

# 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  
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## 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. Ciszek, 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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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## FEBRUARY 25, 2018

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses in St. Ann Church unless otherwise noted.

#### Saturday, February 24, 2018

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

#### Monday, February 26

8:05 AM Andrew Martin requested by John & Mary Therese Bernadyn

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

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

#### Tuesday, February 27

8:05 AM For all those enrolled in our Memorial Fund

#### Wednesday, February 28

8:05 AM Marge Paletskie requested by Kathy & Ed Stetts & Family

**6:30 PM Lenten Service in Zion Lutheran Church**

#### Thursday, March 1

8:05 AM Brian Dixon requested by Fishing buddy, Mike Kost

2:00 PM Rosemarie DeMatteo requested by Helen & **Nursing Home** Hannah Bosevich

#### Friday, March 2

8:05 AM **NO MASS**

#### Saturday, March 3

4:00 PM John Holleran (2nd Anniversary) requested by Family

#### Sunday, March 4

8:30 AM Knights of Columbus Council #2580

10:00 AM Helen Kiefer requested by Hayek Family

11:30 AM Anthony Stasulli requested by wife, Marcia & sister in law, Cynthia Nowak

#### 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 the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of John Jeffries 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 St. Ann** burns in memory of Arlene & John Davis requested by Darlene & Dennis.

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. in St. Ann Church

**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 11, 2018: \$6,320.75**

**Second Collection: February 11, 2018: \$271.57**

**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.

**STEM SCOUTS**—St. Joseph the Worker Parish sponsors a program for girls and boys in elementary and middle-schooled grades who are interested in technology and science subjects. The program uses interesting, hands-on labs, designed to be grade-level appropriate for the students. Past labs have covered Light & Sounds, Robotics, Vertical Farming, Magnetism, Drones, the Solar System and the Space Station, the Science of Soap Bubbles, and others. The labs are currently held on Sunday afternoons from mid-September to early April. The cost of the 6-month program is \$200, which covers the cost of materials used & can be paid over time (some scholarships may be available for qualifying families). We have openings for the 2018-2019 school year. For more info on the program see [www.stemscouts.org](http://www.stemscouts.org) or contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 or Mary at 570-875-2146.

**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.**

**SAVE THE DATE-TRINITY ACADEMY THEME BASKET will be held on Saturday, April 28 in our Church Hall. Shop and Drop on Friday, April 27. Over 100 Theme Baskets.**

## **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.**

## **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! More info [www.usccb.org/collections](http://www.usccb.org/collections) and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

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

**March 2-3—Pierogie making at BVM kitchen**  
**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.**  
**March 13—Friends of St. Joseph the Worker Meeting**  
**March 31—Easter Egg Hunt in St. Ann Grove**  
**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.

**PIEROGIES BEGIN MADE**—The next pierogie making session at Annunciation kitchen will be **Friday, March 2** for potato-cheese filling and **Saturday, March 3** for dough, pinching, boiling and freezing. Mark your calendars so you don’t miss out on the fun.

## **FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEETING**

The next meeting for the Friends of St. Joseph the Worker will take place on **Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room using Entrance B.** All adult parishioners are welcome to attend. Your ideas for the spiritual, social & supportive aspects of our parish are most welcome. **Remember: “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”**

—Helen Keller

## **PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the St. Ann Grove.

## **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.

## **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. 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.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** “Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.”

—St. Camillus

# WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

## Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed"

— 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

*Dear God, I don't know what lies ahead for me, but I trust that your love will be with me now and until the end of time.*



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## He Was Transformed Before Them

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up the mountain where he was transfigured before them. When the experience was over, Jesus told them not to say anything about what they saw until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept silent, but the three of them couldn't help but talk among themselves about what rising from the dead could mean.

The Transfiguration is a powerful reminder that death is not the end of life. If death meant complete annihilation, as some believe, then Elijah and Moses would not have appeared on either side of Jesus. In this way, the Transfiguration foreshadows the Resurrection. Although the apostles didn't understand what was happening at the time, later, when the

### FOR REFLECTION

- › What would I like transformed in my life by Easter?
- › As I look over my life, what are some areas where God has already transformed me?
- › What is one sacrificial action I can perform this week?

Son of Man had risen from the dead, they were able to understand what the Transfiguration meant.

During this second week of Lent, we are asked to think about how we can be transformed through the power of the risen Lord, and we are reminded that one day we, too, will be resurrected.

## Catechism CONNECTION

"For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to 'enter into his glory.'" — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 555

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

# Stations of the Cross

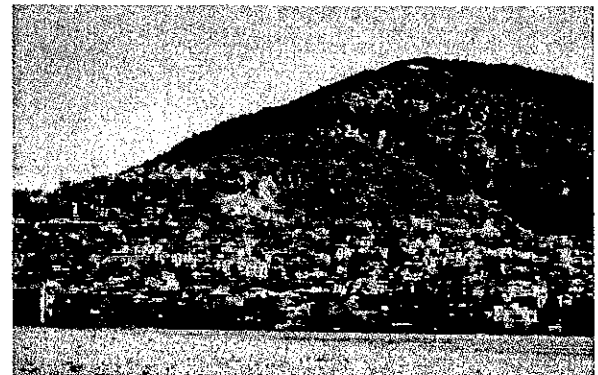


If you cannot attend Stations of the Cross at your parish, create your own. While many Stations in churches are elaborate and ornate, all that is required is to have fourteen crosses, preferably wooden, located so that you can take a step or two between each one. As a family activity, create fourteen crosses from small twigs or branches and place them in a line in your backyard or living room. Walk together as a family, remembering the events of the Passion. At each cross, bow or kneel and say, "Because of your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."

