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# Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

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

Rev. Giuseppe Esposito, M. Div., M.A., Pastor

Parish Office: 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland PA 17921

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Parish Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/stcvmoj](http://www.facebook.com/stcvmoj)

**DRE/Music:** Susan Klinger **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  
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

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 in Ordinary Time**

**January 28, 2024**

**Saturday, January 27** St. Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** Sheila Colihan and Sister Mary Noel

**Lector:** Sarah Stepanchick

**EM:** Sarah Stepanchick, John Smolock,

Penny Herb

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

**Sunday, January 28** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:30AM** Joseph Rascavage

**Lector:** Mike Stepanchick

**EM:** Mike Stepanchick, Mike & Mary

Cuthie

**Altar Server:** Peter Paul Schachte

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

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

**Tuesday, January 30**

**8:30AM** Lee Ann Krieger and Kay Hogan

**Friday, February 2**

**8:30AM** Memorial Society

**Saturday, February 3** St. Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** John R. Colihan

**Lector:** Mary Ann Stump

**EM:** Bonnie Speiles, Sarah Stepanchick,  
Joann Leinenbach

**Altar Server:** Gregory & Ella Stump  
(Blessing of throat after Mass)

**Sunday, February 4** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:30AM** Lawrence Madden

**Lector:** Mike Stepanchick

**EM:** Mike Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner,  
John Hogan

**Altar Server:** Peter Paul Schachte  
(Blessing of throat after Mass)

Please pray for all 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, and the Artz Family and our  
deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

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**The Vigil Light Burns Brightly this Week in St.  
Charles: In Loving memory of The Klinger Family  
by Sue Klinger.**

**In St. Anne: In loving memory of John E. Kitsock  
by Janet.**



**Second Collection**

There will be a second collection this weekend for the  
Catholic Relief Services.

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**February Lottery Calendars**

February Lottery Calendars are now on sale after Mass or  
in the parish office.

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**Collections for January 21st**

**Sunday Collection**

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.

January 21<sup>st</sup>-\$3014

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**Sight and Sound Bus Trip**  
**Thursday – April 25, 2024**

**DANIEL**

Total cost of \$150.00 includes ticket to Sight and Sound  
Theatre production of Daniel, after show buffet style  
meal at Shady Maple, and round-trip Coach bus  
transportation. Reserve your seat early!!! A non-  
refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of  
reservation. Total payment due April 5, 2024. 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.

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**MISSALS**

If anyone has not ordered a missal and would still like  
one, extras are available at the Parish Office.

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**Any parishioner needing a Financial Statement  
for 2023 tax purposes please call the Parish  
Office at 570-875-1521.**

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**Knights of Columbus News**

**Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM the Knights of  
Columbus Council 748 will hold their monthly meeting  
in the lower level of St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center.**

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**Aluminum Tabs**

**Keep Collecting the aluminum tabs for the Ronald  
McDonald House and drop them off in the Parish Office.  
You can get them from beverages, soup, desserts, pet  
food or any other can. Color doesn't matter.**

**Cooks With Collars**

**Starting January 12, 2024**

**Fr. Esposito will represent our Parish in Cooks With Collars, an online cooking competition. Visit [cookswithcollars.com](http://cookswithcollars.com) to watch his cooking video and to vote. Also, donations can be placed in an envelope marked cooks with collars and placed in collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. All proceeds benefit our Prep program, the future of our Parish. Thank you for making our Parish a Winner! Deadline to vote is February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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**St. Anne’s Guild News**

**Easter Egg Time**

The Ladies of St. Anne’s Guild will begin making their delicious Easter Eggs on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>. All your favorite flavors: Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Coconut, and Cherry! They are \$1.25each/ \$15.00 Dozen. Call the Parish Office to order (570)875-1521. Also, Order forms available in the back of the Church. Deadline to order March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Gate in front of Blessed Mother**

Thank you St. Anne’s Guild for purchasing the gate in front of the Blessed Mother!!!! It was \$1900.00. \*\*\*\*\*

**Lenten Series**

Father Esposito will be doing a Lenten Series on the Mass by Bishop Robert Barron. No book or purchase needed. Sign up Sheet will be in the Parish Office.

