

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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**Father Robert Finlan, M.Div., M.A., M.Ed.**

**Pastor**



*Saint Joseph the Worker*

## PARISH OFFICE

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Parish web site: [www.frackvillecatholic.org](http://www.frackvillecatholic.org)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

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

## St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.

Roobhenn Smith, Principal

2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-4638 Fax: 570-622-3420 [www.stjosephctr.com](http://www.stjosephctr.com)

## St. Joseph Parish Complex Locations

49 North Line Street

37 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 (**NOT Confidential**)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

## DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT

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[mcole@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "**Youth Protection**" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

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# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 11, 2018

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, February 10, 2018

4:00 PM Jack Blickley requested by Family

#### Sunday, February 11

8:30 AM Thomas & Francis Gaughan requested by Family

10:00 AM Frank Romanelli requested by Fr. Dominik Kalata

11:30 AM Joseph Meade (10th Anniversary) requested by Wife and Children

**Holy Hour from 12:30 to 1:30 in St. Ann Church**

#### Monday, February 12

8:05 AM Theresa Glowacki requested by Kathy & Ed Stetts & Family

#### Tuesday, February 13

8:05 AM William P. & Agnes Corrigan requested by Helen Wayne

#### Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM George & Alberta Harviletz requested by Children

6:00 PM M/M James Curry requested by daughter, Jane and Family

#### Thursday, February 15

8:05 AM Koreen Andershonis requested by Mary Jane Sierer

#### Friday, February 16

8:05 AM NO MASS

#### Saturday, February 17

4:00 PM Deceased of the Malloy & Tenaglia Families requested by Tony & Carolyn Tenaglia

#### Sunday, February 18

8:30 AM John & Lorraine Bevan requested by Dave & Cindy Leibig

10:00 AM Tony Perneta requested by CCD Crew

11:30 AM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

#### **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.

**SECURE ONLINE DONATIONS**—Did you know that you can now use your credit card or PayPal account to make Secure Online Donations to St. Joseph the Worker Parish through our website ([www.frackvillecatholic.org](http://www.frackvillecatholic.org)). Just look for the “Donate” button directly beneath the Mass Schedule.

### CANDLE MEMORIALS

#### SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

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 St. Anthony** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert & Margret Geary requested by Darlene & Dennis.

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

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 Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for a Special Intention.

#### WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. and Sunday: 8:05 a.m.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Chapel & Youth Center**

at 27 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.

**Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Second Wednesday of each month 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Upcoming dates: March 14 & April 11**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3:00 p.m.

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.

#### HOLY HOUR

The Pro-Life Holy Hour takes place the **second** Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel & Youth Center.

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, January 28, 2018: \$5,344.10**

**Second Collection: January 28, 2018: \$254.54**

**Catholic Relief Collection: \$763.25**

**Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.**

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#### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

#### MONTHLY COMMUNION

The former Holy Name Society will have their monthly Communion today, **Sunday, February 11 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Ann Church.**

**LOST AND FOUND**—If anyone lost a small change purse or a jacket (we found two jackets), please contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610.

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# PARISH NEWS

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## NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We are called to support one other in difficulties, challenges, and sorrows. If you have a compassionate heart and would like to support those who have experienced loss, you may be interested in our newly developing bereavement ministry. Please leave a message for Sister Patricia at the Parish Office, 570-874-0610, for more information.

## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of †IRENE ZILAITIS:

\$20.00 from Friends

\$15.00 from Jennie Jeffries

In memory of †CECELIA MALINOWSKI:

\$10.00 from Ann Marie O'Boyle

\$50.00 from Theresa Gaughan

\$50.00 from Jack & Charlotte Budwash

\$50.00 from Maria & Mike Bessasparis

\$20.00 from Dianne Decker

\$10.00 from Joanne Pleva

\$10.00 from M/M Charles Hauser

\$20.00 from Johnola Petrozino

\$25.00 from Gerry Seroka

\$10.00 from Jim & Janet Buchman

\$10.00 from Stan & Carol Shumski

\$10.00 from John & Sharon Chrin

\$10.00 from Antoinette & Stephen Wonchalk

\$20.00 from John Budwash, Jr. and Family

\$50.00 from Dick & Faith East

\$10.00 from Marie Costa

\$10.00 from Irene Roman

\$10.00 from Catherine Jakubowski

\$50.00 from Stan & Margaret Malinowski

\$10.00 from Dolores & Mike Kastropa

\$10.00 from Barbara & Barry Weber

\$10.00 from Alberta & Michael Budwash

\$10.00 from K of C Ladies Auxiliary

**Thank you for your donations in your loved ones' memories.**

## BOYER'S CARING AND SHARING PROGRAM

Thank you to all who use their Boyer's tag while shopping. We have received another check in the amount of **\$424.36** for just people doing their regular shopping and showing their tag when checking out. Thank you again for your continued support of this program. May God bless and protect you and your families.

