



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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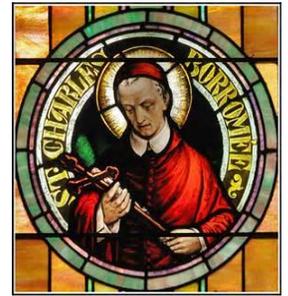
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DRE/Music: Susan Klinger **Business Manager:** Shannon Butler **Office Assistant:** Janet Paulukonis

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.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

Saturday, December 9 St. Charles Borromeo
4:00PM Justin Kitsock

Lector: John Smolock
EM: John Smolock, Sarah Stepanchick,
Marie Fertig
Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 10

9:30AM Diane Tarantelli

Lector: Bonnie Spieles
EM: Bonnie Spieles, Vince&Cheryl Cuthie
Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Weekday Masses: St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of the Church

Tuesday December 12

8:30AM Mr.&Mrs. Anthony Campomizzi,
Campomizzi, Karmalovich, Newman, Smolkowicz,
and Wilk Families.

Friday, December 15

8:30AM Mark Fanelli
6-7PM – Penance Service - St. Charles Borromeo
7:15-8PM Penance Service – St. Jos. Worker,
Frackville.

Saturday, December 16 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00 PM Reilly and Hentz Family
Lector: JoAnn Leinenbach
EM: JoAnn Leinenbach, Ed & Anne
Tarantelli
Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 17 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30 AM Tom Gower 7th Anniversary
Lector: Jim Hogan
EM: Jim Hogan, Aaron Stepanchick, Kathy
Glessner
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) Clark, Brian Hepler and the
Artz Family and our deceased brothers and sisters
in Christ especially Arlene Chillis&Louise Hardnock.

Sunday Missals

**If you ordered a Sunday Missal, they are now
available for pick up in the Parish Office.**

Parish office will be closed Wednesday Dec. 13th

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week:

St. Charles In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony L.
Campomizzi, Campomizzi, Karmalovich, Newman,
Smolkowicz , Wilk Families from Jerry, Deborah, Art&Max
St. Anne In loving memory of Dominick & Rose Grasso
from Family. 

January Lottery calendars

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

Collections for December 2 and 3

Sunday Collection

December 2 and 3 - \$3885.56

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.

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.

2023 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 – 6 TO 7PM AT ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO, ASHLAND.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 7:15 TO 8PM AT ST. JOSEPH THE
WORKER.

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.**

Fall Bazaar

Our Total Profit for the Fall Bazaar is **\$6404.14**

**White Elephant: \$494.00, Food: \$1634.75, Bake Sale:
\$496.75, Fall Bazaar Chances: \$3817.00, Fall Bazaar:
\$117.00 less expenses of \$155.36.**

CCD News

On December 10th immediately following the 9:30AM
Mass, the students in our CCD program will present the
Birth of Jesus through Scripture and Song. All are
welcome to join us in the parish hall.

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 for our Parish. **Beginning this weekend**, the calendars can be found in St. Charles Church, St. Anne Chapel and our Parish Office.

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.

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.

Second Collection

This week there will be a second collection for Retirement Fund for Religious. This is different from the Fund- " Chosen, Blessed, and Shared'.

St. Monica's Ministry

The St. Monica's Ministry will hold a bilingual Holy Hour to pray for the return of loved ones who have left the church. The Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown, at 6:00PM on Tuesday December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be preceded by a buffet dinner and basket raffle starting at 4:00PM in the parish's Friendship Hall. Presiding at the Holy Hour will be Deacon Miguel Ramirez of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Anthony of Padua Parishes in Easton. Deacon Ramirez will offer a bulilingual reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe's maternal love for her children, and on her constant intercession for those who have left the Church. No Registration is required to take part in the Holy Hour. To register for dinner, visit

www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry For more information please e-mail

StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus News

Friday, December 15th @7:00PM – The Knights of Columbus will lead the monthly Rosary for the Unborn in St. Anne's Chapel. All are invited to attend. Come pray with us!

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.

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.

