



Welcome

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland
Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville
Rev. Giuseppe Esposito, M. Div., M.A., Pastor
Deacon John Sutter

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Office Times: Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. Closed daily 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Office is closed all Federal Holidays and Holy Days



Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 PM St. Charles Borromeo
Sunday 9:30 AM St. Charles Borromeo
For holy days and weekdays, consult the Bulletin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration takes place Tuesdays after 8:30 AM
Mass until 11 AM.

Communion Calls

Communion is normally distributed to the home-bound on the Thursday morning before First Friday of each month, except by special arrangements.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM, Ashland

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptisms take place in the main Church in Ashland. They occur on Saturday Mornings. Prior to the day, parents must attend a class, and be regularly attending weekend Masses for at least three months. Pre-register for this class with the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

At least six months before a couple hopes to get married, he and she must talk face to face with the priest and get a firm wedding date and time from him. Only after this initial contact should a couple set the dates for a reception or a honeymoon.

Parish Religious Education

CCD Grades 1-8

Contact the Parish Office to enroll your children.

RCIA / Adult Education Contact the Parish Office

Hall Rentals may occur for private events.

Parish Funerals

Any family who desires a priest other than the Pastor to celebrate the funeral Mass of a deceased loved one *on parish premises* must first obtain the Pastor's explicit approval. Such approval, as for other special requests, must be sought in each and every case, but can normally be expected to be granted.

St. Anne Chapel Hours

Located in the lower level of our Church in Ashland, this chapel is unlocked daily, except on Sundays. Monday through Friday it opens at 6 AM, and at 8 AM on Saturday. It remains open until 4 PM.

Regional Catholic Schools

Marian High School, Tamaqua,

Grades 9-12, 570-467-3335

Nativity BVM High School, Pottsville,

Grades 9-12, 570-622-8110

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Pottsville,

All levels, 570-622-4638

Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Diocese of Allentown

1515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

P.O. Box F Allentown, PA 18105-1538

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

610-871-5211 (Fax)

prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Ms. Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

1-800-791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-4562, www.reportbishop/abuse.org

If you are new to the area, please consider registering with us.

Contact the Parish Office to establish a relationship with us through registration.



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Saturday, December 7 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Diane Tarantelli

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 8 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM Pearl Hutsko

Altar Servers: Rosemary Schachte

Weekday Mass: St Charles Borromeo, Ashland
St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

**Monday December 9 Holy Day The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville – 8:30AM

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland – 6:00PM

Tuesday December 10

8:30AM Brecker and Hardnock Families

Friday December 13

8:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Campomizzi,

Campomizzi, Kamalovich, Newman, Smolkowicz,
& Wilk Families

Saturday, December 14 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Joe, Rosemary, Joseph , Max Rizzardi

Altar Servers: Gregory and Ella Stump

Sunday, December 15 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM Mark Fanelli

Altar Servers: Charles Clark, Martin Wrobel

**The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St.
Charles in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs.
Anthony Campomizzi, Campomizzi, Kamalovich,
Newman, Smolkowicz, & Wilk Families from the
Family.
In St. Anne in loving memory of the Deceased of
the Dean & Bonner Families from the Family.**



Please pray for our military men and women, our policemen and women, firemen and women, our sick in nursing homes, at home and in the hospitals, especially Theresa Mock, Sue Klinger, Christine Groody, Mark Oshman, Nancy Yanacek, Bill Kripplebauer, Rita Yarnell, John Petrousky, Frank Locke, James Dwyer, and our deceased brothers and sisters especially Mary Lou Gaughan and Michelle Herb.

Jan. Lottery Calendars

Jan. Lottery Calendars are now on sale after Mass or in the Parish Office

For your info

The back steps to the Church have been closed off due to our sick room construction. The steps will remain closed during the duration of the construction work. The sick room will still be accessible through the courtyard.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Holy Day

On Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Times are St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville – 8:30 AM. St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland is 6:00PM.

Giving Tree - Catholic Charities/Birthright of Frackville

Catholic Charities will have a giving tree in the back of the Church. We hope that you will support their work in Schuylkill County by providing gifts or gift cards for the babies. Needed Items are diapers (Size 3 and up), baby wipes, Infant and toddler clothing, bottles and small infant safe toys. Gift Cards to area stores are great too. Also, Birthright of Frackville will be accepting monetary donations and gift cards. The donations will be used by only the Birthright staff to purchase items needed for babies. If you are giving monetary or gift cards, please put on the envelope who its for: Catholic Charities or Birthright of Frackville. Thank you for your generosity!



