



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

--MASS INTENTIONS--

Saturday, September 26, 2026

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

Monday, September 28

5:30 PM SJWP Donovan & Goncalves Families requested by Mary Goncalves & Family

—SJWP Adoration 1 p.m. to Mass Time—

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Tuesday, September 29

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 30

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

No Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, October 1

8:30 AM SJWP Jeff Krolick requested by his Family

-- SJWP Adoration 9 to 11 a.m.—

No Mass at SCB-Ashland

Friday, October 2

8:30 AM No Mass at SJWP

8:30 AM Mass at SCB-Ashland

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo-Ashland

5:30 PM SJWP Francis Goncalves requested by wife, Mary and Family

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

11:00 AM SJWP Albert & Cecelia Karpovich & Francis & Helen Heine requested by Family

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 in memory of Eleanor Achenbach by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for my beautiful wife, Felicia Bruni for a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary. May God bless. Love Bernard.

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 30, 2026—\$3,122.00

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—October 3-4, 2026 St. Joseph the Worker Parish

SERVERS:

Saturday, October 3

5:30 p.m. Helena, Rosalyn & Gwendolyn Jacobs

Sunday, October 4

11:00 a.m. Mark and Matt Monahan

LECTOR:

Saturday, October 3

5:30 p.m. Ron Whalen

Sunday, October 4

11:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday, October 3

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Tenaglia **Choir:** Ron Whalen

Sunday, October 4

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

11:00 a.m. Deacon John Sutter **Choir:** Larry Domalakes

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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next weekend, September 26-27 there will be a second collection for the church in Latin America.

Please be as generous as possible.

Thank you in advance and God bless.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

September 27—PREP beginning at 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

September 28—Adoration 1 to Mass Time and Confessions 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

October 1—Morning Mass is at SJWP with Adoration following until 7 p.m.

October 3—Men's Spirituality Program meets at SJWP Rectory, 99 North Line Street, Frackville

October 3—All those that ordered halupki dinners, kindly pick them up between 12 and 3:00 p.m. in the kitchen area of St. Joseph the Worker parish.

October 4—Pet Blessing at 3:00 p.m. in the SJWP grove for both parishes—St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo.

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

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



NATIVITY BVM HOMECOMING

Homecoming Football Game 50/50

Our annual Homecoming 50/50 Drawing is one of Nativity's biggest fundraisers of the year, and we are excited to continue this important tradition!

This year's Homecoming Football Game against Shenandoah Valley will be held at St. Clair on **Friday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.**

We greatly appreciate your continued support of Nativity and our 50/50 Drawing. Your participation helps make this fundraiser a success and directly supports our school and students. Please call us at 622-8110 to get your tickets! Sports passes are also available in our Main Office. The cost is \$75 and is good for all home (non playoff) games all year long.

Celebrating Nativity BVM High School's 70th Anniversary!

70 years of faith, academic excellence, service and leadership

We invite our Nativity families, alumni, and friends to join us on Saturday, October 10th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. as we celebrate 70 years of faith, academic excellence, service, and leadership.

The celebration will be held here at Nativity High School and will feature tours of the building and memorabilia room, small plates, a dessert array, and an open bar.

Tickets are \$70 per person. Come celebrate seven decades of Nativity tradition and the people who have made our school community so special! For more information, please contact Nativity at [570-622-8110](tel:570-622-8110). We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Nativity BVM High School's 70th Anniversary!

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.

PARISH NEWS

MOTHER OF LIFE PRAYER CARDS

October is Pro-Life Month. "Mother of Life" Prayer Cards with a prayer asking for the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession for an end to abortion are available in the **back of the church. Please take a card and join in praying the prayers.**

MARIAN BLUE & GOLD

Supermarket Shopping Spree!

RAFFLE TICKET \$10.00

All proceeds go to Marian Blue & Gold to be held at Boyer's Food Market of Tamaqua, 210 Cedar Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Grand Prize: win a 3-minute Boyer's shopping spree.

2nd place: \$100 Boyer's Gift Card

3rd place: \$50 Boyer's Gift Card

4th and 5th place: \$25 Boyer's Gift Card.

For more info or to purchase tickets contact Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921 or Marian Catholic at 570-467-3335. Paypal and Venmo accepted!!!

Marian Catholic High School

Information Session

Tuesday, October 13th, 4:00-5:00

Fall Open House

Saturday, October 24th, 11:00-12:30

Come see how a Marian education is possible. Learn about financial aid and transportation. Tour the school with our amazing ambassadors!

Early registration is just \$50! Reach out to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, for more information: mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 116

MSC OKTOBERFEST – OCTOBER 11, 12 NOON TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE READING LIEDERKRANZ

This event is hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.! Live Music & dancing with the Josef Kroboth Band 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.! \$20 entrance donation online or at the door (under 18 free). An outdoor celebration in a scenic, accessible grove with Heated pavilion, open-air first-come seating (groups of 6+ may reserve a table for 8). Authentic German Food and Beer ordered by guests at cash/credit food and beverage stands. To reserve, sponsor or donate, visit

www.mscreading.org

or

email

cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org

A highly anticipated raffle of high-value and mission-related items! Something for everyone!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of †**BARBARA PHILLIPS:**

\$20.00 from M/M Gerard Campbell

\$100.00 from John & Janice Overman

\$20.00 from Ray & Cathy Sajone

\$40.00 from Bernadine Schally

\$20.00 from Maria Benjamin

\$10.00 from Adam and Linda Sedar

\$10.00 from Jesse Kreitzer

\$20.00 from Albert and Denise Gricoski

Thank you to your donations in your loved one's memories.

