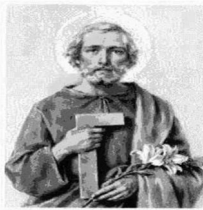


ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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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Telephone: (570) 874-0610—Fax: (570) 874-0969

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

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Bookkeeper Ext. 3

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Email: frackvillerc3@verizon.net

Parish web site: 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. Ciszek, 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25, 2017

4:00 PM Jack Blickley requested by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Sunday, November 26

8:30 AM Ann Marie Gallagher requested by Yurkonis Family

10:00 AM Theresa Chrin requested by John & Sharon Chrin and Family

11:30 AM Todd Swantek requested by Friend

Monday, November 27

8:05 AM Joseph Alshon requested by daughter, Mary Jo and Blake

Tuesday, November 28

8:05 AM Robert Alexander requested by Mother

Wednesday, November 29

8:05 AM NO MASS

Thursday, November 30

8:05 AM NO MASS

Friday, December 1

8:05 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 2

4:00 PM Ann Berencsi requested by Family

Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM For all living and deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

10:00 AM Mary Stank requested by James J. Stank, Jr.

11:30 AM Anne Bramley requested by Pat Petchel

PLEASE NOTE: Effective November 11 the Saturday night Mass time will be 4:00 p.m. in St. Ann Church and the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass will move to St. Ann Church for the colder months. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Alshon requested by Wife and Family.

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.

TIME: Monday through Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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, November 12, 2017: \$7,7076.00

Second Collection: November 12, 2017: \$293.03

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

PARISH DONATIONS ON LINE

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.

FREE HOT MEAL EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 P.M. IN THE AREA OF BALLIET AND CHESTNUT STREETS, FRACKVILLE.

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly hoagie sale on November 30, 2017. Hoagies come in a variety of configurations and cost \$4.50 per hoagie. **Please call Joseph Recla on or before Monday, November 27 at 570-874-1673.** Hoagies are for pick up only in the former St. Ann Preschool. Thank you for supporting this important fund raiser.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOGAN COUNCIL MEETING—The November meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 28** instead of November 21. Questions please contact Joseph Recla at 570-874-1673.

TRINITY ACADEMY—Enrollment is open to children in Preschool through Grade 8. **We are a Center of H.O.P.E.** (hospitality, outreach, perseverance, and excellence) providing an education strong in faith and academics. We support students and their families in growing their relationship with Jesus. Ms. Grier, Advancement Director would be happy to answer questions and arrange for a tour of Trinity Academy. **igrier@trinitymatters.com**, 570-462-3927, **www.trinitymatters.com**

SAVE THE DATE!

A Coach Handbag BINGO featuring bags by designer Michael Kors will be held at **Trinity Academy on Sunday, December 3**. Proceeds from the BINGO will support the Trinity Academy Home & School Association.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

We invite you to step away from your usual Christmas preparations (baking cookies, wrapping gifts, surfing the net for the best deals on toys) and join us for a couple of hours as we prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for the **real GIFT of Christmas**.

WOMEN'S ADVENT REFLECTION

Sunday, December 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration begins at 1:00 p.m., with a reflection by Father Brian Miller. Fellowship to follow. **Place:** St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 82 North Center Street, Ringtown, PA 17967

If you have any questions, please call 570-889-3825 (Marie) or 570-889-5811 (Arlene).

BIRTHRIGHT OF FRACKVILLE—GIVING TREE

Birthright of Frackville is once again asking for your support of our annual "Giving Tree" project. This tree, placed in your church during the special time of Advent, is a loving reminder of the care, concern and respect we all have for mothers and their precious little ones.

Tags will be on the tree, please take one or more and then place the donated gift(s) under the tree. Gifts need not be wrapped. A list of most needed items: sleepers, blanket sleepers, onesies, crib sheets, receiving blankets, disposable diapers, diaper bags, outfits for boys and girls, baby towels and baby wash cloths, pacifiers, baby wipes, shampoo, baby wash, bibs, socks and bottles. **Thank you in advance for your continued help and prayers. We wish you every blessing and happiness during this holiday season.**

Please have donations under tree on or before December 19.

NOTE: Family members are welcome to present the Offertory Gifts during Mass if the intention of the Mass is offered by them or if you offered a Mass and would like to take up the Offertory Gifts, please fee free to do so.

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

November 25—Birthright Tree goes up
November 29—Pierogies being made in St. Ann kitchen
December 6—Skills & Abilities Survey due back

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 BEING MADE

Pierogies will be made on **Wednesday, November 29 beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the St. Ann kitchen**. Please mark your calendars and come to help. Thank you.

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" (meaning choir is off when CCD is off) 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.**

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE—is in need of a few more members. The committee meets only a few times a year and plans faith enrichment events for the benefit of our parish. We are starting to work on our first parish mission and our parish feast day celebration. If interested in joining the committee, please contact Carolyn Tenaglia 570-874-2093.

