



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.



First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

Saturday, December 2 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Harold and Mary Burns

Lector: Jack Reilly

EM: Penny Herb, Jim Hogan, JoAnn Leinenbach

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 3

9:30AM Ray Verbish

Lector: Arlene Merritt

EM: Arlene Merritt, Michael Stepanchick
John Hogan

Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Weekday Masses: St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of the Church

Tuesday December 5

8:30AM Earl and Kim Heiber

Friday, December 8

8:30AM James & Mary Rita Coyne & Sons,
James & Thomas and Grandson, Ryan

Saturday, December 9 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00 PM Justin Kitsock

Lector: John Smolock

EM: John Smolock, Sarah Stepanchick,
Marie Fertig

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 10 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30 AM Diane Tarantelli

Lector: Bonnie Spieles

EM: Bonnie Spieles, 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 Anne) Clarke, and Brian Hepler and our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week.

In St. Charles in loving memory of Raymond & Steven Coniff from Family.

In St. Anne in loving memory of Earl & Kim Heiber.

Office News

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 6th due to training. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Sunday Missals

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

January Lottery calendars

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

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Collections for November 25th & 26th

Sunday Collection

November 25th and 26th - \$3534.42

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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Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared"

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired Priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Your generosity supports retired Priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

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 BORROME0, ASHLAND.

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

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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.

St. Patrick Church Dine in or Take out Spaghetti

Dinner

When: Sunday, December 3rd 11:00AM – 2:00PM
(or sell out)

Where: 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville
Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our
homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, & bread

Cost: \$11.00 per platter
Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for
purchase.*****

A 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.

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 bulingual
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

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.

Ashland’s Old-Fashioned Christmas

On Saturday, December 2nd from 10AM-8PM, Ashland will
be having their old-fashioned Christmas. The day has
something for all ages. There will be a gingerbread house
contest, Santa parade, tree lighting, horse-drawn carriage
rides, free Pioneer Tunnel train rides, stories for kids, free
treats, + much, much, more. The free Pioneer Tunnel
train rides are from 4PM-7PM and will have a shuttle to
take you up. Come down and enjoy yourself!!!



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.

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.

Second Collection

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

St. Nicholas Day

**All Parish Children are invited to bring a shoe to Mass
the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd so that St.
Nicholas can fill it with a treat. Please put your name
and age inside the shoe.**

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.

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.

Advent Prayer

“O Almighty God, gracious provider, and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of Your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, and in need of Your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize Your Kingdom and to hear Your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on You. We pray that You hear our prayer in the Holy Name of Jesus.” Amen.