TRINITY ACADEMY NEWS—During the month of February, **TRINITY ACADEMY** will be selling tickets for our Gift Card Calendar to be held the month of March. **Tickets are \$5.00 each** and are available from any **TRINITY ACADEMY** students or in our Parish Office. One winner will be drawn daily, with non-school days being drawn on the next school day. Each day the prize will be a gift card(s) valued at \$25 or more! **Winning tickets will not be re-entered in the drawing. More info 570-462-3927.**

HOMEMADE EASTER CANDY—Butter cream, coconut cream or peanut butter eggs—\$10/box. Sorry, no mixed boxes. Proceeds benefit St. Patrick Parish—**All orders are due by March 5th.** To place an order call the parish office 570-622-1802, ext. 0, Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Candy may be picked up in our Parish Center during the Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale, Saturday, March 24 from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11—Family Holy Hour after 11:30 a.m. Mass

February 21—Girl's Journaling at 6:00 p.m.

March 3—First Penance at 11:00 a.m. in St. Ann Church

March 7—Card Making Grade 5 & 6 classrooms 6:00 p.m.

May 20—First Communion at 1:30 p.m. in St. Ann Church

## LITURGY OF THE WORD -

### FOR CHILDREN—"ALLELU"!

Allelu! — Children's Liturgy of the Word—is available every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

All parish children ages 4—second grade are welcome to attend.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR—The Diocese has asked us to host a family holy hour today, **Sunday, February 11 after 11:30 a.m. Mass in St. Ann Church.** The holy hour should begin around 12:30 p.m. and conclude by 1:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring your children and spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice will be at Annunciation BVM Church each Sunday and CCD students will simply remain for class. Children's choir practices every "CCD Sunday" from 5 to 6 p.m. Choir sings last Sunday of each month at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. *Children of all ages are welcome.*

*Please encourage your kids to give it a try. No practice on February 4. Next practice is today, Sunday, February 11 at 5:00 p.m. Choir will sing February 25 at 11:30 a.m. Mass.*

## CARD MAKING "CARDS FOR HOSPITALIZED KIDS"

Parish children are invited to participate in another card making session for "Cards for Hospitalized Kids" a national non-profit on **Wednesday, March 7 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fifth & Sixth Grade CCD classroom.** Kids in elementary through high school are welcome to participate. All snacks & supplies will be provided.

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More info can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## ICF 106—THE CHURCH

The Church is the place of encounter between God and His people on earth. This course will provide a brief overview of the origins of the Church; Her identity as One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic; and what it means to be "the Body of Christ" on earth. This course will be presented by Sr. Catherine Brennan and is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., on Wednesdays, February 28, March 7, 14 & 21, 2018 at Nativity BVM HS. To register visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/icf](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/icf). Cost is \$30. No prerequisites for these courses.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

— St. Augustine

## **OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION**

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

### **Who must fast?**

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60<sup>th</sup> year on his/her 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Who must abstain?**

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

### **What does fasting mean?**

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

### **What does abstinence mean?**

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

### **Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?**

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

### **Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?**

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Eater time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (February 18 until May 27, 2018). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018**

### **CONFESSIONS (all in St. Ann Church Complex)**

Monday, February 19 from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Monday, February 26 from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Monday, March 5 from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Monday, March 12 from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Monday, March 19 from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Monday, March 26 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. (last Confession prior to Easter)

### **Stations of the Cross (all in St. Ann Church Complex)**

Mondays during Lent— beginning Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

### **PALM SUNDAY MASSES (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue—Church Hall)**

Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

### **Holy Week (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue—Church Hall)**

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Hall with Procession

Adoration in Annunciation BVM Church until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

### **Holy Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food in St. Ann Church**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 31 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 8:30 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Ann Grove

### **LENTEN SERVICES all at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays of Lent**

February 21 at St. Ann Church, 49 North Line Street, Frackville

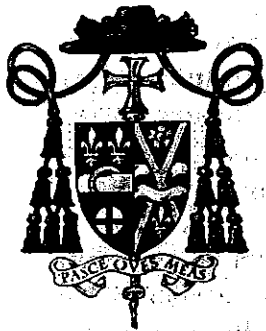
February 28 at Zion Lutheran Church, 48 South Nice Street, Frackville

