

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

FATHER GUENCY ISAAC
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR
Deacon John M. Sutter

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.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 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

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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

NOVEMBER 9, 2025



Saturday, November 8, 2025

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

5:30 PM SJWP Ann Marie O'Connell requested by Blozusky Family

Sunday, November 9

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

11:00 AM SJWP John Usalis requested by Atty. & Mrs. Paul Domalakes

Monday, November 10—Remembrance Mass

5:30 PM SJWP Ann & Jack Cicioni requested by Children & Grandchildren
—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, November 11

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

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

Wednesday, November 12

8:30 AM SJWP For all those remembered in our Memorial Fund
—SJWP Adoration 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, November 13

8:30 AM No Mass at either parish

Friday, November 14

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP, Frackville

8:30 AM *Mass at SCB-Ashland*

Saturday, November 15

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

5:30 PM SJWP Michael Gudleski requested by Family

Sunday, November 16

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

11:00 AM SJWP Mary Anne McCormick requested by Mike & Diane Bloschichak

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 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 in memory of Alan Achenbach by Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for blessings and peace of a Special Intention.

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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St. Joseph the Worker Church will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except as noted above. When Office is closed, so will the church. Thank you.

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

October 19, 2025—\$5,831.00

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 or you can go to

our website to find the link.

Parish website: www.stjoesfrackville.com

PARISH NEWS

Ministry Schedule—November 15-16, 2025

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, November 15

5:30 p.m. Olivia Yurkonis

Sunday, November 16

11:00 a.m. Eleanor Rall

LECTORS:

Saturday, November 15

5:30 p.m. Diane Rowland

Sunday, November 16

11:00 a.m. Patti Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, November 15

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

Sunday, November 16

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

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. This gives them time to be ready for you when you arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS

We will have a Remembrance Day Mass for both parishes—St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker on **Monday,**

November 10 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville.

The Sullivan Funeral Home will be offering a memorial gift for anyone that has lost a loved one this past year. Please call/text Tim Sullivan at 570-573-4288.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES' AUXILIARY-

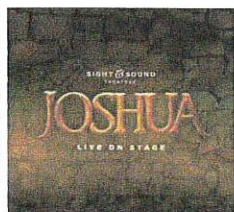
Fr. Sheridan Council #748 (previously #2580)

Attention: The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748, will meet on **Wednesday, November 12 at 6 p.m. in Hall located behind the St. Joseph the Worker Church (St. Ann's)** I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. For more info, contact Carole Syzdek, President 570-467-3744.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RETIRED AND INFIRMED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 13 & 14, 2025.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP TO JOSHUA—Due to increasing ticket costs the cost is \$172. The total cost includes your ticket to Sight and Sound—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 SCB Parish office to make your reservation, please make down payment within a week) Final payment is due on March 20, 2026. SCB Parish Office 570-875-1521.** Fr. 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

November 9—PREP Family at-home activity

November 10—Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass time, Confessions 5:10 to 5:25 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m.—**Remembrance Day Mass**

November 10-11—OFFICE CLOSED

November 12—Mass 8:30 a.m. Adoration until 11 a.m.

2026 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

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 on May 2 at St. Charles Borromeo in Ashland.

PREP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a volunteer PREP teacher to begin teaching December 7, 2025. The individual will need their diocesan background check and clearances. Please call the parish office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4 for more info.

2025 SJWP FESTIVAL RESULTS

Thank you again to all who helped to make our festival a success.

The following are the finances from the festival:

Total deposits: \$42,011.00

Expenses: 15,474.56

Net Profit: \$26,536.44

Breakdown—Food sales \$30,171.00

Raffle 4,970.00

Baskets 1,580.00

Sponsors 5,290.00

Total: \$42,011.00

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Homemade food: soups, pigeons, haluski, BBQ, beefaroni and assorted baked goods. Eat in or take out. Large rummage sale. New this year! Stop in and take a chance on a Santa sign worth \$250 (cash plus rub off lottery tickets) just in time for Christmas!

St. Anne Guild Autumn Candy Sale—nothing tastes better than homemade. Orders may be placed by calling the Parish Office at **570-875-1521. All orders must be in by November 10th.** There are four kinds of candy to choose from:

Coconut Crème—One pound \$12

Peanut Butter—One pound \$12

Butter Cream—One pound \$12

Butter Cream rolled in peanuts—One pound \$14

Pickup at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center, 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland, PA 17921.

2026 St. Joseph Missals are available at St. Charles Borromeo to purchase. \$8.00 each.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to remember any of your deceased loved ones in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during the month of November, kindly pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the church. Fill it out, place your donation in the envelopes and drop in the collection basket. Do **NOT** place on the altar.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER HEATING OIL RAFFLE

Friends of St. Joseph the Worker is sponsoring a holiday heating oil raffle to help support our parish. You will be mailed two \$10 tickets in October. Please help by selling or purchasing. The ticket returns are to be returned by way of Collection basket or dropping off at the office by December 10, 2025. Those who win will be given the choice of where to get their heating source from....whether oil, coal, etc. Three winners will be drawn.

Winners will be drawn on December 13, 2025 after 5:30 p.m. Mass by Fr. Guency.

Thank you in advance for your support and help with this event.

THE FRACKVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY is taking orders for Fresh Holiday Greens as a fundraiser. Wreaths, swags, cemetery crosses, white birch logs and much more are available to order. The deadline to order is November 17, 2025. Delivery date is Monday, December 1, 2025. To order call the Frackville Library at 570-874-3382, view the order from on the Frackville Library Facebook page or stop in the Frackville Library at 56 North Lehigh Avenue, Frackville.

