



# 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 9:30 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](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.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 22, 2024**

**Saturday, December 21** St Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** Tom Gower 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Lector:** Ed Tarantelli

**EM:** Ed & Anne Tarantelli, Penny Herb

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

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

**Sunday, December 22** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:30AM** Patrick McCormick

**Lector:** Mary Cuthie

**EM:** Mike & Mary Cuthie, John Hogan

**Altar Servers:** Rosemary Schachte

*-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville*

*8:00&11:00AM*

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

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

**Monday December 23**

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

**Tuesday December 24**

**8:30AM** No Tuesday Morning Mass

**4:00PM** All Parishioners St. Charles, Ashland

**Lector:** Ed Tarantelli

**EM:** Ed Tarantelli, JoAnne Leinenbach, Jim Hogan

*4:00 PM St Joseph the Worker, Frackville*

**8:00PM** St. Vincent De Paul, Girardville

**Lector:** Joe Chiaretti

**EM:** Janet Paulukonis

*12:00AM St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville*

**Wednesday December 25 Merry Christmas**

**9:00AM** St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

**Lector:** Sarah Stepanchick

**EM:** Sarah Stepanchick, Vince & Cheryl Cuthie

*10:30AM St. Joseph the Worker*

**Friday December 27**

**8:30AM** Aloysius and Martha Burns & Aloysius, JR. Burns.

**Saturday December 28**

**4:00 PM** John & Rose Danowsky and daughter, Mary Jane Nester

**Lector:** Mary Ann Stump

**EM:** JoAnne Leinenbach, Penny Herb, Jim Hogan

**Altar Servers:** Gregory and Ella Stump

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

**Sunday December 29**

**9:30AM** Anna and Edward Conniff

**Lector:** Mike Stepanchick

**EM:** Mike & Aaron Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner

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

*St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 8:00 and 11:00*

**The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St. Charles in loving memory of Elena Herb by the Herb Family  
In St. Anne in loving memory of Arlene Merritt by Laura Merritt and Andrew Snyder.**



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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 especially Patty Ann Grasso.**

**Jan. Lottery Calendars**

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

**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.**

**St. Ann's Guild**

**St. Ann's Guild would like to send out a "thank You" to anyone who participated in our recent candy sale. This includes all who donated, helped, or bought candy. We made a profit of \$6500.00.**



Father Esposito and the Staff at St. Charles would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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**Nativity Happenings**

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.

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**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council #748**

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council # 748, wishes you a Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New year and thanks both St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes and their parishioners for their support and kindness during 2024. We Continue to seek new members. Please Contact Carol Syzdek, 570-467-3744, for details.

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**Never Alone Group**

The Never Alone Group's next meeting will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10AM.

**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!

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

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**Parish Stewardship**

**Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

**Sunday 12/15/24 (week 24)**

<b>Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$ 4,104</b>	
<b>Last Sunday's Offering / % of Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,600</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings to-date</b>	<b>\$ 92,349</b>	

**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 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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**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**