PET BLESSING

Both St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker parishes.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the grove of St. Joseph the Worker parish.

All are welcome to attend.



Young Adult Women's Hiking Club

Young women in the Diocese are invited to a beginner-friendly hike on Saturday, October 10, at 9am at Trexler Nature Preserve in Schnecksville, PA. Enjoy the autumn season and the Month of the Holy Rosary by bringing your friends, your water, and a rosary for a prayerful and fun morning of fellowship and exercise. Bagels, donuts, and hot chocolate will be available for a post-hike snack!

Sign up for free and view the flyer at

allentowndiocese.org/events/womens-hiking-club.

Holy Hour of Petition and Hope

The St. Monica Ministry will sponsor a Holy Hour of Petition and Hope on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown. All are invited to gather before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the return of those who have left the Church. The evening will include the Sacrament of Confession, the Rosary of Supplication for Our Prodigals, Vespers and Benediction. The Holy Hour will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend. For more information, email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

JOB OPENING AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, FRACKVILLE

Our parish is seeking an experienced and highly organized Full-Time Parish Administrator to manage our busy church office. As the central hub of our parish and community, this active role requires a professional who thrives in a fast-paced environment and can balance multiple competing priorities.

Key Requirements:

- **Experience Needed:** Minimum 2–3 years of proven office administration, executive assistant, or operations management experience
- **Computer Skills:** Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office 365. Ability to quickly adapt to specialized church database management software (Parish Soft) and scheduling platforms.
- **Communication Skills:** Superb verbal and written communication. A welcoming, empathetic presence for visitors, alongside a strict commitment to privacy and data confidentiality.
- **Workflow Management:** Strong ability to work independently, coordinate calendars, answer high-volume inquiries at times, edit publications, and support ministry leaders.

How to apply:

Please email your resume and a brief cover letter to frackvillerc3@verizon.net with the subject line “Parish Administrator Application.” Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. No phone calls please.

“Speak, Lord” Women’s Vocational Discernment Group

Young women ages 18–40 in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to the “Speak, Lord” Women’s Vocational Discernment Group, for those discerning a vocation to marriage or religious life. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month in a hybrid format, with opportunities to attend in person or via Zoom. Each gathering includes Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, a presentation on vocational discernment, and time for fellowship. The next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Old St. Paul’s School, 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown. For more information, email marianmisioneras@gmail.com or call 267-775-1222.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 27, 2026

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, focuses on the theme of action over mere words and true obedience to God’s will.

First Reading (Ezekiel 18:25–27): God explains that if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is right, they will save their life. Responsibility is personal, and genuine repentance matters.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14): A prayer asking God to make His ways known, teach His paths, and remember His compassion and love.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1–11): Paul encourages believers to have the same mindset as Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death.

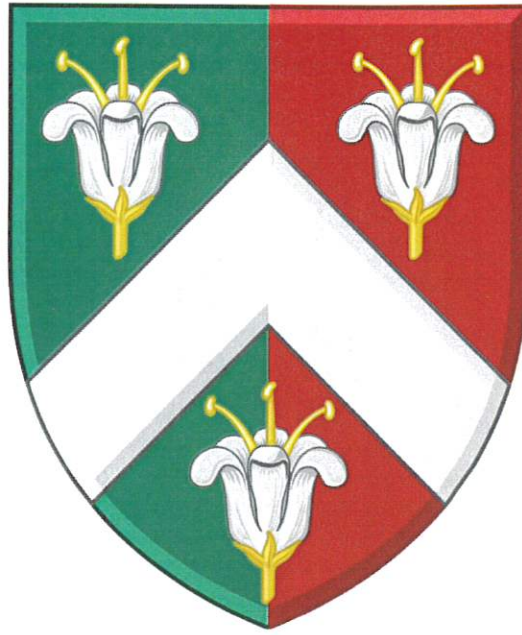
Gospel (Matthew 21:28–32): Jesus shares the Parable of the Two Sons. One son says he will not work in the vineyard but goes anyway, while the other says he will go but does not. Jesus uses this to show that tax collectors and sinners who repent and change their ways enter the kingdom of God ahead of self-righteous people who talk the talk but do not walk the walk.

“God inspired Scripture to teach us something much more profound than a simple moral. This book is a long love letter from the Father to his beloved children still on their earthly pilgrimage.”

Scott Hahn
A Father Who Keeps His Promises



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Arms assumed by
Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville, Pennsylvania

“**Her pale Vert and Gules a chevron between three lilies
Argent slipped and stamens Or.**”

Vert (Green) and **Gules** (Red): together with **Argent** (Silver) and **Or** (Gold), these colors are found among the flags of countries ancestral to many current parishioners and the parishes that formed them, namely Ireland, Poland, Lithuania, and Italy. **Chevron**: alludes first to the t-square, a tool of carpentry and as such a symbol of Saint Joseph the Worker, and then to the Broad Mountain range upon which was built the Borough of Frackville, once known in part as “Mountain City.” **Lily**: represents purity and beauty, such as the Church has enjoyed in the lives of Our Lady, her mother Saint Ann, and her spouse Saint Joseph, the patrons of the **three** parishes ingredient to SJWF.



Pet Blessing

Bring your beloved companion for a special blessing

Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 3 p.m.

Combined St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes.

Location: SJWP Grove, located behind the St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

All are welcome to attend.

