



# 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](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.report](http://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.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 7, 2024**

**Saturday, April 6** St. Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** Nancy Lewullis and Son, Joseph

**Lector:** Sarah Stepanchick

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

**Altar Server:** Gregory & Ella Stump

**Sunday, April 7** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:30AM** Joe and Alice Chiaretti

**Lector:** Margaret Schachte

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

**Altar Server:** Peter Paul Schachte,  
Charles Clark and Martin Wrobel

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

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

**Tuesday April 9** Joseph & Eleanor Dougherty

**830AM** and Sons, Joseph & Francis

**Friday April 12** Peter, Isabelle, Stephanie and

**830AM** Missy Olanich

**Saturday, April 13** St. Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** Dominick and Rita Laspina

**Lector:** Mary Ann Stump

**EM:** Ed Tarantelli, Penny Herb, Jim  
Hogan

**Altar Server:** Ella & Gregory Stump

**Sunday April 14** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:30AM** John and Mary Stepanchick

**Lector:** Mike Stepanchick

**EM:** Mike Stepanchick, John Hogan,  
Aaron Stepanchick

**Altar Server:** Peter Paul Schachte  
Charles Clark and Martin Wrobel

**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, John  
Usalis, Mark Oshman, and the Artz Family  
and our deceased brothers and sisters in  
Christ especially Arlene Merritt.**

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**The Vigil Light Burns Brightly this Week at St.  
Charles in Loving Memory for Mary and  
Frances Klinger by Sue Klinger  
In St. Anne in Loving Memory for Peter Ennis  
by his sister, Mary.**

**May Lottery Calendars**

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

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**Collections for March 31**

**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.

Totals will be posted next week.

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**Save the Date**

Our Spring Bazaar will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2PM.  
Homemade food, bake sale, rummage sale, door prizes, and  
more! Items for the rummage sale can be dropped off in the  
parish hall M-F 9AM-3PM (No clothing, books, or suitcases  
please) More info to follow in the upcoming weeks.

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**Pot of Gold**

The Parish Leprechauns need your help! Once again we will  
be raffling off a "Pot of Gold" this time with a spring theme.  
We are asking for donations of rub-off lottery tickets in any  
denomination. Monetary donations towards purchasing the  
tickets will also be accepted. Tickets or donations can be  
placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Pot  
of Gold" or can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank  
you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

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**SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP**  
**THURSDAY – APRIL 25, 2024**

The Sight and Sound Bus Trip to see Daniel, after show  
buffet style meal at Shady Maple and round-trip Coach Bus  
transportation money is due April 5 to be paid in full.  
We still have a few seats left. It's \$150.00. If interested call  
the Parish Office at 570-875-1521.

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**PAINT AND SNACK FUNDRAISER**

**WHEN: APRIL 27,2024 11AM-2PM**

**WHERE: ST CHARLES BORROME0 PARISH HALL**

Come and paint a ceramic of your choice. Limited seating.  
Reserve your seat by calling Carol after 12 at 570-400-0864.  
It's \$20.00 plus the cost of the ceramic piece. You can pay  
your registration fee at the Parish Office. Deadline to  
register is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Paints, brushes, and expert help  
provided. Light snacks available.

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**Basket Auction Meeting**

There will be a Basket Auction planning meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. We  
need your help to make this event the biggest and most  
successful Parish Fundraiser!

**Catholic Charities Annual Gala**

**April 14, 2024, at 2PM**

**DeSales University Center Valley PA**

**Honoring Very Rev. Msgr. William Glosser**

**Special \$75/pp ticket price for Schuylkill County**

**Residents**

**Call 610-435-1541 or email**

**[catholiccharities@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:catholiccharities@allentowndiocese.org) for**

**more info!**

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**Updated Remind "Text Alerts"**

This is for only the "New" people who want to get on Father's Text Alerts. People who are already on the text alerts, please disregard this message. The new people who want to get the messages will text @stjosephfr to 81010. This is a great way to keep up on Mass cancellations or changes. If anyone has any questions call the Parish Office.

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**Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day**

Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah will have devotions in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00PM and Litany of Mercy and ending with Benediction at Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah.

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**Card Writing Ministry Update**

**"From the Heart"**

Post cards were put in the back of the Church & in hall vestibule. These can be used instead of e-mails and texts with card requests. Simply drop in collection basket or parish office. Use whatever method is easier for you.

