

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

FATHER BRIAN M. MILLER, M.DIV., M.A.—PASTOR

FATHER FRANCIS IROOT, AJ—PAROCHIAL VICAR

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.

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

www.victimsassistance@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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2020

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, February 1, 2020

4:00 PM Jason McClure requested by Amber Artz & Children

Sunday, February 2

8:30 AM Dolores & Helen Mae Wayne requested by sister, Karen Corrigan

10:00 AM Living & deceased of the Scheuren & Monahan Families requested by Annette

11:30 AM Eleanor Gomosky requested by Helen Onuskanich

Monday, February 3

7:30 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, February 4

7:30 AM John Smarr requested by Wife & Daughter

Wednesday, February 5

7:30 AM James O'Grodnick requested by Dellocks

Thursday, February 6

7:30 AM For the full recovery of Mark Matthews

Adoration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 7

7:30 AM Eleanor Gomosky requested by son, Bernard

Saturday, February 8

4:00 PM John Blickley requested by Family

Sunday, February 9

8:30 AM Joseph Meade (12th Anniversary) requested by Wife and Children

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

11:30 AM Robert & Anne Freiler requested by Don & Linda Lindenmuth

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 as requested by Andrew & Michelle Smarkanic and Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns for the health & welfare of Mark Romanick 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, Eve & family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Francis Goncalves by wife, Mary.

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. Anthony** burns for a Special Intention requested by TMS.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns in memory of Kathleen Rafferty by Joe and Angie Babatsky.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Joseph, Albert and Margaret Geary by Darlene and Dennis.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Andrew & Rose Marie Kergick by Darlene & Dennis.

The **Sanctuary Light** burns for a Special Intention requested by Mary Jane Recla.

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.—7:55 p.m.

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 8:00 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.

HOLY HOUR—The Pro-Life Holy Hour takes place the second Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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: January 19, 2020: \$4,079.25

Second Collection: January 19, 2020: \$221.20

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 other Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All parish children ages Pre-school through second grade are welcome to attend.

Allelu, today, Sunday, February 2, 2020

Ministry Schedule—February 8 and 9

Servers:

4:00 p.m. Megan Bane
8:30 a.m. Claire & Alyza Kowalonek
10:00 a.m. Emily & Johnny Walsh
11:30 a.m. Gavin & Isaiah Johnstone

Lectors:

4:00 p.m. Marlene Borzok
8:30 a.m. Angie Babatsky
10:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes
11:30 a.m. Peggy Fetterolf

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 p.m. Marlene Borzok **Choir:** Tom Sullivan
8:30 a.m. Angie Babatsky **Choir:** Joe Babatsky
Nursing Home: Frank Susan
10:00 a.m. Larry Domalakes **Choir:** Maggie Scherer
11:30 a.m. Gerald Campomizzi **Choir:** Bill Rowan

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and the marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

UN-BAKED PIZZA SALE—Friendship Fire Co. & Ladies Auxiliary, 7th & Pine Streets, Frackville are sponsoring an unbaked pizza sale. **Pre Orders Only...call Sandy at 570-874-3116, deadline is February 8. Pickup is Saturday, February 15, 2020 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This sale is to benefit Jaden Leiby #6.**

FRACKVILLE ELKS LODGE-VALENTINE'S DANCE with Maggie & The Mutts on **Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Tickets: \$10 per person.** *Light snacks included. *Cash bar available. Adult dance 21 & older. *Proceeds benefit Frackville Downtown Veterans' Park Project.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

—1CORINTHIANS 15:58

ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2—NO PREP Classes 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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February 5—Bible Study 6:45 p.m. in Rectory Meeting Room

February 6—Adoration 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SOUP-ER BOWL COLLECTION

The Soup-er Bowl Collection will take place this weekend, February 1 and 2. Our parish children will be collecting donations that will be given to the Frackville Ministerium Food Bank. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

2020 BISHOP'S SCHOLAR SOCIETY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Eighth grade students that are registered parishioners in the Diocese of Allentown and enrolled in a Catholic, public or private school, tuition payments must be current and intend to enroll in a Diocesan High School are eligible. Children of full-time Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Allentown are **NOT** eligible. Applications are available in the Parish Office. **Deadline for application to be received by the Diocese is Friday, February 21, 2020.** Scholarship is \$1,000.00—one-year partial scholarship.

THE FRIENDS OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER is sponsoring an Easter Candy Sale. **Order forms can be found in the back of the church beginning January 25th until March 1st.** **Payment, by check, is due when you place your order.** Your order should be placed in the collection basket **any weekend between February 2nd and March 8th.** Checks are payable to: "CanDee's Made to Order". The candy will be available for pick up on **Friday, April 3rd between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at CanDee's, 250 South Lehigh Avenue in Frackville.** There is no tax on your candy order. Thank you for your generous support of this Parish Fund raiser.

