family

### Sunday, December 28

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

11:00 AM SJWP Ron McCloskey requested by Michael Boris

### Monday, December 29

5:30 PM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—

*No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo*

### Tuesday, December 30

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM *No Mass at SCB-Ashland*

—SCB Adoration 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.—

### Wednesday, December 31—Vigil for Holy Day of Obligation

6:00 PM SJWP Charles Yonalunas, Charles Thomas & Robert J. Reilly III requested by Sylvia Yonalunas

### Thursday, January 1—Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM SJWP No Mass at SJWP

9:00 AM SCB Mass for Holy Day of Obligation

### Friday, January 2

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *No Mass at SCB-Ashland*

### Saturday, January 3

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

5:30 PM SJWP Rose Matthews requested by Bill Hayek & Family

### Sunday, January 4

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

11:00 AM SJWP Living & deceased of Wayne, Croake, Kenney & Waegelein Families requested by Eileen Wayne

**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 St. Joseph burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Family.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother burns in memory of Andrew & Rose Marie Kergick by Darlene and Dennis.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother burns in honor of Sylvia Yonalunas 100th Birthday from a Friend.

The Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony burns for Special Intentions.

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 Blessed Mother burns for God's blessings on Sylvia Yonalunas on her 100th Birthday from daughter, Carol and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for St. Joseph the Worker Parish.



### 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)

### EUCCHARISTIC 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 7, 2025—\$5,273.33

*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 3-4, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

### **SERVERS:**

**Saturday, January 3**

5:30 p.m. Rosalyn & Gwendolyn Jacobs

**Sunday, January 4**

11:00 a.m. Michael Fantanarosa & Kyra Krapf

### **LECTORS:**

**Saturday, January 3**

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok

**Sunday, January 4**

11:00 a.m. Alexander Krapf

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, January 3**

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

**Sunday, January 4**

8:30 a.m. **Nursing Home:** Angela Pyzowski

11:00 a.m. Jean Dando **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.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-VIGIL 12/31/2025

### **SERVERS:**

6:00 p.m. at SJWP—Maria and Mark Monahan

### **LECTOR:**

6:00 p.m. at SJWP—Diane Rowland

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

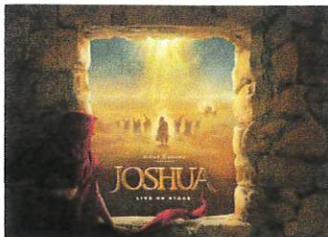
6:00 p.m. at SJWP—Joe Babatsky **Choir:** Mike Boychak

## SCB, Ashland Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation

**THURSDAY —01/01/26 at 9:00 a.m.**

## 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!



## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

**December 28—NO Prep**

**December 29—NO Adoration, Confessions or Mass**

**December 31—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation** 6 p.m. Mass at SJWP, Frackville

**January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation** 9:00 a.m. Mass at SCB, Ashland

**January 4—PREP** 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SCB in Ashland

### **PREP Sacrament Dates:**

**March 7, 2026—11:00 a.m. First Penance** at SJWP, Frackville

**May 2, 2026—10:00 a.m. Both St. Charles and St. Joseph** will receive First Holy Communion at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland.

## THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS WISHES, CARDS AND GIFTS

I'm so grateful for your thoughtful gifts and for you. I pray for a blessed and peaceful New Year for each of you.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness during this Christmas Season.

Blessings and prayers, Fr. Guency Isaac

## MEN, MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

**MEN:** More information about the Men's Spirituality Group which will start on January 10, 2026 and run through April 11 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. We will be meeting approximately every other week to view a video series entitled "The Search" and then have a small-group discussion about the session. The first session will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office, 7 South Broad Mountain Avenue in Frackville. The second session will be on January 24 at St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland. Meetings will alternate between Frackville and Ashland. **MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BECOME THE MAN GOD CALLS YOU TO BE!**

## MUSTARD SEEDLINGS

Beginning in 2026, all moms from the newly pregnant to pre-k parenting stage are invited to **St. John the Baptist in Pottsville** for fellowship and faith formation. The first meeting is **Thursday January 8, 9:30am-11:00am.**

There will be activities for kids and coffee for the moms! Join the group on Facebook to get updates and a full 2026 schedule. The group is also seeking volunteers and material support in the form of toy/craft supply donations. Email [mrgreclundcontent@gmail.com](mailto:mrgreclundcontent@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.



The Vocations Crucifix continues to travel from parish home to parish home. We are nearing the end of our list of families wanting to host the crucifix. If you want, you keep the crucifix in your home for two weeks and, while it's there, you and your family make an effort to increase prayers for vocations. Families are welcome to take a second turn but we also encourage new families to volunteer. Please contact Carolyn Tenaglia (570-617-3208) if you would like to add your family to the list of host families.

**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.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY #748**

"We, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748, again this year, wish to thank all staff, parishioners and guests, for their support. Merry Christmas and have a blessed and happy holiday season. We continue to seek new members. If interested, please contact Carole Syzdek, 570-467-3744"

**HEATING OIL RAFFLE WINNERS!**

#1-Sue Wislosky ticket number #526

#2-Mary Cecchini ticket number #554

#3-John Chernewski ticket number #556

Each winner will be sent a \$200.00 check made out to their oil dealer.

We thank everyone that participated in this raffle and made it such a success. Your continued support of your parish is greatly appreciated.

**Net profit—\$2,507.00**

**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 at 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).



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

The Feast of the Holy Family in 2025 falls on **Sunday, December 28, 2025**, as it's a moveable feast celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave (eight days) of Christmas, usually between December 26 and December 31, serving as a model for Christian families. It honors Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the ideal family, emphasizing faith, love, and devotion, with specific readings from Sirach and Psalm 128 for that day.