This Ministry will continue communicating with parish family members coping with a variety of situations. Hopefully, it will brighten their day knowing they are in the thoughts & prayers of fellow parishioners.

Sue Klinger

E-Mail: [sklinger43@yahoo.com](mailto:sklinger43@yahoo.com)

Phone: 570-874-2554 (leave Message)

Parish Phone: 570-875-1521 (Info will be forwarded to me)



**ADVOCATE, PRO-LIFE SPEAKER**

**GIANNA JESSEN**

**WHEN: APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

**WHERE: HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER (FORMERLY HILLCREST HALL)**

FREE ADMISSION.

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY.

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**ST. MONICA MINISTRY RETREAT**

For families and friends of lapsed Catholics

**WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 19 – SUNDAY APRIL 21**

**WHERE: PEACE RETREAT HOUSE, WEATHERLY, PA**

PRESENTATIONS BY **DR. MICHAEL BEHE, DEACON CHRIS MAY, REV. ADAM SEDAR.** FRIDAY HOLY HOUR, MASS, ROSARY WALK, & WINE AND CHEESE MIXER, PLUS IRISH MUSIC BY **REV. ALEX BROWN.**

**Also With Pio Mandato who will bless all present with the glove of stigmatic Padre Pio!**

**EMAIL:** [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com) before April 7.

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**Nativity BVM High School Century Benefit**

Everyone is welcome to attend and help support Nativity BVM High School as we hold our 2024 Century Club Benefit on Sat. April 27, 2024 at Mt. Valley Golf Course in Barnesville, PA. The Golden Cross Society recipients will be inducted at the dinner. The cost is \$150 per person. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00PM, dinner at 7:00PM, induction of the Golden Cross Society members and dancing will follow. For more info, or to purchase tickets, please contact Jenn Daubert at Nativity BVM High School at 570-622-8110. The Golden Cross Society inductees for this year are: Megan Brennan 80, John Crane, Patrick "PJ" Lechleitner 90 and Atty. John B. Lieberman III.

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**Cemetery News!**

**It's that time of year. Spring cleaning of the cemeteries will begin in a few short weeks. If there is anything that you would like to keep, please be sure to remove it from your loved one's graves. Thank you for your cooperation!**

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**Assumption BVM Cash & Gift Card Bingo**

Assumption BVM invites you to join us at our Cash & Gift Card Bingo on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at Hillcrest Hall, Minersville. Doors open at 11AM and bingo begins at 1PM. Advance tickets are \$35 and at the door it's \$40. Only 300 tickets being sold so e-mail or call to purchase advance tickets and secure your spot. The E-mail is [abvm.bingo@gmail.com](mailto:abvm.bingo@gmail.com) or call (570) 205-3676. For more info, please visit: [Tinyurl.com/yeh9zzby](http://Tinyurl.com/yeh9zzby)

## **St. Monica's Ministry**

The St. Monica Ministry sponsors a monthly Holy Hour to ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Its next Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown on Tuesday April 9, at 6:00PM. Presiding will be Rev. Christopher Zelonis, Pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Lehighton. Immediately following the Holy Hour, a St. Monica Ministry meeting and book discussion will take place in Friendship Hall. All are welcome to attend both the Holy Hour and the meeting, and no registration is required. For information, please e-mail [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

### **Prayer for God's Strength**

God, Awesome, Triumphant, and Almighty, I praise You this day.

Lord of all, the One all-worthy of my praise, I trust in You and in Your Holy Name.

THANK YOU--  
for the strength You graciously give to me to walk in the Power of Your Love.

THANK YOU--  
for Your Word to guide me on the path to obeying Your Will.

THANK YOU--  
for the strength to choose your Voice over the misleading voices surrounding me.

THANK YOU--  
for defeating confusions of my mind, discouragements of my heart, and so many of my human weaknesses.

Shower me with Your Grace, Love, and Mercy.

Fill me with all that I need spiritually.

Teach me how to love You and others more fully.

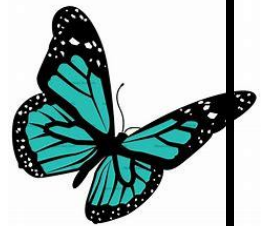
And guide each one of my steps.

May Your Grace inspire and motivate me to change my life to become more like You!

THANK YOU for what the Risen One does through me!

I ask this through the Holy Name of Jesus.

Amen.



**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024**



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