PARISH SKILLS AND ABILITIES SURVEY + \$50.00 **GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY**

Think of everything that God does for you. All of your interests, talents, skills and abilities, including the time you've had to develop them, are blessings given freely by God. You could never repay God for what you've been given but that shouldn't stop you from trying. Stewardship involves offering those gifts in service to others, whether those gifts are physical abilities or knowledge and talents developed over time. We are currently creating a list of people who are willing to offer their gifts to support their parish. By submitting a Skills and Abilities Survey, your information will be placed on a contact list and you will be notified when your parish is in need of people with the knowledge, skills and abilities that you have indicated. You will then have the option of responding to that request and offering your gifts back to God.

Please take the time to complete a paper survey, found in the bulletin, and return it to the Parish Office or in the collection basket, or complete a survey online by clicking on the "Skills and Abilities Survey" link from our parish website.

www.frackvillecatholic.org. Complete an online survey or return a completed paper survey by Wednesday, December 6, 2017 and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 VISA Gift Card (Thanks to an anonymous donation).

WEEKLY THOUGHT: “He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross and you will find yourself entirely.”

—St. Catherine of Siena

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN—Session to be held at **TRINITY ACADEMY** Sunday, December 17 at 10 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The Protecting God’s Children program is a three-hour video presentation utilized to train thousands of adults and volunteers in the Diocese together with priests, deacons, seminarians, Religious, diocesan employees, school principals and teachers to recognize child abuse if it has occurred and, significantly on how to prevent it before it happens. Any adult volunteer who comes into contact with children is required to attend this program. Workshops require **PRE-registration by calling TRINITY ACADEMY at 570-462-3927.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Joseph Youth Group is collecting boxes of tissues for the residents of Broad Mountain Health and Rehabilitation Center. Containers will be in the vestibule of the Church. Our goal is to collect 129 boxes. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Parish children are invited to bring a shoe to Church the weekend of December 2 and 3 in anticipation of a visit from St. Nicholas. Children can pick up their shoes on the weekend of December 9 and 10.

Our Parish will celebrate **Bambinelli Sunday** during the weekend of December 16 and 17. Parishioners are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus from their home Nativity sets for a special blessing.

December 8, Immaculate Conception of Mary Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. — Please plan to attend a reception after either Mass on December 8th to congratulate the study group members who will be making a public consecration to Mary. If you are able to donate a “finger food” for the occasion, please bring it to the classroom area behind St. Ann’s sanctuary either before Mass or right after Mass. Thank you. Questions? Call Marilyn Overly at 1-360-923-0327.

Save the date for a **Flame of Love Event**—On Saturday, April 21, 2018, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322, will be hosting a Flame of Love event from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m. Tony Mullen, National Director of the Flame of Love, will be one of the speakers. There will be no charge, however, a free-will offering will be taken during Mass. More details will be provided at a later date.

OFFICE FOR MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If a **Prenatal Diagnosis** identifies a possible disability....You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding a poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 ext. 42.

BACK TO SCOUTING: Troop 780 in Gordon would like to invite any boy 6th grade or higher who might be interested in joining a Boy Scout Troop to come visit us at our meetings on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Simpson United Methodist Church in Gordon or you may contact Dawn at 570-874-2668. *We build friendships, skills and leaders for life.*

CANVAS & COFFEE—Join us for another fun evening to paint a beautiful winter scene!! **Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center, 538 Sunbury Street, Minersville (use Lewis Street entrance).** Cost: \$35.00 per person. Advanced registration only. **Includes:** canvas and supplies, coffee/tea bar and dessert. Just an option: Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies for the dessert bar. **To register, call Brenda at 570-617-1567.**

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, November 27, 2017.**

ALL YOU CAN EAT HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI DINNER—Sponsored by St. Patrick Church on Sunday, December 3 from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. St. Patrick Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. Eat in or take out. Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$3.50.

BRUNCH WITH THE GRINCH—Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at SS. Peter and Paul Church Hall at 131 North Beech Street, Mt. Carmel. Advanced tickets only. Adults: \$8.00 Children under 12 years \$6.00 Under 2 years Free. Price includes: Grinch Brunch Buffet, beverage, 3 game tickets, make and take craft, photo op with Grinch, story time and one chance for the door prize. **For tickets and more info 570-339-0650.**

CHRISTKINDLMARKT (Christmas Market)—Saturday, December 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 526 North Street, Jim Thorpe, PA. Free admission. Food, baked goods, new and used Christmas crafts and ornaments, basket raffle, and garage sale. Live Nativity at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Concert at 2:00 p.m. in the church, Joyful Music of Advent and Christmas, by organist Michael Seroka and members of St. Joseph Parish Choir, followed at 2:45 p.m. by a tour of the Church building's visual artwork and architecture led by Fr. Francis Baransky. Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. **For more info 570-325-3731.**

6th ANNUAL MURPHY JEWELERS BINGO—SUNDAY, December 3 at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open 11:00 a.m.; bingo starts 1:00 p.m. Admission \$25...includes 16 regular games and 4 specials. Santa...shopping...homemade foods and much more! Advance ticket holders eligible for a special drawing! 570-544-2800...570-544-4581...570-527-0899 also available at the door. Proceeds benefit St. Nicholas School.



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If you would prefer to have us process your gift, please complete and return the donation card below. All donation cards must be received no later than **Tuesday, November 28**. Information will remain secure and confidential. Questions? Email info@igivecatholic.org.

To benefit: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Credit card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

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