

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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Pastor



Saint Joseph the Worker

PARISH OFFICE

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Frackville, PA 17931

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

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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. 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 ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00 PM Special Intention for D. P. requested by R. M.

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM Julia & Charles Naspinski requested by Irene Roman and Family

10:00 AM Veronica Flannery requested by Rick and Gloria Elliott

11:30 AM Edward O'Connell requested by wife, Ann

Monday, December 18

8:05 AM Marguerite & Arthur Croake requested by Eileen Wayne and Sons

Tuesday, December 19

8:05 AM Marge Borzok requested by Joe & Ann Vebrosky

Wednesday, December 20

8:05 AM Bill Turner requested by Patti & Paul Domalakes & Family

Thursday, December 21

8:05 AM Charles Yonalunas requested by Wife, Daughters and Families

Friday, December 22

8:05 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM Helen Heine requested by Judy Howard and Family

Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve

8:30 AM Ted Niedzwiecki requested by Jack Moran & Family

10:00 AM Anne Bramley requested by Jeanne Jones

11:30 AM Madeline Buchanan requested by Joe and Angie Babatsky

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION

Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve

4:00 PM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

9:00 PM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Monday, December 25-Christmas Day

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

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are being celebrated in the Church Hall, Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue.

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 St. Ann** burns in memory of Rita Katulis and Joseph P. Klem requested by Leona Klem.

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, December 3, 2017: \$6,639.00

Second Collection: December 3, 2017: \$313.04

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.

PARISH NEWS

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.**

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**, 570-462-3927, **www.trinitymatters.com**

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.*

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 **lisassjpv2@gmail.com**. For information contact Nancy **nanberchtold@yahoo.com**, 570-732-4001.

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.

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

December 17—Christmas decorating in St. Ann Church after 11:30 a.m. Mass

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Our Annual Christmas Pageant will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday, December 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments follow—please join us.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—in our Church Hall on **Wednesday, December 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** Cookies and milk will be served: kids are welcome to bring a blanket and wear their jammies. We'll be watching "*The Santa Clause*" and the event is free.

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. Frozen only.

YOUTH GROUP

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.

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.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Anyone who can help is asked to come to St. Ann's Church today, **Sunday, December 17 following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.** Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

WEEKLY THOUGHT: “Only he will receive, will find, and will enter who perseveres in asking, seeking and knocking.”

—St. Louis de Montfort

ADDITIONAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Save the date for a **Flame of Love Event**—On Saturday, April 21, 2018, Our Lady Queen of Peach 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.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of †**ELEANOR SYZDEK:**

\$10.00 from Mary Prosack

Thank you for your generous donation in memory of your loved one.

‘I’LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT

“I warmly welcome all Catholics ‘home for Christmas.’ No matter how long since your last visit, your spiritual home awaits you ready and waiting to welcome you home! I invite all my brother priests, deacons, religious, and practicing Catholics, through their example of holiness, perseverance, and joy, to be a source of encouragement to their brothers and sisters away from their spiritual home, and to invite one inactive Catholic back home for Christmas. Please know of my prayers for a blessed and Merry Christmas to you and your families!”

— Bishop Alfred A. Schlert



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, December 18, 2017** (due to Christmas Day falling on the last Monday of December).

COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

CATHOLIC Q & A—NEW!! Do you have any questions? Catholic Q & A is a new regular column in **The A.D. Times**. Readers are invited to submit questions about our Catholic faith that will be answered by the Diocese of Allentown Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization. Please email your questions to **CLE@allentowndioocese.org**. Questions for the column will be chose from those submitted and answered in the next possible issue. Questions may be edited for space, clarity or other considerations. Questioners must include their name and town or parish, but questions will be published anonymously.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE-2017

CONFESSIONS:

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. (last Monday confession)
SATURDAY, December 23 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 24 8:05 to 8:20 a.m. (last confession before Christmas)
(all in St. Ann Church)

MASSES:

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

