

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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Pastor



Saint Joseph the Worker

PARISH OFFICE

Seven South Broad Mountain Avenue
Frackville, PA 17931

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

Confessions/Adoration Ext. 7, Holy Days Ext. 6,

Bookkeeper Ext. 2, Diocesan Youth Office Ext. 9

In case of a true emergency, Ext. 8

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2017

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23, 2017

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

Sunday, December 24

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

10:00 AM Anne Bramley requested by Jeanne Jones

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

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION

Christmas Eve—All in Church Hall

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

Christmas Day

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

Tuesday, December 26

8:05 AM Charles Hepler requested by Ellie & Nick Sanayka

Wednesday, December 27

8:05 AM Mike Howard requested by Curt & Jennifer Ziegmont and Family

Thursday, December 28

7:00 AM James & Elizabeth Courtnye requested by Jerry & Kathy Campomizzi

Friday, December 29

8:05 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM Leonard & Rita Zelonis requested by Mary Ann and Joe Venoskie

Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM Joseph Prosack & Theresa Aftuck requested by Mary Prosack and Family

10:00 AM Kenneth J. Wayne requested by Helen Wayne

11:30 AM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker parish

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY OBLIGATION

December 31 both in St. Ann Church

4:00 PM Ester Peters requested by Patti & Paul Domalakes

January 1, 2018

10:00 AM For all those remembered in our Memorial Fund

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 for Joseph P. Nahas, Sr. requested by his Wife.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns in memory of Helen Taylor requested by sister, Eva.

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 the Slotcavage Family requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Max Comac requested by Eva and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Lorn Wolfgang requested by wife, Helen.

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 John & Catherine Slotcavage requested by Family

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.

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 10, 2017: \$8,329.75

Second Collection: December 10, 2017: \$353.85

Includes the Immaculate Conception Collection

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

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. igrier@trinitymatters.com, 570-462-3927, www.trinitymatters.com

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.

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@allentowndiocese.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.

Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 16, 2018 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April & August. For more info: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.**

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

December 27 — Family Movie Night in Church Hall 6:00 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

MEMORIAL FUND

For Health and God's blessings on

JOE AND JUNE ANTHONY:

\$100.00 from Donnie and Winnie Dillman

Thank you so much for your donation for the blessings of your friends.

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.

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.

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.