COLLECTION OF OLD PALM

There will be a basket in the vestibule of the church until Sunday, February 23 for any old palm you may need to discard. Please deposit old palm in basket on or before February 23.

2019 CONTRIBUTION FORMS—2019 Contribution forms have been mailed to those who regularly request them. If you did not receive one or would like to request one, please contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 ext. 4.

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on **Thursday, February 6** at St. Ambrose Church, 201 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. by Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community. Mass will be followed by a period of Adoration & confessions and then an informal social. Please join us for this opportunity to meet each other as we come together for prayer & fellowship. Questions: Fr. Bobbin 610-866-0791 x332 or **kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org**.

PARISH AND AREA EVENTS

BOYER'S CARING AND SHARING REBATE PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who use their Boyer's Tags when they shop. We just received \$340.25 in rebates for the period from July through December 2019. If you do not have a Boyer's tag or have misplaced it, there are tags in the vestibule of the church and in the Parish Office.

TURNING TAXES INTO SCHOLARSHIPS—If you are paying Pennsylvania State Income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education. The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future, and our faith. To learn more, please inquire at your school or contact: *John Fierro (Diocese) 610-866-0581 (ext. 2344).*

ALL YOU CAN EAT HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI DINNER—sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, February 9** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. St. Patrick Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. **Eat in or take out. Adults:** \$8.00; **Children:** \$3.50.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO—Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Divine Mercy Hall, 400 Block of West Cherry Street, Mt. Carmel, PA 17851. 570-339-3450. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and Bingo starts at 2:00 p.m. \$20.00 if purchased ahead, \$25.00 at the door. Food available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the Divine Mercy Redeemer Church Office, 438 West Avenue, Mt. Carmel during normal business hours or call 570-975-5613.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT—An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. **March 6-8, 2020** in a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For *registration information contact: **Sr. Meg Cole, 1-866-3 RACHEL (toll free), 1-610-332-0442 (ext. 2019), mcole@allentowndiocese.org** *Deadline for registration is March 1st. For more info about the retreat experience visit the national website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

DISCOVERING CHRIST—join us for this exciting new 7-session series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching, and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose in life. **Wednesday evenings, February 12 — March 25, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Longinus Hall, St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville.** Dinner and program are offered at no cost. For more info or to register, call the Rectory at 570-622-5470.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING! DO YOU HAVE A "HEART" FOR ROMANCE? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend provides a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with! For information call 610-449-1859 or visit www.wvme.org.

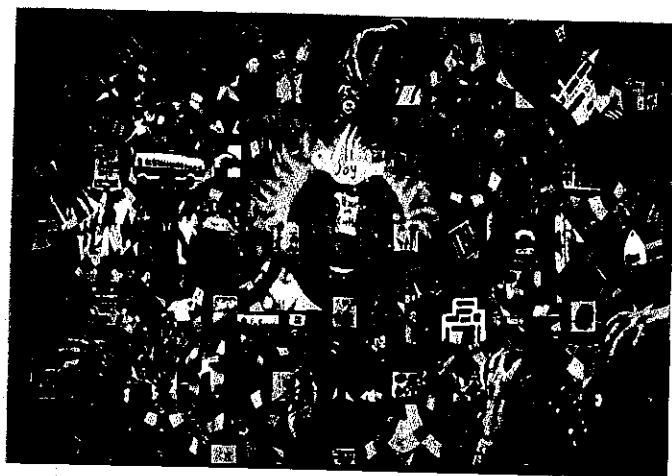
SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION ON FEBRUARY 15-16, 2020

We are all aware of the plight of the residents of Puerto Rico after recently experiencing a serious earthquake followed by numerous aftershocks. This new round of destruction comes upon the heels of the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Maria that has still not been totally repaired and has only intensified the conditions created by the hurricane.

In response to this disaster, His Excellency, Bishop Scheldt, has asked that each parish in the Diocese of Allenton take up a collection between now and March 15 to provide relief for Puerto Rico. The funds contributed to this collection will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to be administered by them. **This collection at our Parish will be taken up on the weekend of February 15-16. Please be as generous as possible.**

Sunday, February 2, 2020





Prayer For Peace In Our World

Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace:
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
all people may live as children of One Father.

You are the source of all life.
Through Jesus you taught us to love our enemies
and pray for those who persecute us.
Guide the nations of the world
into the way of justice and truth,
that we may freely live your command
to "love one another."

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move every human heart
so that the barriers which divide us may crumble,
suspensions disappear, and hatreds cease.

We pray for the power to be gentle;
the strength to be forgiving;
the patience to be understanding,
and the courage to hold onto and proclaim
what we know and believe to be true.

Make your ways known upon earth,
your saving power among all peoples.
Renew us in holiness
and help us to serve you with joy.
Make us instruments of your peace
and may your glory be over all the earth.
Amen.