**Dates:** All will begin at 6:00PM. There will be 6 Sessions. We will do the first 3 in St. Charles Borromeo Hall February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. The next 3 will be in St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Description:** Acclaimed author, speaker and theologian, Bishop Robert Barron has created The Mass as an opportunity for Catholics to more fully understand and participate in the Mass-to realize its true value and beauty. As Bishop Barron guides you through the Mass, you will see how it transports us from the fallen world into the Heavenly Realm, called by God to be intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. A new Catholic will benefit immensely from this informative and inspirational series and a long-time Catholic will enjoy a reawakening or intensified love of the Mass.

**THANK YOU**

With the New year upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to thank **Miss Susan Klinger** for her many years of dedication and service to our Parish. She has touched countless lives through her involvement as DRE of the CCD program, director of music ministry, and baptismal preparation class coordinator. She has also served on our Parish Pastoral Council. We extend our gratitude and appreciation for her contributions, talents, and service. We miss seeing her and ask all to pray for her continued recovery.

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**St. Charles Borromeo “Text Alerts”**

**With the upcoming winter season, if St. Charles wants to send out a reminder and you want to be added to the St. Charles Borromeo’s “Text Alerts”. Please text @acb3gga to 81010. This will be a great way to keep up on Mass cancellations or changes. If anyone has any questions regarding the Alerts, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.**

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**St. Patrick Preschool Open House**

**Open House is January 28<sup>th</sup> 12 to 2 PM – St. Patrick Preschool @ Assumption BVM in Pottsville is accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. We offer 2-, 3-, and 5-day programs both full and half days. Contact us for more information at 570-622-0106 or [saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com) Check out our Facebook page Saint Patrick’s Preschool @ Assumption BVM.**

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**Nativity Happenings**

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions @ 570-622-8110.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 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 @ 570-622-8110 with any questions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS SUNDAY JANUARY 28,2024 TO FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2024!

**Marian Catholic High School News**

The Marian Catholic High School Blue & Gold Club is selling lottery Calendars for the 2024 year. Match the daily number on the 7PM drawing. The Cost is \$25.00.

To purchase a calendar please contact a school volunteer: Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921, Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037, Maria McGinley at 484-629-4997 or Erin Marek at 570-467-3335 at Marian or even visit the Facebook page; Blue and Gold Club.

There will be an open house on Sunday, January 28, from 2-4PM. Come learn how to make a Marian education possible. To RSVP, please contact Mary Milosh at [mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org) or 570-467-3335 ext. 117

**St Patricks Spaghetti Dinner**

When: Sunday February 4 from 11am – 2pm (or sell out)

Where: 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville

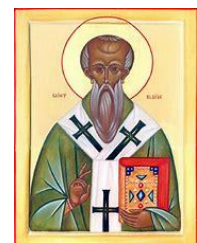
Price: \$11.00 (which includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad & bread)

Dine in or takeout. More information call Debbie at 570-622-1802

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**Glorious St. Blaise**

O Glorious Saint Blaise,  
who by thy martyrdom  
has left to the Church a precious witness to the faith,  
obtain for us the grace to  
preserve within ourselves this divine gift,  
and to defend, without human respect,  
both by word and example,  
the truth of that same faith,  
which is so wickedly attacked  
and slandered in these our times.  
You who miraculously cured  
a little child when it was at the point of death  
by reason of an affliction of the throat,  
grant us your powerful protection in like misfortunes;  
and, above all, obtain for us  
the grace of repentance,  
together with a faithful observance of our Church,  
and avoidance from offending Almighty God.



AMEN

***Feast of Saint Blaise -- Saturday, February 3, 2024***

