



Welcome to Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland
Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville
Rev. Giuseppe Esposito, M. Div., M.A., Parochial Administrator

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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

Sundays: 9:00 AM to 9:25 AM, 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

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

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



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

OF OUR LORD

APRIL 9, 2023

Saturday April 8 Easter Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Church

8:00 PM All parishioners

Lector: Joanne Leinenbach **EM:** Penny Herb, Joanne Leinenbach, Sarah Stepanchick **Altar Servers:** Gregory and Ella Stump.

Sunday April 9 Easter Sunday

St. Vincent's Girardville

8:00 AM All parishioners

St. Charles Borromeo Church

9:30 AM All parishioners

For St. Charles: Lector: Arlene Merit **EM:** Cheryl Cuthie, Mary Cuthie, Arlene Merit. **Altar Server:** Peter Schachte.

Regularly scheduled weekday Masses are in Ashland

St. Anne Chapel is the lower level of our Church

Tuesday, April 11 NO MASS

Thursday, April 13 NO MASS

Friday, April 14 NO MASS

Saturday, April 15

St. Charles Borromeo Church

4:00 PM Richard Elliot

Lector: Mary Anne Stump **EM:** Arlene Merit, Penny Herb, Marie Fertig. **Altar Server:** Gregory and Ella Stump.

Sunday, April 16 – Mercy Sunday

9:30 AM Leann Krieger

Lector: Jim Hogan **EM:** Jim Hogan, Kathy Glessner, John Hogan. **Altar Server:** Peter Schachte

(No Daily Masses from April 10 to and including April 14. Thank you)

Please pray for all our military men and women, our policemen and women, our sick at home and in the hospitals, and nursing homes, also our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week:

In **St. Charles Borromeo**, in loving memory of Kim and Earl Heiber from Family.

In **St. Anne Chapel**, in loving memory of Charles and Shirley Burns from Family.

MAY LOTTERY CALENDARS

MAY lottery calendars are now available for sale after each Mass and in the Parish Office.

Rice Bowl collections are now being accepted through April 9th and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off in the Parish Office.

Just a reminder that **Parish Memorials** are also available at all weekend Masses.

Mass Book is filled. We will not be able to take any more Mass Intentions. Thank you!

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CCD NEWS

Lent-during Lent, CCD students will be donating cereal, soup, canned fruit or vegetables, and peanut butter or crackers for our local food pantry.

COLLECTIONS:

April 1 and 2: \$4110.35

Thank you to everyone who so generously continue to support our Parish and those less fortunate. May God bless and protect you and your families.

*We would like to **SINCERELY THANK** all those who made our churches, St. Charles and St. Vincent Worship Center, look beautiful for the Easter Season.*

Pot of Gold Raffle

The Parish Leprechauns need your help. We will once again be raffling off a pot of gold. We are asking each parishioner to donate a lottery ticket for the raffle. The ticket can be in any denomination you would like. We are also accepting monetary donations towards purchasing tickets for the Pot of Gold. You may drop them off in the parish office or place them in the collection basket.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

The St. Joseph the Worker Vacation Bible School will hold a meeting on Monday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Room at 34 South Line Street, Frackville. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEAT RAFFLE

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker is sponsoring a "April Showers Meat Raffle". Tickets are \$10 each. There are five prizes: 1st Prize - \$200 and the other four prizes are \$100 each. They are gift cards to Marlin Markets. You may purchase tickets at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office during normal business hours. The last day to purchase chances is Thursday, April 13th. Drawing will take place after 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 15th at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. You need not be in attendance to win.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FEAST DAY

Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah, PA will have devotions in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 16th beginning at 2:30 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. and Litany of Mercy and ending with Benediction at Divine Mercy Church.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING POTTSVILLE

Is hosting its 32nd Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 19th at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course....golf! For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.com.

TROUT RODEO

Sponsored by Assumption BVM School

Saturday, April 22nd at S & A Trout Pond in Orwigsburg.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Prizes for tagged fish.

CASH & GIFT CARD BINGO sponsored by Assumption BVM School

Sunday, April 30 at Hillcrest Hall in Minersville
Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m.
Advance Tickets: \$35.00 at door tickets \$40.00. Only 300 tickets available. Admission ticket includes:
20 regular games, 3 special games, \$1,000 Jackpot Game.
Tickets can be purchased from any ABVM student, at school or at the door. BINGO, 50/50 and delicious food available. Everyone is required to purchase a ticket to enter. Must be 18 or older to claim prizes. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more info, please call 570-622-0106 or email tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net.

Cemetery News

As our Spring cemetery cleanup wraps up and a new season will soon begin, there are a few things that we would like to update everyone on. We are happy to announce that our grass cutters will be returning this year and remain fully focused on making sure the cemeteries are cut properly and in a timely manner. They did an excellent job last year and will continue to do so this year. We would just like to remind everyone to please keep all plants and/or items close to the stones in order for the grass cutter to move around easily. **Reminder: potting soil, weeds, grass, real flowers, anything that is biodegradable, may be dumped in the proper location in the cemetery. We ask that all other garbage be taken home and disposed of. Notice, water in St. Joseph Fountain Springs, will be turned on in the beginning of May. It will be available from the main spout in the old section and the top spout in the old section. Both spouts have been marked orange.** Thank you for your cooperation!

Policy Reminders:

2023 Cemetery Policies and Procedures

- 1) Under normal circumstances, **all cemeteries will be cut twice a month**, this includes cutting the grass, trimming around stones, walkways, and driveways to be cleared of grass trimmings. More cuts per month can occur if there is a holiday and/or other circumstances that require the grass to be cut more often.
- 2) **Cemetery cleaning** will be done approximately 3 times a year: Spring, Mid-Summer, and Fall. We ask if you have any flowers, etc., that you would like to keep be removed within three weeks of their placement.
- 3) **Overtured stones**- We understand that this is very dis-hearting to many people when they see that their loved one's stone has fallen. We, as a church, are not responsible for putting the stone back up, unless it has fallen due to the church itself. We, however, will help you obtain the information needed to rectify the stone.





Easter Morning Prayer

As the world sings triumphant songs of joy to heaven over Your conquering of death, Lord, help us never to forget, tomorrow as well as today—when the dresses are put away, the candy is all eaten, and life goes on.

Your Resurrection is a daily celebration of Life, which continues beyond the sunrise services and the Easter music, even beyond the sign of Spring, beyond the blooming lilies, and beyond new lambs grazing in open fields.

Your Resurrection is a daily celebration of Faith and Action over fear, our greatest and most powerful enemy. You conquer our fears of tomorrow, our fears of yesterday, and our fears of what shall become of our young, our old, and our unborn.

Even in the Garden of Gethsemane, You took on our fears, if only for a few moments. For You it was as real as our fears are real, and You knew then that this powerful enemy must be destroyed.

And, leaving Your comfort and Your comfortable followers, You sacrificed Your Life, in order to conquer our fears, especially our fear of death.

I hold on to this by Faith now, tomorrow, and always.

I lift up my heart to You, in peace and gratitude.

Amen.

