

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

FATHER BRIAN M. MILLER, M.Div., M.A.
PASTOR

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.
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 &
33 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.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
DIRECT Phone line: (800) 791-9209
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. www.allentowndiocese.org go to "Youth Protection" to learn more about Diocese's Youth Protection programs.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 24, 2019

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Saturday, March 23, 2019

4:00 PM Donna Nahass requested by Hayek Family

Sunday, March 24

8:30 AM Szuler & Lewczyk Families requested by
Jim & Maryann Szuler

10:00 AM Marge Rench requested by Vivian Verna

11:30 AM Francis Goncalves requested by Diana and
Jon Lightstone

Monday, March 25

6:00 PM Helen Kiefer requested by Carole and Frank
BVM Syzdek

Tuesday, March 26

8:05 AM Joseph Boyle requested by Michael
Mayersky

Wednesday, March 27

8:05 AM Joseph Gallagher Family requested by
Theresa and Joe Yurkonis

Thursday, March 28

8:05 AM Carolyn Boychak requested by Birthright

8:30 AM to 8:00 PM Adoration in St. Ann Church

Friday, March 29

8:05 AM John F. Bolinsky requested by wife, Linda

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Ann Church

Saturday, March 30

4:00 PM Anna Smith requested by Michael & Bonnie
Yanusiewicz and Family

Sunday, March 31

8:30 AM For all living & deceased members of the
Catholic Daughters Court St. James #1029

10:00 AM Health & welfare of Marie Costa requested
by a Friend

11:30 AM Theresa Snikosky requested by Dolores
Kastroba

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 OFFERINGS

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 Joseph, Albert and Margaret Geary requested by Darlene and Dennis.

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 Alshon requested by wife, Eve and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Joseph** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Robert and Anna Smith requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention requested by TMS.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. & Sunday: 8:05 a.m.,

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.—7:55 p.m.

First Friday in Lent: 6:0 p.m.

**Fridays during Lent: 6:30 p.m. followed by
Stations of the Cross**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel & Youth Center at 27 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville. **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.** Every **Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Silent) Adoration in St. Ann Church. 7:30 p.m. Confessions, 7:55 p.m. Benediction.**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3:00 p.m. during the Chapel Adoration.

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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Ministry is available for those needing assistance in planning a funeral service and to provide grief support. Your option of a call or visit. Call **Parish Office 570-874-0610** if you wish to be contacted.

RCIA- If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Miller at the Parish Office 570-874-0610.

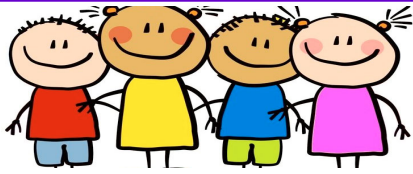
WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection: March 10, 2019: \$5,427.25

Second Collection: March 10, 2019: \$236.05

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

PARISH NEWS



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- All parish children are welcome. Practices are Sundays (prior to CCD) from 5 to 6 p.m. in Annunciation BVM Church. Please encourage your child to join us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN ON RECEIVING FIRST PENANCE:

Kyla Bechtel, Kathryn Bennett, Kyra Blozousky, Nico Capone, Richard Drescher, Henry Evans, Veronica Freyne, Payton Gawrylik, Jaydan Jordan, Kamryn Kimmel, Kyra Krapf, Logan McCabe, Brady Minahan, Emmy Pearce, John Walsh, Teagan Wayne, and Mason Zelwalk. May God continue to bless these children and their families.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY HOAGIE SALE

The Frackville Knights of Columbus #2580 will hold their monthly hoagie sale on **Thursday, March 28**. Pick up only in the former St. Ann Pre School. Hoagies come in many configurations and can be order by calling **Joe at 570-874-3577 or Frank at 570-467-3744 on or before Monday, March 25**. Cost is \$4.50 each. Thank you for supporting this important fund raiser.

ST. PATRICK PARISH HOMEMADE EASTER CANDY

Butter cream, Coconut cream or peanut butter eggs- \$10 per box. Sorry, no mixed boxes. Proceeds benefit St. Patrick Parish. All orders are due by April 2nd. To place an order, call the Parish Office at 570-622-1802 ext. 1 Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. or Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Candy may be picked up in our Parish Center during the Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale, April 13 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: a Protecting God's Workshop will be held at Nativity BVM High School on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m.** Please call 570-622-8110 to register.