Catholic Charities Food Truck

The next time the Catholic Charities Food truck will be here is Monday, December 16, from Noon to 1:30PM. *****

Advent Retreat for Women

“Finding Hope Through Prayer”

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024
9AM – 1PM
St Francis of Assisi – 1046 West Cedar Street
Allentown PA
Keynote from Fr. John Frink & Mass with Bishop Schlert

For more info email Mary Muncy at marie@livemuncy.com

Support for the Retired and Infirm Priests of

Allentown

Chosen, Blessed, Shared

Please support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You should received a request letter in the mail within the last few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website

www.weloveourpriests.org Thank you in advance for your generous support! There will be a Second collection this weekend - Dec. 7th and 8th. *****

St. Patrick’s Spaghetti Dinner

When: Sunday December 8th from 11:00 – 2:00
Where: St. Patrick’s Church 313 Mahantongo St. Pottsville

Cost: \$11 per platter which includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad, and bread. Eat in or take out.

Job Opening

Marian Catholic HS is looking for a PT Night Custodian. Interested applicants can send their cover letter and resume to Pete Sanfilippo.

psanfilippo@marioncatholics.org

Marian Catholic

Marian Catholic Volleyball is having a \$1000.00 Cash Jackpot Bingo! Sunday, December 8th at the Lakeside Ballroom, Barnsville. Doors open at 12 noon-----Games start at 1:00PM. \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at door. 10 Regular games, Specials, Tricky Trays, 50/50, and more! Food and drink available for purchase. Contact Angela at 570-582-5980 for reservations/payment.

Never Alone Support Group

St. Charles Borromeo’s peer support and recovery group is offering a place where you can share your own or just listen to others convey their feelings and life experiences of dealing with a personal loss. For more information, call the Parish Office at 570-875-1521 or Carol at 570-400-0864 after 2. **Always remember that we are here for you!** Our next meeting will be in the lower hall of St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office on Friday, December 13th at 10:00AM.

CCD Updates

Our Nativity Play will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. All Students should report to the parish hall by 6PM. All Parishioners are invited to come and experience the Birth of our Lord through Scripture and song presented by the students. Light refreshments will follow. If anyone would be willing to donate baked goods, cookies, or water please call the Parish Office. Play practice will take place on Sunday, December 8th following the 9:30AM Mass.

Money Chances

The winner of the December drawing, \$2000 is Andrea Conniff. Congratulations! Thank you to all who supported our money chances fundraiser!

Parish Stewardship

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Sunday 12/1/24 (week 22)

Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering	\$4104	
Last Sunday’s Offering / % of Budget	\$3098	75%
Sunday Offerings to-date	\$84,425	

164 Envelopes Used, out of a possible 576

Fiscal Year 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Sunday Collection \$213,408

NEW MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE STARTING JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR ST. CHARLES BORROME0, ASHLAND AND ST JOSEPH

THE WORKER PARISH, FRACKVILLE

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00PM ST CHARLES BORROME0, ASHLAND

5:30PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

SUNDAY: 9:00AM ST CHARLES BORROME0, ASHLAND

11:00AM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 5:30PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

TUESDAY 8:30AM ST CHARLES BORROME0, ASHLAND

WEDNESDAY 8:30AM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

FRIDAY 12:00PM ST CHARLES BORROME0, ASHLAND

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 3:15PM-3:45PM ST CHARLES BORROME0, ASHLAND

5:10PM-5:25PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

SUNDAY 8:15AM-8:45AM ST CHARLES BORROME0, ASHLAND

MONDAY 5:00PM-5:25PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER.

Cemetery News

As many of you may or may not know, a lot of work has been done in our cemeteries over the past summer. First, we would like to **SINCERELY THANK Ron Troy** for the much-needed paving job in our Fountain Springs Cemetery and for the resurfacing of the entrance road that runs into our new sections of our Ashland Cemeteries. Also, we would like to give a **SINCERE THANK YOU** to **Richard White and his crew from Evolve Enterprises,** for the much-needed work in our Ashland Cemeteries. They were able to trim the trees that run along the top road of the cemetery, this enabled them to widen the road and fix the holes along the road's edge. They cut back many trees along the older section of the cemetery to expose two rows of stones that were previously hidden by the trees, along with other numerous tree trimmings throughout the cemetery. Lastly, without the generous donations from our parishioners, we would not be able to do these projects, so we would also like to **SINCERELY THANK all those who have donated and continue to donate** to our Parish Cemeteries. It is much appreciated!



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