

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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PASTOR

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## 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](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.  
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 &  
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](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. [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) go to "Youth Protection" to learn more about Diocese's Youth Protection programs.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## APRIL 7, 2019

### Mass Intentions For The Week

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#### Saturday, April 6, 2019

4:00 PM Stanley Bevan requested by Frances Crosby

#### Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM Geraldine A. Ossman requested by Joseph Sienkiewicz

10:00 AM Bernie Vinski requested by Wife, Children and Families

11:30 AM Carolyn Quinn requested by cousins, Linda Sabol and Denise Willingham

#### Monday, April 8

8:05 AM **NO MASS**

#### Tuesday, April 9

8:05 AM Joseph Denavage requested by niece, Mary

#### Wednesday, April 10

8:05 AM Deceased of the Shearstone Family requested by Alice Oshman and Family

#### Thursday, April 11

8:05 AM Stanley Jakubowski requested by wife, Catherine

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

#### Friday, April 12

8:05 AM Joe and Rose Costa & Family requested by Marie Costa and Family

**6:30 PM Confession**

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**

#### Saturday, April 13-Palm Sunday Vigil(Parish Hall)

4:00 PM Margaret Rench requested by Helene Kerzheski

#### Sunday, April 14-Palm Sunday(Parish Hall)

8:30 AM Georgine Gober requested by Joe & Mary Ellen Bane and Family

**10:30 AM** Ed Sklaris requested by wife, Mary

#### 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 John and Arlene Davis requested by Darlene & 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 the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

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 in memory of Anthony Stasulli requested by wife, Marsha.

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. Ann** burns in memory of Robert and Anna Smith requested by Family.

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.

First Friday in Lent: 6:00 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.

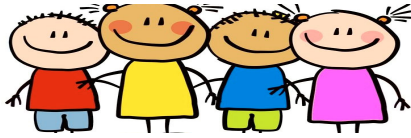
### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Sunday Collection: March 24, 2019: \$5,252.50**

**Second Collection: March 24, 2019: \$259.40**

*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.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CCD**

The CCD 6th & 7th grade students are portraying the stations of the cross on Palm Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Annunciation BVM Church. The students will be playing the parts of Jesus, the disciples, Mary, etc. This is a wonderful way to begin Holy Week. Parents of ALL CCD students are asked to attend. Children will be dismissed at the conclusion of the service. Our entire parish family is invited to join the children for this special event.

## **ANNUAL PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

Our Annual parish Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Easter Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the side yard of the St. Ann Church. There will be a pre-K category and an elementary school age category. All children will receive Easter goodies and prizes will be awarded. You do not need to register and the event is free. Please bring a basket to haul the goodies home. Thank you to the following for their generous donations towards supplies for the hunt: Deann Rys, Klevis Family, Smolock Family, Ann Marie O'Boyle, Taryn Taylor, Jenn Bennett, Siobhan Walsh, Carolyn Tenaglia.

## **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH DANCE**

Our Parish will be sponsoring a dance—"ROOFSTOCK"—**Cinco de Mayo** featuring **Another Side & Broken Spell** on **Saturday, May 4 from 7 to 12 a.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. 21 years and older only.** Tickets \$10 presale and \$12 at the door. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets can be obtained at the Parish Office during normal hours. Dance will be held in the Parish Hall at Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.

### **SPONSORS NEEDED:**

We are also looking for sponsors for the dance (both individuals and businesses). Any amount is acceptable. Donations can be either put in an envelope and placed in the collection basket at weekend Masses, sent or dropped off at the office.

Dance benefits St. Joseph the Worker Parish Building Maintenance Fund.

## **PARISH'S NEW WEB SITE:**

The Parish has a new web site and the address is as follows: [www.stjoesfrackville.com](http://www.stjoesfrackville.com). Please check it out.

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

April 9—"Consoling the Heart of Jesus" 9:30 a.m. in the Sixth Grade Classroom

April 9—Faith Formation—6 p.m. St. Ann Rectory Meeting Room

April 10—Bible Study 5:45 p.m. in St. Ann Rectory

April 10—Lenten Service at Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

April 11—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.

April 12—Veneration/Prayer before the Heart Relic of Saint John Vianney at St. Clare of Assisi Church in St. Clair, PA

## **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.**

## **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. **(no stations or confession in our church that day)**  
**12:00 noon**—Reception of the Relic of St. John Vianney at St. Clare of Assisi Church by the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert D.D., Bishop of Allentown, with a concelebrated Liturgy by the Bishop with all the priests of the Diocese and priest visitors from surrounding dioceses.

**1:30 to 5:30 p.m.**—Praying the Novena to St. John Vianney lead by various Knights of Columbus Councils from across the Diocese of Allentown. A portion of the novena will be prayed every half hour. Following the prayer, there will be a time for personal prayer with the relic. Two or three priests will be available for confession throughout the afternoon.

**5:30 p.m.** — Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary with a reflection of St. John Vianney. The rosary will led by The Rev. Adam Sedar, Secretary for Clergy, Diocese of Allentown, with the Grand Knights of the Knights of Columbus from Schuylkill County each leading a decade.

**6:00 p.m.**—Stations of the Cross for Priests & Vocations led by the Reverend Msgr. David James, Vicar General of the Diocese of Allentown, and assisted by the seminarians of the Diocese of Allentown.

