



Welcome

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland
Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville
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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 9:00 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

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

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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.



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025

Saturday, January 4 St Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Sam Chillis, Jr

Lector: John Smolock

EM: John Smolock, Ed & Anne Tarantelli

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

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

Sunday, January 5 St. Charles Borromeo

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Cuthie and Yarnell Families

Lector: Margaret Schachte

EM: Mike & Sarah Stepanchick, Jim Hogan

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 6

5:30PM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

1:00PM-5:30PM Adoration

Tuesday January 7

8:30AM Joe and Beatrice Salukas

9:00AM-11:00AM Adoration

Wednesday January 8

8:30AM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

After Mass till 12PM Adoration

Friday January 10

12:00PM Joseph and Anne Leinenbach

Saturday January 11

4:00 PM Dominick and Rose Grasso

Lector: Jack Reilly

EM: JoAnne Leinenbach, Penny Herb, John
Smolock

Altar Servers: Gregory and Ella Stump

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

Sunday January 12

9:00AM Jackie and PeggyAnne Clark

Lector: Mary Cuthie

EM: Mike and Mary Cuthie, Jan Paulukonis

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 Dominick and Rose Grasso by Family.

In St. Anne's in loving memory of Jack and Marie
Hardnock by 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.

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

Catholic Charities Food Truck

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

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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 as 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.

CCD Announcements

CCD Classes will resume on Sunday, January 12th
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!

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.

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



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!

ST Patrick's Homemade Soup

And Haluski Sale

When: January 11th Noon – 5:30PM and January 12th 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.



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.

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.

Be Our Daily Star
An Epiphany Prayer



God of Heaven and Earth,
From the breath of Your love came the creation of the world.

led at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love You have for us Your children.

Be our Daily Star,
guiding our lives to search for the Kingdom of Love.
May we always follow Your light of truth in
all that we do,

Forever trusting, hoping and believing in Your Word.
Lift our eyes tonight to see Your eternal life shining brightly, leading us home.



Amen.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord & marking our doors with blessed chalk

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, one of the oldest of all Christian feasts. It is also known as Three Kings' Day. It commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. Marking our doorways with blessed chalk is a centuries-old Epiphany custom and a visible way to dedicate our homes and the New Year to God. The chalk is used to inscribe: **20 + C + M + B + 25** This inscription is written above the doorway. The numerals consecrate the New Year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – and also stand for the latin motto *Christus mansionem benedicat.* (May Christ bless this house).

Blessed Chalk and prayer papers will be in the middle of the Church this Weekend!

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