PARISH'S NEW WEB SITE:

The Parish has a new web site and the address is as follows: www.stjoesfrackville.com. Please check it out.

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 25—Feast of the Annunciation 6 p.m. in BVM
March 26—"Consoling the Heart of Jesus" 9:30 a.m. in the Sixth Grade Classroom
March 26—Faith Formation—6 p.m. St. Ann Rectory Meeting Room
March 27—Bible Study—5:45 p.m. St. Ann Rectory Meeting Room
March 27—Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church
March 28—Adoration in St. Ann Church 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Confession at 7:30 p.m. and Benediction at 7:55 p.m.
March 29—Confessions—6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN UPS

The Vacation Bible School sign-up sheets are in the vestibule of the church. Pre-school and elementary school children interested in attending should be listed on the sheet. Middle school children interested in helping as crew leaders should also sign up. A registration packet will follow in the mail closer to June. Sign-ups are available until Easter and are important for VBS prep and planning. **VBS is scheduled for June 17-21.**



FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY IS BACK!

"Consoling the Heart of Jesus" is the follow-up retreat to "33 Days to Morning Glory". Join me in the 6th Grade Classroom at 34 South Line Street, Entrance A on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning on March 12th. Just bring yourself and a pen. Questions? Call Marilyn 1-360-923-0327.

COME VENERATE & PRAY BEFORE THE HEART RELIC OF THE PATRON SAINT OF PRIESTS— SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, THE CURE' OF ARS

FRIDAY, April 12, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, St. Clair, PA 17970 from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.

12 p.m. reception of the Relic and Episcopal Liturgy celebrated by the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert D.D., Bishop of Allentown and the Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.

1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Novena to St. John Vianney led by the Knights of the Knights Councils of the Diocese of Allentown.

Veneration of the Relic & Personal Prayer

5:45 p.m. Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with the Intention for Priests. Led by Fr. Adam Sedar, Secretary for Clergy.

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross—Rev. Msgr. David James, Vicar General celebrant with Diocesan Seminarians.

7:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers—Bishop Alfred Schlert, celebrant with Diocesan Seminarians

RESULTS OF THE FOOD AND RUMMAGE SALE

Food Sale brought in a net profit of: \$1,639.70 and the **Rummage Sale** a net profit of: \$854.26

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated items, purchased items/food. **A total profit of \$2,493.96 was realized.**

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

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, March 25.**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLINESS REVOLUTION PARISH MISSION

For this year's Mission, we will be bringing in an **international speaker and best-selling Catholic author, Dan DeMatte**. Dan also starred in A&E's reality TV show, *God or the Girl*, as well as defended the teachings of the Catholic Faith on Larry King Live, The View and the Today Show. Dan DeMatte is also the host of a new radio show called, *Encounter*. He proclaims the Gospel with passion, energy, and overflowing joy. He will challenge you to be the best God created you to be. **March 24, 25, 26—7 to 8:15 p.m. Address: South Tenth and Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville.**

Questions: 570-622-5470.

ALTAMONT FIRE COMPANY—FISH FRY—Every Friday starting March 8 until April 19, 2019. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Eat in, Take out or free delivery in the Frackville Area. Call 570-874-4384 to order. Many options to choose from. Also, remember there **all you can eat breakfasts every 4th Sunday of the month.** 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Omelets, Sausage, Bacon, Scrapple, Ham, toast and more!!!

ST. MARY'S BASKET SOCIAL — St. Mary's Parish Center, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua. Friday, March 29, 6 to 9 p.m.; March 30, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; March 31st, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets on sale at the door. Advance tickets by 3/24-buy 5 get 1 free. Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Mary's CCD Program. For more info: call 610-264-0332 or 610-264-9383.**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!!**

FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK— If interested in making donations—non-perishable food may be dropped off in the vestibule of our church. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Parish Office at 7 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville or dropped into the collection basket. **(please mark for the Food Bank).**

