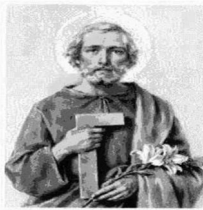


ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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

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

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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses in St. Ann Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

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

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:30 AM Cecilia 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

Monday, March 12 (Note time change)

7:00 AM Koreen Andershonis requested by Roger, Elizabeth, Anna & Ava

6:15 to 6:45 PM Confessions in St. Ann Church
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Ann Church

Tuesday, March 13

8:05 AM Kreitzer & Cameroni Families requested by Ann Marie O'Boyle

Wednesday, March 14

8:05 AM John Maglosky requested by wife, Nancy

6:30 PM Lenten Service at New Hope Wesleyan Church

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

8:05 AM NO MASS

Saturday, March 17

4:00 PM Helen Chernetsky requested by Daughter and Family

Sunday, March 11

8:30 AM Victor & Betty Szuler & Alberta & Joseph Lewczyk requested by Jim & Maryann

10:00 AM George & Alberta Harviletz requested by Children

11:30 AM Anne Bramley requested by Amber Artz & Ellet Sapp, Jr.

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 Deacon Joseph Costa (5th Anniversary) requested by Marie Costa and 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. 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 25, 2018: \$4,604.30

Second Collection: February 25, 2018: \$308.23

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.

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

May 14, 2018—Virginia Beach (Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown) Bus trip—\$649 per person double occupancy includes: 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners including Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise, half-day admission ticket to Colonial Williamsburg, admission to Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center, Military Aviation Museum, Chrysler Museum of Art, Yorktown Landing, Norfolk Waterside District, beach and boardwalk, souvenir gift, luggage handling, all taxes and meal gratuities included, motor coach transportation.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO, 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.

Thought of the week: *"If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility and charity."*

—St. Philip Neri

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our Parish Children that received their First Penance on Saturday, March 3, 2018. They are: **Kauryl Abreu, Kiara Abreu, Lucy Barrett, Rebecca Cooney, Rylan Coyle, Grace Curry, Ella Digris, Bella Rose Karenda, Maggie Madden, Cole Meskunas, Evan Miernicki, Abigail Smith and Kyla Yesalusky.**

Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they prepare for their First Communion on May 20, 2018.

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 March 25 at 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

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.

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.

Meditations for the Fourth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

Proclaiming the Faith

John 3:14-21

The events that give rise to the teachings in today's Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn't quite ready to make a public commitment.

The people of the Gospels aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus

is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publicly with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. However, we should remember that while we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today, people

actually are being killed for their Christian beliefs.

Truly the words of John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life") are at the heart of our Catholic faith. The season of Lent is the perfect reminder that we are called to let our faith show in our daily lives — with joy and fervor!

FOR REFLECTION

- › Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?
- › Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?
- › How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?



OUR FAITH

A Good Pharisee



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Although the word “Pharisee” has come to have a very negative connotation, not all Pharisees were wicked. Nicodemus, the curious Pharisee in today’s Gospel, was one of those who eventually followed Jesus. Besides his secret visit to Jesus at night, he appears twice more in Scripture. A member of the Sanhedrin, he defends Jesus when the chief priests and other Pharisees are debating what to do with Jesus. And after the Crucifixion, along with Joseph of Arimathaea, he brought about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloe to anoint Jesus’ body. Tradition says that he was martyred for the Faith.

Catechism CONNECTION

“By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: ‘In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.’ God ‘shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 604

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Pretzel Prayers

Once considered the official Catholic food of Lent, pretzels date back at least 1,400 years. Because fat, eggs, and milk were part of the Lenten abstinence, these little bites of bread made only with flour, salt, and water were invented. They were wrapped in the shape of arms crossed in prayer and the three holes in the middle represented the Trinity. Traditionally, pretzels were the perfect food to share with people who were struggling for food or living on the streets because they didn’t spoil easily. Make your own pretzels as a family (find a recipe on the Internet) and share them with someone in need in your neighborhood or community.



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Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it [under a bushel basket], but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light.”

— Luke 11:33

Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

The Color Purple

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing pain, suffering, and mourning. But why purple? Purple was the most expensive color in biblical times. Extracted from a sea snail, it took as many as 12,000 shells to get enough dye to color a handkerchief. Because of the enormous cost, only the wealthiest (almost exclusively royalty) wore purple garments. When soldiers mocked Jesus for being the “King of the Jews,” they put a purple robe on his shoulders to belittle his claim. Therefore, we use the color purple during Lent to remind us of the Passion and death of the Lord.

HOUR 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.

"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. Melinda Leonowitz at 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 for our full program schedule.

HOLY THURSDAY PROCESSION IN OUR PARISH

Parish children are invited to participate in the solemn Eucharistic procession during Holy Thursday Liturgy on March 29. Mass will be in the Church Hall and children will accompany the Blessed Sacrament in a procession from the Hall to the Altar of Repose in Annunciation BVM Church. **Mass starts at 7:00 p.m.** and children should be dressed nicely and in the pre school classroom no later than 6:45 p.m. that evening.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-"SHIPWRECKED"

Registration is now open for our summer vacation bible school, Shipwrecked. All parish children in grades Pre-K through 5, interested in participating, should be registered on the sheets in the church vestibule. Any older students interested in coming and helping as crew leaders should also use the registration sheets to sign up. VBS is scheduled for June 18-22. There is a \$5.00 donation requested, per child, to defray the costs of the VBS supplies.

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION

St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on the following dates: Palm Sunday, March 25 and Good Friday, March 30th. Prelude begins at 7:15 p.m. Stations begin 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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.

FLAME OF LOVE

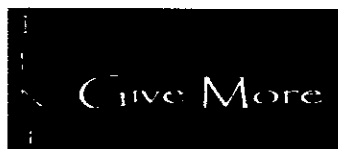
AMAZING GRACE RETREAT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322. Saturday, April 21— 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free will offering—bring your own lunch. Fr. James Blount, SOLT, Tony Mullen, National Director.

AN URGENT PLEA FOR OUR TIMES

***An extraordinary grace which comes from Mary's Immaculate Heart. The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself**

***Jesus said: "the grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation."**



LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018

CONFESSIONS (all in St. Ann Church Complex)

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

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

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

