



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 9:30 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

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

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

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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.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

Saturday, December 14 St Charles Borromeo

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

Lector: Jack Reilly

EM: John Smolock, JoAnne Leinenbach, Jim Hogan

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

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

Sunday, December 15 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM Mark Fanelli

Lector: Jim Hogan

EM: Jim Hogan, Vince & Cheryl Cuthie

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 December 16

8:30AM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

Tuesday December 17

8:30AM William & Lucy Kripplebauer, and

William & Dorothy Kripplebauer Seitzinger

Adoration: 9-11AM

Wednesday December 18

8:30AM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville

Adoration: After Mass till 12:00PM

Friday December 20

8:30AM Earl and Kim Heiber

Advent Reconciliation: Friday December 20th

6-7PM St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

7:15-8PM St Joseph the Worker, Frackville

Saturday, December 21 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Tom Gower 8th Anniversary

Lector: Ed Tarantelli

EM: Ed & Anne Tarantelli, Penny Herb

Altar Servers: Gregory and Ella Stump

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

Sunday, December 22 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM Patrick McCormick

Lector: Mary Cuthie

EM: Mike and Mary Cuthie, John Hogan

Altar Servers: Charles Clark, Martin Wrobel

-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 8:30&11:00AM

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St. Charles in loving memory of Mark Fanelli by Amy Fanelli and Family.

In St. Anne in loving memory of Earl and Kim Heiber by Helen Heiber.



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 Patty Ann Grasso.

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.

Advent Reconciliation

Advent Reconciliation will be on Friday, December 20th.

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland.....6:00 to 7:00 PM

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville....7:15 to 8:00 PM

Catholic Charities Food Truck

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

Nativity Happenings

Nativity's Annual Band & Chorus Christmas Concert will be held on December 19, 2024 @ 7PM at the school. Please join us for the special event.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM 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 @ 570-622-8110 with any questions.

Third Sunday in Advent



Parish Office Hours for Christmas

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 to Wednesday, January 1. Will reopen on Thursday, January 2.



Recently enrolled in the St. Charles Parish Memorial Society were the following deceased:

Ruth Jane Balliett by Brenda Staller; **Rita Boczkowsky** by Gerry Kandrot and Carol White; **Mary Lou Gaughan** by Janice Anthony, Ellen Beck, Valerie Bukawski, Nora Coyne-Cordero, Dwight and Mary Davis, Gerry and Carol, John Hogan, Rose Hornung, Kathy Kraft, JoAnne Leinenbach, Sally Meade, Sara O'Hearn, St. Anne's Guild, Ed and Joanne Welker, Mike and Roseanne Weremedic; **Patty Ann Grasso** by Amy Fanelli, The Fickinger Family, Janet Paulukonis; **Michelle Herb** by Gerry and Carol, Penny Herb and Family, John Hogan, JoAnne Leinenbach, Sally Ringo; **Dorothy Mattes** by The Fickinger Family; **Dorothy Niess** by Kelly Lindenmuth; **Joanne Brown Simpson** by Mary Hoover; **Ruth Snyder** by Kelly Lindenmuth.

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!

Parish Stewardship

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Sunday 12/8/24 (week 23)

Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering	\$ 4,104	
Last Sunday's Offering / % of Budget	\$ 4,324	105%
Sunday Offerings to-date	\$88,749	

181 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 BORROMEO, ASHLAND AND ST JOSEPH

THE WORKER PARISH, FRACKVILLE

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00PM ST CHARLES BORROMEO, ASHLAND

5:30PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

SUNDAY: 9:00AM ST CHARLES BORROMEO, ASHLAND

11:00AM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY 5:30PM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

TUESDAY 8:30AM ST CHARLES BORROMEO, ASHLAND

WEDNESDAY 8:30AM ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, FRACKVILLE

FRIDAY 12:00PM ST CHARLES BORROMEO, ASHLAND

CONFESSIONS

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

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

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

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

Christmas Prayer

Glory to God in the Highest!

**My precious Lord, Jesus,
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.**

**Your love for us is unfathomable; it is glorious
transforming, awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.**

**You chose to come and dwell among us,
by being born into poverty, rejection and humility.**

**Yet Your Mother knew Whom she bore;
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.**

**Help me, dear Lord,
to come to love You with the heart of Your Mother.**

Invite me to adore You, with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

**Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.**

**I love You, dear Lord Jesus.
Help me to love You with all my heart.**

**Newborn Savior of the world,
I trust in You.**

**Mother Mary and St. Joseph,
Pray for me and for everyone everywhere.
Amen**


