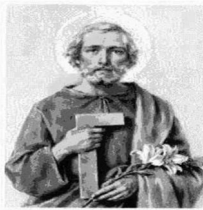


# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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

**Pastor**



*Saint Joseph the Worker*

## PARISH OFFICE

Seven South Broad Mountain Avenue  
Frackville, PA 17931

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Mass Schedule: Ext. 5, Parish Office: Ext. 1, Parish Secretary Ext. 4

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Email: [frackvillerc3@verizon.net](mailto:frackvillerc3@verizon.net)

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

Phone: (610) 332-0442, Ext. 2019

[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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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## FEBRUARY 18, 2018

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, February 17, 2018

4:00 PM Deceased of 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

#### Monday, February 19

9:00 AM For our past, present and future presidents of the United States

**6:15 to 6:45 PM Confessions in St. Ann Church**

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Ann Church**

#### Tuesday, February 20

8:05 AM Joseph Powlick requested by Powlick Family

#### Wednesday, February 21

8:05 AM Arthur & Marguerite Croake requested by Eileen Wayne & Family

**6:30 PM Lenten Service in St. Ann Church**

#### Thursday, February 22

8:05 AM Rita Theresa Zelonis requested by Mary Ann & Joe

#### Friday, February 23

8:05 AM **NO MASS**

#### Saturday, February 24

4:00 PM Helen Kiefer requested by Nahas Family

#### Sunday, February 25

8:30 AM Stanley & Cecelia Malinowski requested by Stan & Margaret Malinowski

10:00 AM Mary Stank requested by Studlick, Davis & Hatch Families

11:30 AM Helen Heine requested by St. Joseph Music Ministry

#### 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.

### 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. 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.

**Every Monday during Lent: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. in St. Ann Church**

#### 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, February 4, 2018: \$5,337.75**

**Second Collection: February 4, 2018: \$251.52**

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

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

**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.**

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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 †HELEN KIEFER:

\$10.00 from Mary Prosack & Daughters

\$10.00 from M/M Charles Hauser

\$20.00 from Clare Holleran

\$25.00 from Marilyn Overly

In memory of †DALE OVERLY:

\$100.00 from Family

In memory of †CECELIA MALINOWSKI:

\$10.00 from Gloria Ann Heiser

In memory of †ANITA KEIM:

\$10.00 from Gloria Ann Heiser

In memory of †FRANK ROMANELLI:

\$10.00 from Gloria Ann Heiser

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

**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.

**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. MATTHEW’S TRAVELERS’ ADVENTURES**

March 5, 2018-Philadelphia International Flower Show Bus Trip-The Wonders of Water: \$60 per person. For a free day in Philadelphia cost is \$30. Bus (R&J) departs Minersville at 8:00 a.m.; departs Philadelphia at 5:00 p.m.

**More info contact St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish in Minersville at 570-544-2211.**

## **ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 18—CCD—Eucharistic Adoration from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in Annunciation BVM Church. All are welcome.**

**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.

## **PARISH YARD SALE RESULTS**

The 50/50 Raffle brought in \$51.50 and the winner was Joseph Walters. The Yard Sale made \$775.80 and the food sale \$436.22. We thank everyone who helped with this fundraiser in any way. May God bless you and protect you and your families.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

There will be Eucharistic Adoration, **Sunday, February 18 in Annunciation BVM Church from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** CCD students will be spending time with the Blessed Sacrament during class time—parents and all parishioners are welcome to join them.