**7:00 p.m.**—Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church lead by The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown, and assisted by the seminarians of the Diocese of Allentown.

# Encountering the Merciful Savior

## Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

## Theme: Divine Mercy

Death is the punishment of sin. Unfortunately for us, we all have sinned, but fortunately for us, God does not desire us to die. He wants us to live, hence He gives us His divine mercy.

## The Accusation

This week's Gospel passage provides us with another familiar story concerning Jesus, the woman caught in adultery. The Pharisees present to Jesus this woman "caught in the very act of adultery" (John 8:3). They do this not for the sake of justice or for the Mosaic law but in order to trap Jesus. Since they were under Roman law, the Jews had no authority to carry out a capital punishment. The Romans were the only ones who could do that. The trap was to present to Jesus two options, both of which would lead to His demise. He could go against the Mosaic law, which would discredit Him as a prophet, or He could go against the Romans and have Himself executed.

So here is this woman in front of our Lord and the people around Him, being bombarded with accusations. She has sinned and deserves to die. This is true, not just for her, but for everyone who has sinned. Death is the punishment for sin. Even though we may have not committed adultery ourselves, we can still stand in her place because we have sinned. In our spiritual battles, not only does the evil one tempt us to sin, but he then accuses us

after we sinned. In fact, the name Satan means 'the accuser'. Therefore, whenever you have thoughts such as "I am a terrible Christian", "I am bad husband/wife", "God hates me", etc. know that these are accusations the evil one has placed upon you for the purpose of getting you discouraged. The objective is to have you fall into despair and get you far away from your relationship with God.

How comforting are the words of Jesus to the woman, "Has anyone condemned you?..... Neither do I, go and sin no more" (John 8:11). The remedy for the accusations is for the Divine judge to pardon us from our punishments. Our Lord's wish for us is not spiritual death. That's the purpose for which He came into the world, so that we might have life and life to the fullest. In order for our Lord to give us life, He must first lift our death sentence. We call this the Divine Mercy. Therefore, the next time the accusations fill your mind, know that God and His Divine Mercy are much greater than the accusations Satan can throw at us.

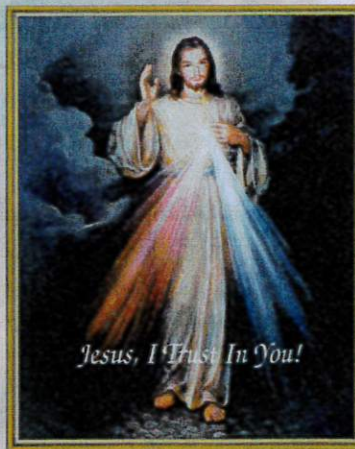


### Saint Quote: St. Faustina

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest."

### What is the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls."



### Chaplet of Divine Mercy Promises

1. The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.
2. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death."
3. "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."
4. "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."



### How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Using the rosary:

1. Say an 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and the 'Apostle's Creed' with the three 'Hail Mary' beads by the crucifix
2. On the 'Our Father' beads, say "Holy God, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Your dearly beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and for the whole world."
3. On the ten 'Hail Mary' beads, say "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. When finished moving around the rosary, say three times "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

### **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of †**FRANCIS GONCALVES:**

\$10.00 from David & Daria Kayes

In memory of †**GRACE SEARLES:**

\$20.00 from Eileen Barlow

In memory of †**DALE OVERLY:**

\$100.00 from Family

In memory of †**HELEN PLEVA:**

\$20.00 from Irene Roman

\$50.00 from Joanne Pleva and Danielle & Joe

\$10.00 from Dolores Kastropa

\$10.00 from Jack & Charlotte Budwash

In memory of **my parents Jim and Kit Callaghan**—\$20.00 donated to Children's Religious Education at St. Joseph the Worker

***Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Joseph the Worker Memorial Fund in their loved ones' memories.***

**HOMEMADE EASTER EGGS**—Homemade Easter eggs by Saint Ann Guild of Saint Charles Borromeo, 110 Walnut Street, Ashland, PA. Peanut butter, cherry, butter cream and coconut cream. \$1.00 each or \$12.00 per dozen. Call 570-875-1521 to order.

### **KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY HOAGIE SALE**

The Frackville Knights of Columbus #2580 will hold their monthly hoagie sale on **Thursday, April 25**. 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, April 22**. Cost is \$4.50 each. Thank you for supporting this important fund raiser.

### **Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday**

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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)**. **Next Food Bank is Thursday, April 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church basement.**

### **DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION:**

St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on the following dates....**Palm Sunday, April 14th and Good Friday, April 19th**. Prelude begins at 7:15 p.m. Stations begin 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

### **TRINITY ACADEMY NEWS:**

**REGISTRATIONS:** Trinity Academy is accepting registration for 2019-2020 School Year. Trinity Academy provides a safe, respectful, Christ-centered environment for students in Pre school through 8th grade. Tuition assistance is available, and we offer \$1,500 in Transfer Grants. Students who transfer into grades 1—7 are eligible to receive \$1,000 their first year of enrollment and \$500 in their second year. Please call 570-462-3927 to request a tour or registration packet.

**TOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** **“A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.”**  
**—St. Faustina**

## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2019

### CONFESSIONS:

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, 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 side yard)

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

**"During this Lent,  
let us all ask the Lord:  
*Make our hearts like yours.*"**

**-Pope Francis**

