

# 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

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

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 ADVENT

## DECEMBER 3, 2017

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 2, 2017

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 Mark Stank requested by James J. Stank, Jr.

11:30 AM Anne Bramley requested by Pat Petchel

#### Monday, December 4

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

#### Tuesday, December 5

8:05 AM John & Lorraine Bevan requested by Family

#### Wednesday, December 6

7:00 AM Frank Flaim requested by Mark Wolfe

#### Thursday, December 7

8:05 AM John Maglosky requested by wife, Nancy

#### Friday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

7:00 AM Edward O'Connell requested by wife, Ann

6:00 PM Living & deceased members of McGinn, Neary & Bosevich Family requested by Helen & Hannah Bosevich

#### Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM Grant Klock requested by Marie

#### Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM Annabelle Decker requested by Dianne & Betty Lou

10:00 AM Daniel "Buster" Poreca requested by Joe & Irene Chaya & Teresa Szott

11:30 AM Joseph Kleeman III (15th Anniversary) requested by 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.

#### 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](http://www.frackvillecatholic.org)). Just look for the "Donate" button directly beneath the Mass Schedule.

### 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 Andrew & Rose Marie Kergick requested by Darlene & Dennis.

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 Joseph Albert & Margaret Geary requested by Darlene & 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 God's blessings and good health for Marilyn Overly requested by Joe and Angie Babatsky.

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 CHANGE:

**Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Second Wednesday of each month 7:00 to 8:00 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 19, 2017: \$5,160.25**

**Second Collection: November 19, 2017: \$302.62**

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

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# PARISH NEWS

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**TRINITY ACADEMY**—Enrollment is open to children in Pre-school 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. [jgrier@trinitymatters.com](mailto:jgrier@trinitymatters.com), 570-462-3927, [www.trinitymatters.com](http://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. More info contact [570-462-3927](tel:570-462-3927).

## **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**

Birtheright 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.*

**LOVE SAVES LIVES**—Join us for the **45th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE on Friday, January 19, 2018**. **St. Joseph Parish of the Panther Valley and the Diocesan Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux are chartering a bus to leave at 6:00 a.m. from the Shrine in Nesquehoning, PA and returning at 9:30 p.m.** We will attend Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore followed by the rally and March to the Supreme Court and Capital Building. Cost is \$25.00. To register call the rectory office at 570-645-2664 or email [lisasjpv@gmail.com](mailto:lisasjpv@gmail.com). For information contact Nancy [nanberchtold@yahoo.com](mailto:nanberchtold@yahoo.com), 570-732-4001.

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

**December 6—Skills & Abilities Survey due back**

**December 14—Pageant dress rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in Church Hall**

**December 17—Christmas Pageant in Church Hall at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.**

## **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.

## **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 this weekend, 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](http://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:** "Love Our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible."  
—St. Padre Pio

**PIEROGIES FOR SALE**

Pierogies will be sold after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday night Mass and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the St. Ann kitchen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen.

**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.**

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**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.

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**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.

**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.

**Christmas Candy Sale**—Peanut Butter, Butter Cream and Butter Cream rolled in peanuts. \$10/pound made by Saint Anne's Guild of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, 11th and Walnut Street, Ashland, PA 17921. Call 570-875-1521 to order or for more information.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE-2017

### CONFESSIONS:

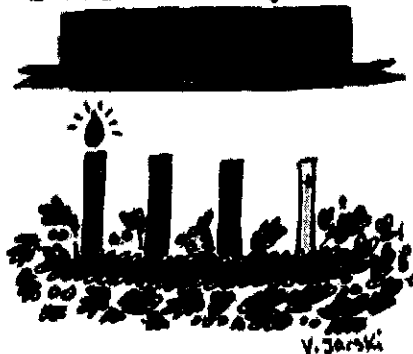
SATURDAY, December 2	3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 3	8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
MONDAY, December 4	6:15 to 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, December 9	3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 10	8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
MONDAY, December 11	6:15 to 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, December 16	3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 17	8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
MONDAY, December 18	6:00 to 7:00 p.m. ( <u>last Monday confession</u> )
SATURDAY, December 23	3:15 to 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 24	8:05 to 8:20 a.m.