## **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**

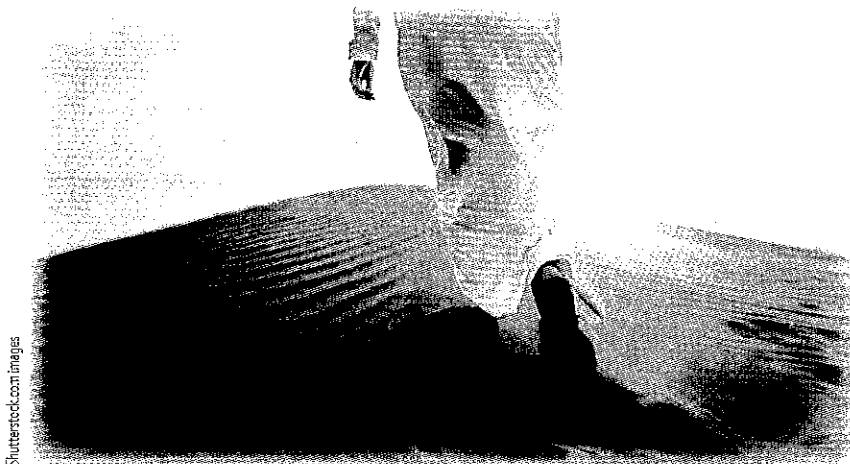
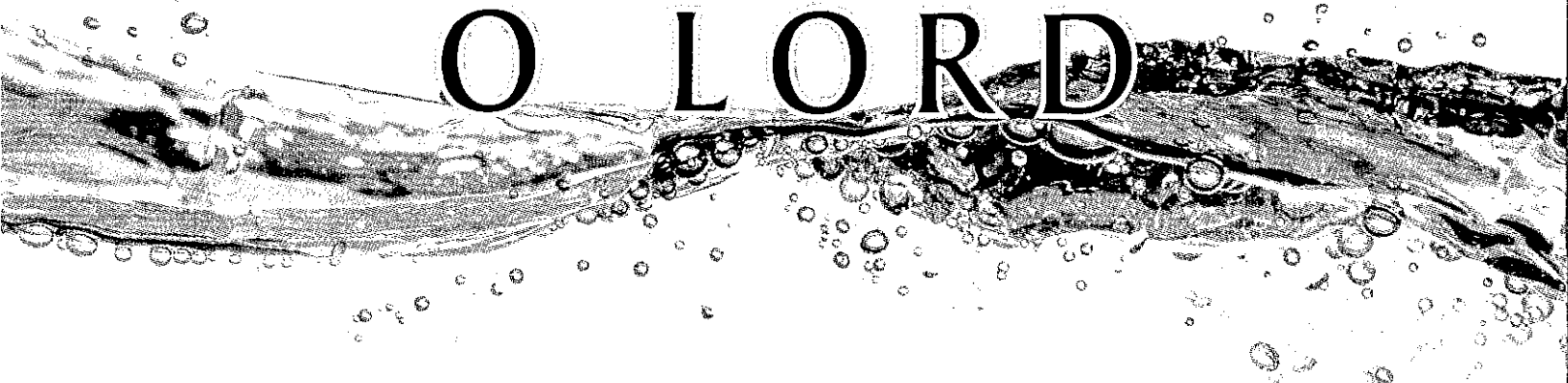
Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More info [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** “We find rest in those we love, and we provide a resting place for those who love us.”

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Meditations for the First Week of Lent

# WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD



Before Jesus began his ministry, the Spirit “drove him out into the desert.” After forty days he emerged to announce that the kingdom of God was at hand and to encourage the people to “repent, and believe in the gospel.” As we begin the season of Lent, we, too, enter into our own desert.

## Repent and Believe

Mark 1:12-15

Today's Gospel contains two important aspects to the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We are told that he went out into the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by Satan and ministered to by angels. Next Mark says that,

after the death of John the Baptist, Jesus announced that the “time of fulfilment” was at hand and began his preaching and teaching.

What lesson lies here for us? While Lent is a time of service to others, it must also be a time of preparation and renewal of self. We cannot give what we do not have. Just as Jesus had to spend time in the desert, so we, too, need to take time this season to allow God to show us where we need to change and give us the courage and conviction to act on those changes. This give and take is part of the flow of life and one of the great lessons of Lent.

### FOR REFLECTION

- › What will I do this Lent as an outward sign of my repentance?
- › How might I deepen my relationship with God this holy season?
- › How do I overcome temptation?

### Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” — Genesis 3:19

Lord, help us see today  
and all of its stresses  
in the light of your eternal love.

### Catechism CONNECTION

“By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.” — Catechism of the Catholic Church, 540





## OUR FAITH

# Forty Days in the Desert

**W**hy did Jesus spend forty days in the desert before beginning his ministry? The number forty has a special meaning in Scripture and is symbolic of preparation before a major life change. Moses spent forty days fasting and praying on Mount Zion when he received the Ten Commandments (Ex 34:28). An Israelite patrol spent forty days spying on the land of Canaan before reporting back to Moses and Aaron (Nm 13:25). And the entire Israelite people spent forty years wandering in the desert before gaining access to the promised land (Nm 14:34). Jesus likewise spent forty days before leaving his old life as the son of the carpenter to bring new life to the entire world.

## Fasting and Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both abstinence and fasting.
- Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence (abstaining from meat).
- Ash Wednesday is forty-six days before Easter, but Lent is considered forty days long, because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

# Family Calvary Stones

**T**he days of Lent have traditionally been used as a spiritual pilgrimage, during which we symbolically travel with Jesus to his death on the cross. To help emphasize the idea of Lent as a journey, collect forty small stones, one for each day of the season. (These are sometimes available at craft stores.) Each night at dinner, pray for one person and write his or her name with a marker on one of the pebbles. Collect the stones in a small bowl, and during Holy Week use them to make a “mound” of prayer that holds up a crucifix.



## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

### Lent

The word “Lent” has a specific religious connotation today, but originally it was used to mean “spring.”

### The Color Purple

The deep purple color that fills the Church during Lent symbolizes Christ’s suffering and death but, because purple is also the color of royalty, it foreshadows Christ’s kingship and resurrection.



### Ash Wednesday

On this first day of Lent, we receive ashes in the form of a cross on our forehead and are reminded to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” In receiving ashes, we embrace Jesus’ journey: the cross of suffering and the promise of resurrection. We are marked as believers, as sinners, and as people in need of Christ’s forgiveness and salvation.



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## **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



# **LENT**