

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 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

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

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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.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.

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--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, September 19, 2026

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Gudleski Family requested by Family

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Robert Keys requested by Ed & Lynda Halaburda

Monday, September 21

5:30 PM SJWP Living & deceased members of Karas & Barry Families

—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 a.m. No Mass at SJWP

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

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, September 24

8:30 AM SJWP Becky Markley requested by Tom & Marianne Biscoe
-- SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, September 25

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM Mass at SCB-Ashland

Saturday, September 26

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Bob Ackell requested by Mary Lou & Jim Barry

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP For all those remembered in our Memorial Fund

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 the Blessed Mother** burns for Max and all military--Love, Mom and Dad.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for all members of 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)

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. (SJWP)

Monday: 4:30 to 5:30 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

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

August 23, 2026—\$3,721.00

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



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—September 26-27, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, September 26

5:30 p.m. Olivia Yurkonis

Sunday, September 27

11:00 a.m. Eleanor Rall

LECTOR:

Saturday, September 26

5:30 p.m. Janelle Ziegmont

Sunday, September 27

11:00 a.m. Paul Luke Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, September 26

5:30 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Ron Whalen

Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Nursing Home: Eileen Barlow & Bernard Bruni

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Joe Bane

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.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any child that has received their First Holy Communion qualifies to become an altar server. If you are interested, kindly call the Parish Office 570-874-0610 ext. 4 and let us know. Training will begin soon.

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 the 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.

FORGIVENESS

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

September 20—Kid's Choir Practice at 4 p.m. in church.

September 20—Opening Mass for 8th Gr. PREP in St. Joseph the Worker Church.

September 21—Adoration 1 to Mass Time and Confessions 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

September 24—Morning Mass is at SJWP with Adoration following until 7 p.m.

September 26—Men's Spirituality Program meets at SJWP Rectory, 99 North Line Street, Frackville

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.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY LOTS

Please note cemetery lots are available for purchase. A single grave is currently \$550.00 plus the Endowment Care (Perpetual Care) \$350 per grave. **Effective September 30, 2026, the price will increase to \$650 per grave and \$450 per grave for Endowment Care.** If you are thinking of purchasing a cemetery plot, we are giving you the opportunity to do it prior to the rate increase. Should you have any questions, kindly contact the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4.

PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Kids choir is preparing to sing at the opening Mass for PREP on Sunday, 9/20 here in our church.

Any child interested in singing is asked to be at practice the same day at 4:00 p.m. in the church. After practice we will have some pizza and then stay and sing for Mass at 6:00 p.m. Kaitlyn Fetterolf will also be assisting Carolyn Tengalia with the Children's Choir. Thank you to both.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Friends group on **Monday, September 21** immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Approx. 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the hall behind the church. All members and new members are encouraged to attend.

ST. CHARLES PARISH BASKET AUCTION **1115 Walnut Street, Ashland, PA 17921**

The members of Saint Charles Borromeo parish in Ashland invite everyone to come to our annual basket auction on **Sunday, September 20th**. Tons of great prizes! Something for everyone in the family including lots of children's prizes!

Food trucks for each shop n drop.

Shop n Drop Hours	FOOD TRUCK
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Sept. 20 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	SCB Kitchen
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(Prize drawing will begin at 2pm)

We appreciate your support!

GRAND PRIZES

\$1500 Cash, \$500 in Gift Cards, \$300 in Lottery

Tickets plus \$200 cash, \$300 Walmart Gift Card

Kids prizes, Gift cards and so much more!!!!

(Small Games of Chance License \$10498)

SHOWER OF ROSES FESTIVAL

October 4, 2026 The Shrine of St. Therese

One East Garibaldi Avenue, Nesquehoning

11:00 a.m. – Food Sale

1:00 p.m. – Mass – Rev. Thomas Osei Gyau, Celebrant

2:00 p.m. – Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30 p.m.-- Recital of the Rosary

4:00 p.m. – Novena/Benediction; Rose distribution

Ethnic foods, spaghetti dinner, raffle tickets.

For more info call 570-645-2664 or

Visit: www.shrineofsainttherese.com



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!

THE DIOCESE' 65TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Diocese of Allentown's 65th Anniversary Family Festival will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield. This joyful gathering will be a special opportunity for our diocesan family to come together in celebration of 65 years of faith, community, and service. There are several ways to participate: Sponsor a Saint-themed Trunk-or-Treat station. Offer a children's or family activity. Volunteer with setup, cleanup, or festival activities. Sell food, with all proceeds remaining with your parish. There is no fee to participate in the Family Festival, and tables and chairs will be provided. The Festival will begin at noon and conclude with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at 4:30 PM. The event will be held rain or shine, with a variety of activities taking place under tents. We are especially in need of volunteers to help make this celebration a success, and the Festival is a wonderful opportunity for students to earn service hours. *Please submit your registration no later than September 29, 2026.* Contact

Michele Mullikin mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org and 610-871-5200, ext. 2282, or Pam Russo prusso@allentowndiocese.org and 610-871-5200, ext. 2204.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH POTTSVILLE

Eat In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by St. Patrick Church

Sunday, October 4

11:00 am to 2:00 pm (or sell out)

313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville

Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.