OMEGA HEALTH SCREEN SPONSORED BY Frackville Rotary Club—A screening consisting of blood tests. **Saturday, April 6, 2019** from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Frackville Senior Citizens Center, 130 East Frack Street, Frackville, PA 17931. Cost \$60.00. Optional tests you can add to the Health Screen: PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen-Males) \$25.00; TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) \$25.00; Vitamin D (Are you Vitamin D deficient) \$35.00. Please pre-register by calling: 1-800-776-6342, Mon.—Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Performed by Quest Diagnostics.**

TOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be – and becoming that person."
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2019

CONFESSIONS:

Friday, March 22 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 23 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 24 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, March 29 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 30 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 31 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, April 5 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 6 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, April 7 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, April 12 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 13 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, April 14 8:05 to 8:20 a.m.
Friday, April 19 6:30 p.m. (**Last confession before Easter**)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. (**immediately after Confessions**)

Except on Friday, April 12. COME VENERATE & PRAY BEFORE THE HEART RELIC OF THE PATRON SAINT OF PRIESTS—SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, THE CURE' OF ARS in St. Clare of Assisi Church, St. Clair, PA-- Please see bulletin for specific times.

LENTEN SERVICES:

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist PCC
Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (St. Ann location)
Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church

PALM SUNDAY MASSES (In Parish Hall)

Saturday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at 8:30 and **10:30 a.m.**

HOLY WEEK (In Parish Hall)

Holy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.
(Adoration in Annunciation BVM until 11 p.m.)
Good Friday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 20 at 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 21 at 8:30 and **10:30 a.m.**

EASTER EGG HUNT: (In St. Ann Grove behind church)

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD:

Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Ann Church location

The Season of
Lent

Encountering the Merciful Savior

Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

First Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

The 'I AM' and His Covenant

This week we will explore the name that God refers to as Himself, the I AM, and how this I AM forms and sustains a covenant with us, especially in the Eucharist.

I AM who AM

This week's reflection will focus on our first reading for the weekend, Moses' call in the wilderness. God's chosen people; that is the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; are enslaved in Egypt because of their growth in numbers. In the end of chapter two of Exodus, we read "God heard their moaning and God was mindful of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God saw the Israelites, and God knew." God's call to Moses is initiated because God remembers his covenant with their fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Our God is a God who keeps his promises.

Moses, fleeing for his life, starts a new life in the wilderness. Little does he know that God has a different calling for him. While shepherding his flock, God appears to him in a burning bush. He has a mission for Moses, to be an instrument for God's salvation for His people of Israel. Like most of us, Moses' first response is that of an excuse. How can he, a man with a stuttering problem, be the one to deliver Israel? Who will believe him that God has tasked him with this? What happens next is the one of the pivotal moments in the history of Israel, God reveals His name to Moses. "Tell the Israelites I AM has sent me to you". By giving them His name, God has invited Israel into a deeper and personal relationship with Him. God is now more than a far off being, He now can be called upon for one's salvation. He is close and intimate with His people.



Jesus and the I AM

In John's Gospel, Jesus refers to Himself seven times as the I AM followed by a predicate. I AM the Bread of Life and I AM the Light of the World are just several examples of this. He is identifying himself with God. The back sheet of this page is all about adoration. In adoration, the I AM comes to us in a personal way to assist and comfort us in our struggles.

Saint Quote

St. Therese of Lisieux

On Adoration:

"Heaven for me is hidden in the little white Host where Jesus, my spouse, is veiled for love. I go to that Divine Furnace to draw out life, and there my Sweet Savior listens to me day and night."



Why go to Adoration?

1. It deepens our experience of receiving Holy Communion
2. Gives hope when suffering
3. Transforms us to be more like Jesus
4. Helps us to be humble
5. Gives joy
6. Strengthens us
7. Jesus loves it when we are there



Tips for going to Adoration?

1. Do not be afraid of silence, let Him to do the talking, embrace the peace
2. Don't give up after 5 minutes, give Him at least half an hour
3. When distracted meditate on Scripture
4. Pray the rosary
5. Relate to Him your thoughts, feelings, and desires

Catechism on Adoration

"Adoration is the acknowledgement of God, as God, creator and savior, the Lord and master of everything that exists as infinite and merciful love." (CCC #2096)

"Adoration is homage of the spirit to the King of glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever greater God." (CCC #2628)

Don't Forget

At St. Joseph the Worker Parish, we have adoration:

1. Every Thursday from 8:30am—8pm (Church)
2. Monday–Wednesday and Friday 1-4pm in (Chapel)