## OUR FAITH

# The Last Four Things

Saint Alphonsus Liguori recommended that we contemplate the "last four things" especially during Lent. These are: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. While talking about these with children can be difficult, parents can use the season of Lent as a way to gently introduce the topics. One aspect to emphasize is that heaven, as Pope Saint John Paul II said, is not "an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity." Heaven, then, is living an eternity in the presence of and in relationship with our loving God. Likewise, the Church teaches that hell is not so much a physical place, but the choice to turn away from God and the deep pain of separation from Our Lord (see CCC 1033).



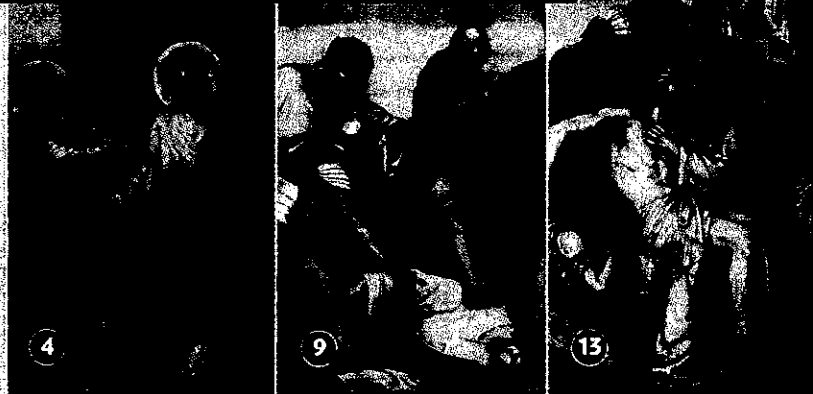
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## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

# Mount of Transfiguration

The traditional location for the Mount of Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, about eleven miles west of the Sea of Galilee. Mount Tabor rises about 1,800 feet above the level plain below. It was identified as the site of the Transfiguration as early as the third century by the theologian Origen. The Church of the Transfiguration, a Franciscan church built on the ruins of a centuries-old Byzantine church, now stands at the summit of Mount Tabor.

## Traditional Stations of the Cross



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- 1 Jesus Is Condemned to Death
- 2 Jesus Accepts His Cross
- 3 Jesus Falls the First Time
- 4 Jesus Meets His Mother
- 5 Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
- 6 Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
- 7 Jesus Falls the Second Time
- 8 Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
- 9 Jesus Falls the Third Time
- 10 Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments
- 11 Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross
- 12 Jesus Dies on the Cross
- 13 Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross
- 14 Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb

### **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP**

Our parish will host a Protecting God's Workshop in the Social Room at 34 South Line Street, Entrance B on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** All volunteers who come into contact with a child is required to attend this training. So that includes but not limited to Vacation Bible School, CCD teachers, scout leaders & volunteers of any kind during these programs. If you would like to attend there is no cost; however, you must register by calling the Parish Office at 570-874-0610. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you.

### **FIRST PENANCE**

The children of our Parish will receive First Penance on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Ann Church. Let us pray for our children as they receive their First Penance that God will continue to guide and protect them.



### **PARISH MISSION**

The Parish Mission will take place at **St. Ann Church on April 22, 23 & 24, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Our guest homilist will be Rev. Brian M. Miller.

### **"WHO CARES FOR THE CAREGIVER?" WEEKEND RETREAT**

Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth weekend retreat with Matt McFadden and Tim Malone-March 16-18, 2018, 501 North Church Road, Wernersville, PA. Arrival Friday between 4 and 5 p.m., followed by dinner and the opening session; departure on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. unless you chose to stay for the Opus One ECHO concert and reception. Cost is \$200 (\$100 non-refundable deposit). For more information and to register: [www.jesuitcenter.org](http://www.jesuitcenter.org). Melinda Leonowitz at [mleonowitz@jesuitcenter.org](mailto:mleonowitz@jesuitcenter.org) or 1-610-670-3642. This weekend retreat for personal and professional caregivers offers space for Rest, Reflection and Renewal. Visit [www.JesuitCenter.org](http://www.JesuitCenter.org) for our full program schedule.

### **MASS AND VENERATION OF THE FIRST CLASS RELIC**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Veneration of the First Class Relic of St. Pauline Visintainer takes place on the last Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church, 319 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. The next Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2018.

### **COVENANT HOME CARE AND HOSPICE**

**Volunteer Open House on April 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Covenant will be open to receive active volunteers and those interested in volunteering for a day long appreciation of Volunteerism in Schuylkill County. Refreshments will be provided. This event is scheduled during National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Covenant Home Care & Hospice, 1502 HWY 61S, Pottsville, PA 17901.

### **TOGETHER IN HOLINESS**

#### **Together in Holiness Catholic Marriage Conference**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Reading, PA**

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Allentown, presents Together in Holiness, a marriage enrichment conference. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and a catered lunch. Keynote speakers include renowned national speaker Joy Pinto; Deacon Joseph Nines, Ph.D., LMFT; Dr. Joshua & Mrs. Christine Schulz; and Dr. Roland Millare of the St. John Paul II Foundation. Limited childcare is available (6 mos.—12 yrs.), **pre-registration required.** The cost is **\$49/couple or \$29/individual before March 2, \$59/couple/\$35 after.** For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email Aubrie Miller at [Aubrie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:Aubrie@forlifeandfamily.org).



## **LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018**

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

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 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