March 7 at First United Methodist Church, 25 South Balliet Street, Frackville

March 14 at New Hope Wesleyan, 500 East Oak Street, Frackville

March 21 at St. John the Baptist, PNCC, 414 West Oak Street, Frackville





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### TO BE PRINTED IN PARISH BULLETINS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18 February 2018

*First Sunday of Lent*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Psalm 95:7-8)*

As we begin this holy, penitential Season of Lent, I am filled with profound gratitude for the prayerful support and filial care that you have shown me during the past five months that I have been blessed to serve as your Shepherd. For fifty-six years, the Diocese of Allentown has been my loving home. You have nurtured the roots of my faith, witnessed to me the virtues of the Gospel, encouraged me in my relationship with Christ, generously assisted in my discernment to the Priesthood, lovingly welcomed me as a priest, and have warmly embraced me as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown. Each of you has, in God's mysterious plan, contributed to the joy that I have found for the past thirty years as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Since my Ordination and Installation as Bishop, I have been privileged to meet and pray with so many of you in our five counties. I have been renewed by your zeal for the Gospel, awed by the depth of your faith, and filled with immense hope for the future.

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.* This popular Lenten psalm speaks of the joy that comes from hearing God's voice and following it wholeheartedly in one's life. It speaks of the same generosity that I have witnessed in each of you. The psalm expresses that with God at the center of one's life, one will never go astray.

I write to you today, humbly asking for your assistance in the important work of fostering a culture of vocations in the Diocese of Allentown. My brother priests and I have been enriched from the support of this local Church in my own life and know that this generosity of spirit is still alive today in you.

The Season of Lent is an appropriate time to offer our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving for this singular purpose: that God will abundantly bless the flock of the Diocese with courageous, faithful, and humble men to serve as priests. In light of the declining number of active priests, we are all painfully aware of our great need. I kindly ask you to join me during this Sacred Season in offering our Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life; vocations that are fostered, nourished, sustained, and centered in the divine gift of the Most Holy Eucharist.

To my brother priests: Thank you for your ministry to the souls entrusted to your care. I encourage you to be joyful models of the Priesthood in your local communities. Recall that certain priest who inspired your vocation as a young man and imitate the mysteries that you celebrate in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Because of your love for the priesthood I ask that, during this Season of Lent, you will consider inviting a young man to follow in your footsteps.

To my dedicated deacons: I appreciate your faithful witness, proclamation of the Good News, and support of your local pastors. Continue to live your vocation of service to the people of God with charity and humility so that families will be inspired by the graces that flow from the sacrament of Holy Orders.

To our religious women and men: I express gratitude for your generous example of the evangelical counsels of your Religious Community in the sacrifice of laying down your life for the Gospel. Draw closer to these charisms so that the radiance of your life shines brightly for those men and women considering the Consecrated Life.

To our dear seminarians: Your courageous 'yes' in the midst of the noises of this busy world stands as a refreshing sign of hope for our Church. Know of our prayers for your formation. Allow yourself to be drawn closer to Christ, so that you may love as He loves. Never cease to inspire your peers to this sacrificial calling.

To our parents and families: Fostering a culture of vocations is the work of every parishioner, teacher, catechist, and coach throughout our Diocese. Be willing to encourage and support a vocation to the Priesthood even from among your own family. God will richly bless your family for such generosity.

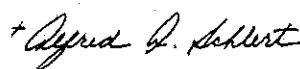
To our enthusiastic young people: Thank you for your creativity, your honesty, and your witness to Christ. Your youthfulness and hope make you ready to embrace a life of holiness and authentic living that only the Church can offer in a confused world. Be not afraid to open your hearts to a vocation to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Allentown.

To the sick, the infirmed, and the homebound: Your steadfast perseverance amidst the challenges of life stands as a testament to your faith. Never underestimate the power of your suffering and loneliness, your daily recitation of the Rosary, and the Stations of the Cross for an increase of vocations.

It is my Lenten hope and prayer that the same witness, encouragement, and guidance of the Holy Spirit that I and so many of our dedicated priests experienced as young men, will rekindle in our local Church an increase of vocations: zealous and holy priests that will follow the mandate of Christ *to feed my sheep*.

Invoking the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, our Diocesan Patroness, and Saint John Vianney, Universal Patron of all Priests, be assured of my gratitude and continued prayers for you and your family for a blessed and holy Season of Lent, as I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert  
Bishop of Allentown