

Country Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent.

We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert.

Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin.

Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us.

Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.





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., Parochial Administrator

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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

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Ms. Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
 Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
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If you are new to the area, please consider registering with us.

Contact the Parish Office to establish a relationship with us through registration.



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023

Saturday, March 11

St. Charles Borromeo Church

4:00 PM Larry Wood and Father Bambrick

Sunday, March 12

9:30 AM Vincent and Gertrude Vaughn

Regularly scheduled weekday Masses are in Ashland

St. Anne Chapel is the lower level of our Church.

Monday, March 13 NO MASS

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 AM Deceased members of Joyce and Breininger Families

Wednesday, March 15 NO MASS

Thursday, March 16 NO MASS

Friday, March 17

8:30 AM John and Florence Moyer

Friday, March 17

6 to 7 p.m. Adoration, Confessions 6:30 to 7 p.m. and Stations at 7 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Ashland

Saturday, March 18

St. Charles Borromeo Church

4:00 PM John Hornung (39th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 19

9:30 AM Miller Families

Please pray for all our military men and women, our policemen and women, our sick at home and in the hospitals, and nursing homes, also our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.



The Vigil Lights burn brightly this week:

In **St. Charles Borromeo**, in loving memory of Earl Heiber by Earl Heiber.

In **St. Anne Chapel**, in loving memory of Heffner and Mendler Families from Margaret and Rose.

APRIL LOTTERY CALENDARS

APRIL lottery calendars are now available for sale after each Mass and in the Parish Office.

Rice Bowl collections are now being accepted through April 9th and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off in the Parish Office.

Sunday Missals

If anyone who did not ordered a missal, and still would like one, extras are available for purchase in the back of church and in the Parish Office--\$6.00/Missal. Only a few remaining.

Just a reminder that **Parish Memorials** are also available at all weekend Masses.

Mass Book is filled. We will not be able to take any more Mass Intentions. Thank you!

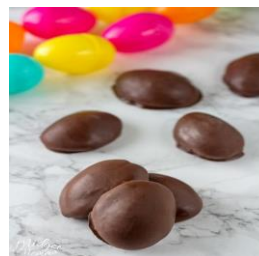
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EASTER EGG MAKING HAS BEGUN

Everyone is welcome to come and help!!!

The ladies of Saint Anne's Guild are still in need of brown paper lunch bags which can be dropped off at the Parish Office. **Last day to order is March 27th.**

Order your Easter Eggs today--after Mass or at the Parish Office--**\$15.00/dozen and/or \$1.25/egg.**
Choices to choose from: Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Coconut Cream and Cherry.



CCD NEWS

Lent-during Lent, CCD students will be donating cereal, soup, canned fruit or vegetables, and peanut butter or crackers for our local food pantry.

COLLECTIONS:

March 3 & 4 -- \$5,883.89

Second Collection for Syria & Turkey -- \$979.02

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.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be a fundraising meeting for anyone who would like to attend on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2023 & INFORMATION

Please refer to the Lenten schedule provided for you in the bulletin the first week of Lent, for both St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker, for Confessions and upcoming Monday Lenten Study – Bishop Robert Barron Series on the Eucharist with Fr. Esposito next session will be Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.

POT OF GOLD RAFFLE

The Parish Leprechauns need your help. We will once again be raffling off a pot of gold. We are asking each parishioner to donate a lottery ticket for the raffle. The ticket can be in any denomination you would like. We are also accepting monetary donations towards purchasing tickets for the Pot of Gold. You may drop them off in the parish office or place them in the collection basket.

THE MANTLE OF MARY PROJECT TO HELP GOD SAVE AMERICA!

If you want to enrich your Lent and pray for the Great Awakening of America, join Mary and Mary Beth for a six-week special Lenten prayer group on **Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel at Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Ashland., beginning February 27th and ending April 3rd.** The prayers will include “Auxilium Christianorum Prayers” by exorcist, Rev. Chad Ripperger, “The Divine Mercy Chaplet” (to strengthen our nation’s guardian angel), and “Mantle of Mary Prayer” by Rev. Antony Boughton, CFR, and Bud Macfarlane, Jr. We hope to see you there!

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PIEROGY SALES DATES/DEADLINES TO ORDER

We will be selling our delicious homemade frozen pierogies (\$9/dozen) and cooked pierogies, with butter only or butter and onions (\$10/dozen) for Lent. **All must be pre-ordered by 7:00 p.m. of the order date.** Pick-up will be 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Saint Clare Church Hall, using the Hancock Street Entrance. To order your pierogies, please call the following **NUMBERS: 570-429-0863 OR 570-429-0071 OR 570-429-0343.**

Order by 7 p.m.:

Wed. March 15

Wed. March 22

Wed. March 29

Mon. April 3 (Holy Week)

To pick up on:

Friday, March 17

Friday, March 24

Friday, March 31

Wed. April 5

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT

Tuesday, March 14th at Holy Cross Parish, New Philadelphia. Begins at 6:00 p.m. with Mass—then Adoration, light refreshments, Lenten Reflection by Maggie Riggins-Diocese of Allentown and Closing Prayer and Conclusion. **Event is FREE, but an RSVP 610-866-0581 ext. 2022.**

HEALING MASS

Fr. George Winne, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Churches, Allentown, will celebrate a healing Mass at St. John the Baptist Church (10th and Mahantongo Strs., Pottsville) on Monday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during which Father will pray for and with anyone who wishes. The evening will conclude with Benediction. All of us need healing somewhere in our lives, whether physically, spiritually, or emotionally. As we journey through Lent, please consider joining us to pray for yourself or someone else in your life in need of healing.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEAT RAFFLE

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker is sponsoring a “April Showers Meat Raffle”. Tickets are \$10 each. There are five prizes: 1st Prize - \$200 and the other four prizes are \$100 each. They are gift cards to Marlin Markets. You may purchase tickets at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office during normal business hours. The last day to purchase chances is Thursday, April 13th. Drawing will take place after 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 15th at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. You need not be in attendance to win.

CATHOLIC PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection. O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need. O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.