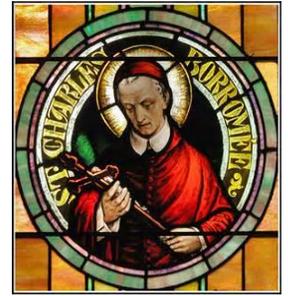




Welcome

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland
Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville
Rev. Guency Isaac, M.Div., M.A., Parochial Administrator
Deacon John Sutter



Parish Office: 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland PA 17921
Phone: 570-875-1521 (fax) 570-875-2635
Parish Website: www.stcharlesashland.com
Parish Email: catholicchurchashland@msn.com
Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/stcvmoj

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 the 3rd Saturday of the month at 11AM. 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. Monday through Friday it opens at 7 AM, and at 2:45 PM on Saturday. It remains open till 4:00 PM. Sunday 8-9AM.

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

Ms. Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
1-800-791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-4562, www.report bishop/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
Sunday, December 21, 2025

Saturday, December 20 St Charles Borromeo
4:00PM James & Terry Jeffrey

Lector: Mary Ann Stump

EM: Deacon John Sutter, John Smolock, Ed Tarantelli

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

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

SJWP confessions: 5:10 to 5:25

Sunday, December 21 St. Charles Borromeo

9:00AM Mark Fanelli

Lector: Mary Cuthie

EM: Deacon John Sutter, Vince & Cheryl Cuthie

Altar Servers: Rosemary Schachte

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

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK.

Weekday Mass: St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

Monday December 22

Adoration: 1:00 to Mass time

SJWP confessions: 5:10 to 5:25

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 5:30PM

Tuesday December 23 St. Charles Borromeo

8:30AM Patrick McCormick

Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00PM St. Joseph the Worker

4:15PM St. Charles Borromeo

Lector: Ed Tarantelli

EM: Deacon John Sutter, Anne Tarantelli, John Smolock

8:00PM St. Vincent Lector: Joseph Charetti

EM: Jan Paulukonis

10:00PM St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday December 25 Christmas Day

9:00AM St. Joseph the Worker

10:30AM St. Charles Lector: Sara Stepanchick

EM: Mike Stepanchick, Jim Hogan, Kathy G.

Friday December 26 St. Charles Borromeo

8:30AM No Mass

Saturday December 27 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Earl and Kim Heiber

Lector: John Smolock

EM: JoAnne Leinenbach, Ed & Anne Tarantelli

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 5:30PM

Sunday December 28 St. Charles Borromeo

9:00AM Mary Henning

Lector: Margaret Schachte

EM: Deacon John Sutter, Mike & Mary Cuthie

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

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St. Charles in Loving Memory of Bob and Anne Freiler from the Family.

In St. Anne's in loving memory of Joann Woodward from Frank and 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 Sue Klinger, Mark Oshman, Nancy Yanacek, Bill Kripplebauer, Rita Yarnell, John Petrousky, Frank Locke, Stephen Groody, Breanna Hammond, Jim Murphy, Doug Johnson, Linda Sausser, Wallee Fedko, Earl Heiber and our deceased brothers and sisters especially Alberta Wagner and Jimmy Lucas.

.....

January Lottery Calendars

.....

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

.....

Days the Parish office will be closed in December and January

Wednesday December 24 to Monday January 5th, Monday, January 19. On the days I have off, feel free to call me if you need something like a memorial, etc. I'd be glad to help you. My number is 570-728-0891.

Food Truck

The next food truck will be here Tuesday, December 23, 2025 from Noon to 1:30PM.

2026 Calendars

2026 Calendars are now in the back of the Church. Please take one.

Eucharistic Minister Meeting

There will be a Eucharistic Minister meeting on Monday, December 22nd at 6:15 in the parish hall.

St. Anne Guild

St. Anne's Guild would once again like to thank you for your continued support as they recently purchased a much needed heat pump for the kitchen. We cannot do this without you! Thank you also all who purchased, and helped with the candy sale!

