

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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Pastor



Saint Joseph the Worker

PARISH OFFICE

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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. Cizek, SJ,

Sr. Margaret M. McCullough, Principal

233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976

Telephone: (570) 462-3927,

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

Nativity B.V.M. High School

Lynn Sabol, Principal

One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901

Telephone: (570) 622-8110, 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

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

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

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

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

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 & click on "**Youth Protection**" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses in St. Ann Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, March 3, 2018

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:30 AM Knights of Columbus #2580

10:00 AM Helen Kiefer requested by Hayek Family

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

Monday, March 5

8:05 AM Catherine Walsh requested by Will, Shannon & Gloria Ann

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

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

Tuesday, March 6

8:05 AM Andrew & Adele Pribish & Sr. M. Regis requested by Marie Costa & Family

Wednesday, March 7

8:05 AM Bernard Milyo requested by wife, Shirley

6:30 PM Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church

Thursday, March 8

8:05 AM Joseph Kleeman, Sr. requested by son, Joe and Family

Friday, March 9

8:05 AM **NO MASS**

Saturday, March 10

4:00 PM Barbara Pelsinski-Shearstone requested by Jack & Alice Oshman

Sunday, March 11

8:30 AM Cecelia Malinowski requested by Theresa Gaughan

10:00 AM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

11:30 AM Michael Howard requested by Chaklos Family

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. Anthony** burns in memory of Andrew & Rose Marie Kergick requested by Darlene and 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 St. Ann** burns for special intentions.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns for Andrew and Adele Pribish requested by Marie Costa.

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 18, 2018: \$4,373.47

Second Collection: February 18, 2018: \$239.72

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

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). Just look for the “**Donate**” button directly beneath the Mass Schedule.

PARISH NEWS

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.

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 or contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 or Mary at 570-875-2146.

TRINITY ACADEMY NEWS-SAVE THE DATE

TRINITY ACADEMY THEME BASKET AUCTION—will be held on **Saturday, April 28** in our Church Hall. **Shop and Drop on Friday, April 27. Over 100 Theme Baskets. Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.**

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.**

LENLEN REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

To be held at St. Joseph's Church, 14 East Oak Street, Shepton, PA on Tuesday, evening, March 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The evening will include Adoration, Prayer, Benediction and Reflection by Father Brian Miller. Fellowship will follow. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 570-889-3850 or 570-590-5810 (Arlene). **Email: smsiparishes@gmail.com**

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, Ashland—St. Anne Guild selling homemade candy Easter Eggs for \$1.00 each and a dozen for \$12.00. **Flavors:** peanut butter, cherry, butter cream and coconut cream. **Orders can be placed by calling the Parish Office at 570-875-1521.**

PYSANKY CLASSES — Ukrainian Easter Eggs

THURSDAY, March 15th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, March 24th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Cost \$40.00 including supplies. To register call Paul at 570-668-5789. Class size is limited so register today. St. Michael's Hall, 300 West Oak Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976 570-462-0809.

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.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

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
April 22, 23 & 24—Parish Mission
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.

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

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.

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.

HOOR OF PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

The Allentown Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies will celebrate their Hour of Prayer & Benediction on Sunday, afternoon, **March 11, 2018 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Carbon Deanery at the Church of Saint Joseph, 526 North Street in Jim Thorpe.** Holy Name members and their families are invited to attend this **NO COST** Lenten Celebration. Recitation of the Rosary, Litany and Scripture Readings and close with Benediction "Come, Celebrate with Us". Deacon Jack Mroz of Saint Joseph is the celebrant. For more info contact Joe Paul, Jr. at 484-788-9396.

Meditations for the Third Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

Out of the Temple

John 2:13-25

When Jesus saw the money-changers, merchants, sheep, oxen, and doves at the Temple, he became angered, not because of what they were doing, but because of where they were doing it. Making the act of worship into a commercial, for-profit enterprise by selling those animals within the Temple made a mockery of a sacred duty.

The temptation to turn faith into profit is still with us. Today, as in Jesus time, there is wealth to be made in religion and spirituality. At the same time, there is a pull to make Sunday

worship into just another thing we do every week, instead of a true act of reverence. When we come to Mass, we can be distracted by worldly affairs, more concerned with what we (or someone else) is wearing, even slipping out early so that we can get on with "real life." In today's Gospel, Jesus is showing us that the time we give to God needs to be given freely and fully — without being compromised by anything else. This Lent, let us make the time we spend at Mass a highlight of our week.

FOR REFLECTION

- When I attend Mass, am I fully aware that I am in the presence of God during that time?
- When was the last time I went to confession?
- As we enter the third week of Lent, what progress have I made spiritually? Do I need to make a "course correction" for the remaining weeks?

Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God."
— Psalm 42:1

My Lord, as we enter into the third week of Lent, help me to put aside worldly concerns and focus more deeply and completely on you.

OUR FAITH

Works of Mercy

Along with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are encouraged to perform both corporal and spiritual acts of mercy during Lent. During the next few weeks, try to do at least one act of mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

The Scrutinies

This week and two following weeks, we celebrate the Scrutinies. Their purpose is

“to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.” (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*, 141)

While specifically designed for those who are entering the Church, all of us can benefit from the Scrutinies by examining our hearts and consciences for both healing and strengthening.

Catechism CONNECTION

“In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path (cf. Ps 119:105), we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord’s Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others, and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1785

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Crown of Thorns

To encourage children to perform good deeds and make small sacrifices during Lent, make a “crown of thorns.” Twist a rope of tan modeling clay into a circle and then stud it with toothpicks. Each time someone in the family makes a sacrifice or does a good deed, pull one of the toothpick “thorns” out of the “crown.” Try to remove all the “thorns” by Good Friday.