



# Welcome

## Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

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

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**DRE:** JoAnne Leinenbach **Business Manager:** Shannon Butler **Office Assistant:** Janet Paulukonis

**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 9:00 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  
Sundays: 8:15AM to 8:45AM, 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 12, 2025**

**Saturday, January 11** St Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** Dominick and Rose Grasso

**Lector:** Jack Reilly

**EM:** JoAnne Leinenbach, Penny Herb, John Smolock

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

*-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville: 5:30PM*

**Sunday, January 12** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:00AM** Jackie and PeggyAnne Clark

**Lector:** Mary Cuthie

**EM:** Mike and Mary Cuthie, Jan Paulukonis

**Altar Servers:** Rosemary Schachte

*-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville*

*8:30&11:00AM*

**Weekday Mass:** St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

**Monday January 13**

*5:30PM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville*

*1:00PM-5:30PM Adoration*

**Tuesday January 14**

**8:30AM** Aloysius Burns, JR 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**9:00AM-11:00AM Adoration**

**Wednesday January 15**

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

*After Mass till 12PM Adoration*

**Friday January 17**

**12:00PM** Joseph Kandrot and Family

**Saturday January 18**

**4:00 PM** Fred and Helen Mattro and Family

**Lector:** JoAnne Leinenbach

**EM:** JoAnne Leinenbach, Ed & Anne Tarantelli

**Altar Servers:** Gregory and Ella Stump

*-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 5:30 PM*

**Sunday January 19**

**9:00AM** Kay Hogan 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Lector:** Jim Hogan

**EM:** Jim & John Hogan, Aaron Stepanchick

**Altar Servers:** Charles Clark, Martin Wrobel.

*11:00AM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville*

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St. Charles in loving memory of Aloysius Burns Jr. from Family

In St. Anne's in loving memory of Frank Heffner and Edward Staller from Brenda.



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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.

**Feb. Lottery Calendars**

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

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**Catholic Charities Food Truck**

The next food truck will be at St. Charles on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from noon to 1:30PM.

**Catholic Charities Community Café Inclement Weather Update**

In the event of inclement weather on a day the meal service is scheduled for your town, please follow you town's school district policy a it appears on television or announced in the radio. If the school district is on a 1-or 2-hour delay, the service will occur. Should the district be closed or virtual, the truck will not be available for meal service.

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**CCD Announcements**

CCD Classes will resume on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 9:00AM Mass and ending at 11:00AM. Our parish children did a wonderful job bringing the story of Christmas to life with our annual Nativity play. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in any way!

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**\*IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE A FLOWER, PLEASE TAKE ONE!**

**Nativity Happenings**

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 1-3PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration, and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 570-644-8110 with any questions.

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**Marian Happenings**

Open house for Marian will be on Sunday, January 26, from 1-3. Tour the school, meet faculty and administration, and learn how to make a Marian education possible. For more information, contact Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 ext 117 or email [mmilosh@mariancatholics.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholics.org)

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**Thank You**

Thank you to all who donated to Catholic Charities And Birthright during the Christmas Season. Your Donations provide pregnant women and their families a healthy start in life. Thank you also for the donation to Toys for Tots. This is the first year that our parish participated in Toys for Tots. We are sure that your generous donations put smiles on many children's faces on Christmas Day! Finally, thank you all who donate food to the local food pantry all year long!

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**ST Patrick's Homemade Soup  
And Haluski Sale**

**When: January 11<sup>th</sup> Noon – 5:30PM and January 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM – 11:30AM or Sell Out!**

**Where: St. Patrick Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St Pottsville. Choice of soups- \$9 per quart – Vegetable Beef, Ham and Bean, Potato and Italian Wedding. Haluski - \$8 per quart.**

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**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 parish office on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM.



**Sight and Sound Bus Trip  
Wednesday – May 7, 2025**

**Noah**

Total cost of \$160.00 includes ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Noah, after show buffet style meal at Shady Maple, and round-trip Coach bus transportation. Reserve your seat early!!! A non-refundable deposit of \$80.00 is due at time of reservation. Total payment due April 30, 2025. Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance including live animals and special effects. Spend an enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow parishioners! All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Parish Office, 570-875-1521. \*\*\*\*\*

**New Classes to Offer**

We have some exciting news for the new year. Starting in January and running through April we will offer one kindergarten class per month. Ann Tarantelli will lead this class and will present a story and an accompanying craft. If you have a kindergarten student or know of a kindergarten student who would be interested in attending these classes, please contact our DRE (JoAnne Leinenbach) with their names and contact information so that we have an approximate idea of how many children will be attending. Thank you!

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**Seven Sisters Apostolate Ministry**

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a ministry where seven women from a parish commit to praying on holy hour per week for their parish priest. Today, more than 1350 parishes around the world participate in the Apostolate. We would like to begin this apostolate at our parish. If you are interested in joining this ministry or learning more about it please call the parish office and someone will contact you.

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

THE WORKER PARISH, FRACKVILLE

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00PM ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, ASHLAND

5:30PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

SUNDAY: 9:00AM ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, ASHLAND

11:00AM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 5:30PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

TUESDAY 8:30AM ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, ASHLAND

WEDNESDAY 8:30AM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

FRIDAY 12:00PM ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, ASHLAND

CONFESSIONS

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

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

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

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

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**“From the Heart” Ministry Update**



As this card-communication ministry approaches its 1-year Anniversary, we would like to wish all parishioners a Happy, Healthy 2025! We connected monthly with the shut-ins of the parish & sent sympathy cards & other greetings as needed. We will continue this in the New Year. We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, support & forwarding of cards.

**Sue Klinger, Maryann Groody, Gayle Sokoloski, Mary Davis**

Just as immediate family share special events, our goal in 2025 is to send birthday wishes to all parishioners. To do this we need your help. If you would like family members to receive a card (including yourself) simply forward the following: name, address, & month of birthday. It's not necessary to include a date since cards will be sent randomly 1-2 days of the month. Feel free to note the SPECIAL birth age. Other special occasions are always welcome, too. E-mail or text information to me. [sklinger43@yahoo.com](mailto:sklinger43@yahoo.com) or 570-590-1297. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sue Klinger.

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**New Liturgical Linens**



**Don't Miss This Exciting Opportunity...**



We have purchased new Altar linens, chasubles, and other liturgical linens; and we are offering you the chance to sponsor one or more. Take this opportunity to dedicate a vestment or linen for the memory of a loved one, honor their family, or join with other family/friends to celebrate a milestone anniversary/birthday. If you are interested, please contact SJWP parish office at (570) 874-0610, ext 4 or SCB at (570) 875-1521 for more information.