Advent Giving Trees

Our Parish is again participating in the diocese "Giving Tree" project sponsored by Catholic Charities. Please take a tag and purchase the baby item listed on it and return your gift to the box by the tree (the gifts should not be wrapped) We will also be accepting monetary donations and gift cards for Birthright in Frackville, which the birthright staff will use to purchase items needed for the babies. If you wish to donate a gift card or monetary gift, please place it in an envelope clearly marked "Birthright" and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office during office hours. The trees will be put up next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Nativity Happenings

Nativity's Annual Band and Chorus Christmas Concert will be held on December 21st @6PM at the school. Please join us for this special event!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th , 2026 from 1:00 – 3:00PM 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.

Marian Catholic High School

Marian Catholic High School will have an open house On Sunday, January 25th from 1:00 – 3:00PM. Come Meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover The programs that make our school so special. RSVP To Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, at mmilosh@mariancatholic.org or 570-467-3335 ext 116.

Join the Oratory of St. Elijah the Prophet for monthly First Fridays of the reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as requested by Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. A holy hour of adoration, with a public Rosary and solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, is held every first Friday of the month from 5:00 – 6:00PM at the Oratory. The Oratory is located in the Divine Redeemer Parish Office building at 438 West Ave., Mt. Carmel. January is the perfect time to start the Nine First Fridays! For more info call Julianne Burke at 717-576-2691.

Chosen, Blessed, Shared

The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund to support the endowment for the care of retired Priests. All Gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests who faithfully served. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. Envelopes will come in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese! *****

St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker is selling 2026 Lottery Calendars. \$15 for three month set(Jan., Feb., Mar.) They can be purchased at their Frackville Office or in the back of the church at one of their Masses. They make great stocking stuffers.

Christmas Eve Masses: St. Joseph the Worker – 4:00PM, St. Charles – 4:15PM, St. Vincent Worship Site – 8:00PM, St. Joseph the Worker – 10:00PM.

Christmas Day Masses: St. Joseph the Worker – 9:00AM, St. Charles – 10:30AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God –St. Joseph the Worker, Wednesday, Dec. 31,2025 6:00PM
St. Charles – Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, 9:00 AM.

MEN, MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!
Men's Spirituality Group starting Sat. Jan. 10, 2026. We will be viewing a video series followed by group discussions every other Sat. morning at 8:30AM. Location will be alternate between St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office at 7 S. Broad Mt. Ave. Frackville and St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St. in Ashland. God intended for men to be leaders, protectors, and providers. Statistics show that when mothers take their children to church, approximately 25% of them will attend when they become adults, but when fathers take their children to church, approximately 75% will attend when they become adults. Make it a priority to become the man God calls you to be.

Never Alone Group

The next meeting for the Never alone group will be Friday, Jan. 9th at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall.

Sight and Sound Bus Trip to Joshua
Tuesday April 21, 2026

Due to increasing ticket costs the cost is \$172. The total cost includes your ticket to Sight and Sound production of Joshua, after show buffet lunch at Hershey Farm, and round-trip Coach bus transportation. A Non-refundable deposit of \$85 is due at your time of reservation. (**If you call the parish office to make your reservation, please make your downpayment within a week) Final payment is due on March 20, 2026. All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish office, 570-875-1521. **Father Isaac will be teaching a class about Joshua on Monday-April 20th. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!

Jubilee Year Closing Mass

This Celebration will take place at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena on **Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, Feast of the Holy Family**, the same feast on which we began this Jubilee Year of Hope one year ago. It is fitting that we conclude our journey together under the patronage of the Holy Family of Nazareth, invoking their prayers and example for our families, parishes, and Diocese.

The afternoon will include: **2:00PM** – A choral presentation of Vivaldi’s Gloria by the Cathedral Choir, beautifully interspersed with a Narrative Tour of the Cathedral Church, offering insights into the sacred art and architecture of the Cathedral in light of our diocesan history and mission. **2:00 – 3:00PM** – the Sacrament of Penance will be available. **3:00PM** – The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass closing the Jubilee Year. This Celebration is an opportunity for us to come together as a diocesan family of faith to give thanks to God for the many blessings of this Jubilee Year. *****

Father Isaac and the Staff at St. Charles Borromeo would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!!!



Parish Stewardship

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Sunday 12/14/25 (week 24)

Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering

\$ 4,334

Last Sunday’s Offering / % of Budget

\$ 3,932

91%

Sunday’s Offering to-date

\$ 89,043

107 Envelopes Used, out of a possible 370

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 Sunday Collection \$225,372

.....