(all in St. Ann Church)

### MASSES:

Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 8, 2017	7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ( <u>St. Ann Church</u> )
December 23 & 24, 2017 ( <u>Sunday Obligation</u> )	4:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. ( <u>St. Ann</u> )
SUNDAY, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017	4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. ( <u>Church Hall</u> )
MONDAY, Christmas Day, December 25, 2017	10:00 a.m. ( <u>Church Hall</u> )
December 30 & 31, 2017 ( <u>Sunday Obligation</u> )	4:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. ( <u>St. Ann</u> )
SUNDAY, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2017	4:00 p.m. ( <u>St. Ann</u> )
MONDAY, New Year's Day, January 1, 2017	10:00 a.m. ( <u>St. Ann</u> )

First Sunday of



## Interests and Abilities Questionnaire

God has given each of us gifts in the form of abilities, interests and talents to guide us through life. As members of God's Church, we are asked to be good stewards of these gifts by using them in the service of others. Along with providing financial support for our parish, we are each called to share our abilities and talents to support our parish and community. The purpose of this survey is to create a list of individuals that can be informed of occasions when the parish is in need of their specific talents and abilities to offer them an opportunity to be good stewards of those gifts. Realizing that we all have other obligations, sharing in the work of keeping our parish relevant and operating efficiently will ensure that Saint Joseph the Worker Parish will continue into the future.

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\* Required Response

1. Name \*

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2. Contact (Phone number or email address) \*

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3. Age

*Mark only one oval.*

Under 18

18 - 40

41 - 60

Over 60

4. Please indicate the talents, abilities, gifts and interests that you are willing to share to support Saint Joseph the Worker Parish. Examples are given after each item.

*Check all that apply.*

- Painting** Rooms, buildings, furniture
- Carpentry** Repair and construction of new furniture and facilities
- Masonry** Repair and construction of buildings and grounds
- Electrical** Installation and repair of wiring and electrical equipment
- Plumbing** Maintenance and installation of new equipment and facilities
- Cleaning** General and special purpose indoor/outdoor cleaning projects
- Landscaping** Planting, trimming, weeding
- Grass Cutting** Mowing and trimming for special circumstances
- Snow Removal** for special or emergency circumstances
- Event Setup-TakeDown-Cleanup** Work in the parish hall, grove, etc. for special occasions
- Clerical Money/Ticket Collection** for events

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- Documentation and Information Recording** Keeping historical records of parish events
- Non-ambulatory Duties** Ticket sales, information recording
- Managing Events** Organizing people and resources for special events
- Legal Assistance** Assisting parishioners as needed
- Marketing** Advertising for the parish and for special events
- Computers/Technology** Social media, web presence, data entry, information distribution
- Communications** Phone calling, emailing, etc.
- Youth Education** Religious education, skills training, mentoring
- Adult Education** Religious education, skills training
- Arts & Crafts** Scrapbooking, decoration creation, mural, poster painting
- Musical Talent** Vocal or instrumental
- Decorating** General, seasonal, special events
- Bartending** For special events
- Sewing** Crocheting, repair, costume creation, special events
- Cooking** For festival, food sales and special events
- Baking** For festival, bake sales and special events
- Photography** For record keeping and social media
- Working with Elderly** Providing for needs of elderly in our parish
- Working with Sick** Providing for needs of the sick in our parish
- Medical Assistance (Trained)** For special events and in case of emergencies
- Providing Transportation** For members of our parish
- Altar Server** Youth to provide assistance to the pastor at Mass and services
- Public Speaking** Lector and announcements
- Administering Eucharist** During Mass, special services, nursing homes
- Sacristan** Altar and church setup and cleanup before and after Masses
- Welcoming Visitors** At Mass, home visits, etc.
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be used for parish purposes only.

Please complete and submit this survey online or complete a paper copy and return it to the parish office by placing in the collection basket or by dropping off at the parish office during regular office hours (8:30 to 4:00 weekdays).