



# 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



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Parish Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/stcvmoj](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.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.



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday February 8, 2026**

**St. Blaze, Blessing of the Throats**

**Saturday, February 7 St Charles Borromeo**

**4:00PM John Colihan & Holleran Family**

**Lector:** Mary Ann Stump

**EM:** Deacon John Sutter, Ed & Anne Tarantelli

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

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

**SJWP confessions:** 5:10 to 5:25

**Sunday, February 8 St. Charles Borromeo**

**9:00AM St. Bridget of Ireland**

**Lector:** Mike Stepanchick

**EM:** Sarah & Aaron Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner

**Altar Servers:** Peter Schachte, Rosemary Schachte,

Liam McDonald

-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 February 9 St Joseph the Worker**

**Adoration:** 1:00 to Mass time

**SJWP confessions:** 5:10 to 5:25

**Mass 5:30PM**

**Tuesday February 10 St. Charles Borromeo**

**8:30AM Don Bonomo, Archie Yackera, &Christine**

**Prep.**

**Wednesday February 11 St. Joseph the Worker**

**8:30AM**

**Thursday February 12**

**No Mass**

**Friday February 13 St. Charles Borromeo**

**8:30AM John, Helene & Judy Youskites**

**Saturday February 14 St. Charles Borromeo**

**4:00PM Bob Burns**

**Lector:** Jack Reilly

**EM:** JoAnne Leinenbach, Karol Freiler, Anne

Tarantelli.

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 5:30PM

**Sunday February 15 St. Charles Borromeo**

**9:00AM Tess & Gene Scheuren and Rose Wayne**

**Lector:** Mary Cuthie

**EM:** Deacon John Sutter, Jim Hogan, Margaret

Schachte

**Altar Servers:** Peter Schachte, Martin Wrobel,

Delancy Brobst

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 Bob and Karol and in St. Anne's Chapel in loving memory of Bob Burns from Family.



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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, Judy Tesno, Jerome Schmoltze, Marcia Stasulli, Eileen Sincavage and our deceased brothers and sisters especially Vincent Brennan and Jean Ann Parfitt.

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**March Lottery Calendars**

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

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**Days the Parish office will be closed in February**

**Monday, February 16 President's Day.**

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**Never Alone Group**

St. Charles Peer Support and Recovery Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss regardless of the length of time. **Always remember that we are here for you!** Next meeting will be Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in St. Charles Parish Hall.

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**Food truck for February**

The food truck for February, will be on February 24,2026 from noon-1:30PM.

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**Easter Bazaar**

This year our Easter Bazaar will be Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-2 in St. Charles Parish Hall. Join us for fun, food and fellowship. Homemade food, including pigeons, haluski, barbecue, baked goods and soups; sausage hoagies and hotdogs will also be available. Eat in or take out. Items for rummage sale can be dropped off anytime M-F 9-3 – no clothes, shoes, books, or suitcases please. Donations of homemade soups, baked goods and water would be greatly appreciated! We ask that baked goods and soups be dropped off Friday 9-3 or Saturday morning before 10AM. Thank you for your continued support!

**Parish Retreat**

All Adult Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo parishes are invited to attend the first combined Parish Retreat to be held in St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St. Ashland on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Lent beginning at 8:30AM and concluding with Mass at 4:00PM at St. Charles with lunch included. The theme is " Be Not Afraid." There is no cost and parishioners are asked to write their name and phone number on one of the sheets in the back of the Church to secure your spot.

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**St. Charles Famous Easter Egg Sale**

**Homemade Easter Egg Flavors: Coconut Cream, Butter Cream, Peanut Butter & Cherry.**

**\$1.25 each or \$15.00 per dozen**

**Sale starts February 9<sup>th</sup> and ends March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Call the parish office at 570-875-1521 to place your Order today!**

**St. Anne's Guild will begin candy making Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9AM**

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**Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah**

**Krispy Kreme Donut Sale**

**Dozen: Glazed only \$14.00**

**Orders Due: Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Date of Pickup: Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Place: Trinity School, 233 West Cherry St. Shenandoah, PA**

**Time: 3-4:40PM**

**Order forms are available at the Shenandoah Rectory Or call 570-462-1968.**

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**Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah**

**Lenten Dinner 570-462-1968**

**Choice of:** Fried Haddock or Broiled Haddock or Chicken Fingers Dinner. Dinner will come with: Macaroni & Cheese with stewed tomatoes, green Beans, roll & fruit cup.

**Date of Dinner:** Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time of Pickup:** 4-6PM

**Place of Pickup:** Trinity School, 233 West Cherry St. Shenandoah.

**Cost:** \$15.00 each

**Deadline for orders:** February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Take Out Only!**

Please call the office at 570-462-1968 to place your Order. Payment needed when ordered.

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**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) Call the St. Charles Borromeo Parish office at 570-875-1521. \*\*Father Isaac will be teaching a class about Joshua on Monday-April 20<sup>th</sup>. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!*

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**Adult Education Class / OCIA**

Adult Education Class/OCIA will be held on Wednesday evenings. They will begin Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:15PM at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office, 7 South Broad Mtn. Ave. Frackville. This is for both St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo parishes.

Candidates and their sponsors are invited to attend.

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**Basket Auction**

The first planning meeting for this year's basket auction will be held **Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** in the parish hall. New ideas are always welcome. All are welcome to attend and help plan for our parish's biggest fundraiser of the year.

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**St. John the Baptist Church**

**Lenten Dinners**

St. John The Baptist Church will be having lenten dinners on the Fridays during Lent, Feb. 20 to March 27 4PM to 6:30PM ( no dinner on Good Friday) at St. John's Russell Building 9<sup>th</sup> & Schuylkill Ave, Pottsville.

Menu is as follows: Baked Haddock OR Chef's "Starch of the week", New England Clam Chowder, side Salad, Chef's "Vegetable of the week" roll, beverage and dessert. Dine in or Take out!

Prices are: Adult meal with fish - \$19.00

Adult meal without fish \$14.00, Child's Meal with fish - \$10.00 and Child's meal without fish \$6.00. For the different kinds of fish every week or for more info please call 570-622-5470.

## Men's Spirituality Group

Why are we here? What is life all About? What happens when we die? Explore these questions about life with other committed Catholic Men from our parish community.

Join us on Saturdays from 8:30AM to 9:30AM for a series of 7 videos which will answer your questions and empower you to be the man God is calling you to be.

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The meeting location will alternate with each session: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office: 7 S. Broad Mtn Ave Frackville or St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall: 1115 Walnut St. Ashland.

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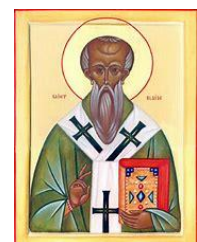
## St. Joseph Center for Special Learning

St. Joseph Center is seeking a **part-time PAES Lab Supervisor** to help students develop real-world job skills for the future. The hands-on role is perfect for a **creative, caring individual** who enjoys working with students with special needs in a supportive and positive environment. The position is 29 hours per week, year-round, and requires a high school diploma (experience with children with special needs recommended) and clearances. Interested applicants can **e-mail their resume to Principal Bob Giba at [rgiba@stjosephctr.com](mailto:rgiba@stjosephctr.com)** or stop by the school between 8:00AM and 2:00PM to complete an application.

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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 – Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026**

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