



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., Pastor
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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

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 17, 2023

Saturday, December 16 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Reilly and Hentz Family

Lector: JoAnn Leinenbach

EM: JoAnn Leinenbach, Ed & Anne Tarantelli

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 17

9:30AM Tom Gower 7th Anniversary

Lector: Jim Hogan

EM: Jim Hogan, Aaron Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner

Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Weekday Masses: St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of the Church

Tuesday December 19

8:30AM Aloysius and Martha Burns

Friday, December 22

8:30AM Pat McCormick

Saturday, December 23 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00 PM Marquardt and Olanich Family & Butler Family.

Lector: Mary Ann Stump

EM: Arlene Merritt, Sarah Stepanchick, JoAnne Leinenbach

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday December 23 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM All Parishioners

Lector: Mike Stepanchick

EM: Mike Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner, John Hogan

Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Memorial Society

Lector: Jim Hogan

EM Jim Hogan, Penny Herb, Bonnie Spieles

Altar Servers: Gregory&Ella Stump

8:00PM St. Vincent DePaul, Girardville - All Parishioners.

Lector: Joseph Chiaretti

EM: Janet Paulukonis

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day St. Charles Borromeo

10:30AM Memorial Society

Lector: Margaret Schachte

EM: Aaron Stepanchick, Vince&Cheryl Cuthie

Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

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, Margaret (Peggy Ann) Clarke, Brian Hepler and the Artz Family and our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ, esp. Louise Hardnock.



The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at:

St. Charles In Loving memory of Aloysius and Martha Burns from Family

St. Anne In loving memory of Special Intention from Kathy Gough.



January Lottery calendars

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

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Collections for December 9 and 10

Sunday Collection

December 9 and 10 - \$4546.26

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.

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REVISED CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24TH – St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville.....4:00PM

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland.....(Fr. Karpyn)4:00PM

St. Vincent Worship Site, Girardville.....8:00PM

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville...Midnight

DECEMBER 25TH - St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville.... (Fr. Karpyn)9:00AM

St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland.....10:30AM

REVISED PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed the week of Monday, December 25th – Friday, December 29th. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

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Monday, January 1st is not a required Holy Day this year.

Sunday, Dec. 31 will be the usual Mass times. If you would like to attend Mass on Monday, Jan. 1st, there's one at St. Joseph the Worker at 8:30AM, Frackville.



Aluminium Tabs

Keep Collecting the aluminium 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.

Birthright

The Birthright Giving Trees will not be placed in the churches as done in the past. However, for those who wish to participate, Birthright will be accepting monetary donations or gift cards. The donations will be used only by the Birthright staff to purchase items needed for babies. Families will not receive the cards or donations. Your contribution can be mailed to the Birthright Office at 10 N. Lehigh Ave. Frackville, PA 17931. If there are any questions you can contact Birthright Office at (570) 874-2621 or (570) 874-4307. The staff of Birthright is very thankful for your past and present donations. Because of your generosity, we are able to care for babies in need. May God Bless and watch over you and pray for an end to abortion.

Knights of Columbus News

Tuesday, December 19th @ 6:30PM – K of C Council 748 will hold their monthly meeting in the lower level of St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center.

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Nativity Happenings

Nativity's Annual Band & Chorus Christmas Concert will be held on December 21, 2023 @ 7PM at the school. Please join us for this special event.

St. Anne Guild

The Church stone and step restoration is now complete and was paid through the generosity of St. Anne Guild in the amount of \$29,850! Thank You so much St. Anne Guild!!!!

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Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flowers for St. Charles Borromeo Church and St. Vincent Worship Center will be ordered from the Parish Office. There is an envelope in your packet for Christmas Flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Where: Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
East Main Street
Bloomsburg, PA

When: Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 6PM Preservice special music beginning at 5:45PM

Info: The combined choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A festive reception to follow the service. Handicap accessible.

Spaghetti Fundraiser to benefit the Artz Family

When: Saturday December 30th 12-2PM

Where: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Social Hall – Line Street Entrance.

Donation of \$12.00 to benefit the Artz Family

Take out Only includes: Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, and Garlic Bread.

Must pre-order by December 22nd. Call/or text Wendy

@ 570-617-9085, the Parish Office @ 570-874-0610 ext 4

Or e-mail frackvillecares@gmail.com



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.

2024 Calendars

As we approach a new year, our parish would like to **SINCERELY THANK**, Sullivan Funeral Home, Kull-Heizenroth Funeral Home & Fritz Funeral Home for donating the 2024 Religious Calendars or our Parish. The calendars can be found in St. Charles Church, St. Anne Chapel, and our Parish Office.

Advent Prayer

Father in heaven, our hearts
desire the warmth of your love,
and our minds are searching
for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ
our Savior and give us the
strength to grow in love, that
the dawn of his coming may
find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of
his truth. We ask this in the
name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