Thank you for supporting the Frackville Library fundraiser.

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

The Bishop's Commission for Women invites all women of the Diocese to a peaceful day of community, prayer, and reflection this Advent season. Join us on **Saturday, December 13, 2025**, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Allentown from 8:30am - 1:00pm. As Advent Women, we are called, like Mary Our Mother, to be bearers of Hope to our families and communities. Come, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, and rediscover your identity as a bearer of light in a world of darkness. **Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.**

Learn more and register at <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/womens-advent-retreat-2025>.

Restore: Healing Retreat for Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma

Thursday, Nov 13-Sunday, Nov 16, 2025 at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA. This retreat is for women healing from sexual betrayal trauma due to an intimate partner's infidelity, pornography use or sex addiction. God longs for us to live from the truth that we are His beloved daughters, carefully created and infinitely loved. The traumas we've suffered, and the subsequent emotional and spiritual wounding, keep us tethered to identity lies, distortions and adverse patterns of thinking and relating. Through unique, facilitated healing encounters, we listen for the Holy Spirit's promptings as He reveals the wounds, the memories, the circumstances that caused dis-integration within us. With Him, we are gently invited into a fully integrated experience – mind, heart, body, spirit, soul. Come...and let Him Restore you!

Retreat Leaders: Father Allen Hoffa of the Diocese of Allentown, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden.

Email De at de@youaremadenew.com with questions. For more information and to register, go to: <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-retreats-betrayal-trauma/>.

TURKEY DINNERS IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

The **Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils** will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable, and dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (27 November 2025). If you know of a person who is in need of a meal, or if you are a person who is in need of a meal, please call either 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333 and leave the following information if no one answers the phone (**name, phone number only**) and we will get back to you. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement we have for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is 20 November 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in order to order the required items for the meal. Thank you.

Also, anyone who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to Saint Patrick's social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8:00 a.m. You can sign up for an area you may know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1:00 p.m.

"COME AND SEE" DAY OF DISCERNMENT

On Sunday, November 16, the Office of Vocations is holding a "Come and See" Day of Discernment at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Ambler, PA. This is a one-day event for young men currently in 9th through 12th grade. Such events are often critical in encouraging young men to consider the Lord's call to the priesthood. The event is free, but registration **MUST** be received by email to the

Diocese of Allentown Office of Vocations by November 13, 2025!

All details on registration can be found at our website: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/come-and-see-day>

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

November 9, 2025

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is important because it is the official cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the ecclesiastical seat of the Pope as the Bishop of Rome, holding the unique title of Archbasilica. It is also the oldest and highest-ranking of Rome's four major papal basilicas, earning it the title "mother of all churches". The basilica holds immense historical and spiritual significance as the first public church in the Roman Empire, built after Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity.

"**Lateran**" refers to a specific site in Rome that is home to the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and the pope's cathedral church as bishop of Rome. "**Lateran**" can also refer to the adjacent palace (now a museum), the Lateran Councils, or a specific type of lectern in Scottish churches.

Our Priests...

Celebrate Mass, baptize us, and hear our confessions. They bless us, mourn with us, and minister to us throughout our lives. They have devoted their lives to the service of God and the Diocese of Allentown. As they age, we, in turn, are called to minister to their needs. Let us show our commitment to our priests by helping to provide for their care in retirement.



"Holy Family Villa in Bethlehem is a residence for retired priests of the Diocese of Allentown. Most of us who reside at the Villa would not be able to live on our own. The staff is very caring and friendly. We are blessed to have this facility. All of us are grateful to the benefactors who help maintain the Villa. We pray for our benefactors."

—Msgr. Gerald E. Gobitis

PURPOSE

The purpose of The Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests is to provide a long-term source of funding to meet the future needs of retired priests in good standing who have faithfully served the Catholics in the Diocese of Allentown.

HOW TO GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT FOR THE CARE OF RETIRED PRIESTS

- Make an outright gift of cash.
- You may also make a planned gift to The Endowment through your will or through other means such as a charitable gift annuity that could be a source of income for you. *Information on planned giving can be found on the back of this brochure.*

Please know that any amount you wish to contribute to The Endowment, no matter how great or small, will be accepted with great appreciation. All gifts to The Endowment are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

NEED FOR THE ENDOWMENT

When a Diocesan priest is ordained, he makes a lifelong commitment to serve the needs of the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown. In return, the Diocese makes a commitment to the priest to provide for his basic well-being during his lifetime, including retirement. The normal retirement age for a priest in our Diocese is 75. Retirement costs including insurance, healthcare, prescription drugs, skilled nursing care, and housing and sustenance continue to escalate. At present, approximately one-third of Diocesan priests are retired.

The Diocese of Allentown currently pays for the retirement needs of priests through the *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal* and the Diocesan operating budget. Due to the ever increasing costs of care, which now exceeds \$2.7 million per year, the Diocese has created this Endowment Fund as an additional source of funding to cover these expenses in the future.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A DONATION

Please call 800-831-4443 or visit www.weloveourpriests.org. Donations can be mailed to:

Diocese of Allentown
The Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests
Post Office Box F • Allentown, Pennsylvania 18105-1538

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

2026 LOTTERY CALENDARS

SALES BEGINS NOV. 15/16

Can be purchased after Mass
in the back of church or at the
office during the week.

**\$15 FOR THREE
MONTH SET**

(JAN., FEB., MAR. 2026)

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