

o *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
Parish Office: 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland PA 17921
Phone: 570-875-1521 (fax) 570-875-2635
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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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023

Saturday, December 23 St. Charles Borromeo
4:00PM Marquardt, Olanich, and Butler Families

Lector: Mary Ann Stump
EM: Arlene Merritt, Sarah Stepanchick,
JoAnn Leinenbach

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 24 St. Charles Borromeo
9:30AM All Parishioners

Lector: Mike Stepanchick
EM: Mike Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner,
John Hogan

Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, St. Charles
4:00PM Memorial Society

Lector: Jim Hogan
EM: Jim Hogan, Penny Herb, Bonnie Spieles
Altar Server: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, St. Vincent
DePaul, Girardville

8:00PM All Parishioners
Lector: Joseph Chiraretti
EM: Janet Paulukonis

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, St. Charles
10:30 PM Memorial Society

Lector: Margaret Schachte
EM: Aaron Stepanchick, Vince & Cheryl Cuthie
Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Tuesday December 26 No Mass

Friday, December 29

8:30AM Dolores Corcoran and Deborah & Joseph
Corcoran and Teresa Karavage

Saturday, December 30 St. Charles Borromeo
4:00 PM Joseph & Elizabeth Dougherty


Lector: Ed Tarantelli
EM: Ed & Anne Tarantelli, Marie Fertig

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday December 31 St. Charles Borromeo
9:30AM All Parishioners

Lector: Mary Cuthie
EM: Mike & Mary Cuthie, Kathy Glessner
Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

**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.**

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) Clarke,
Brian Hepler, Carole Reilly and the Artz Family and our
deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at:

St. Charles In Loving memory Kim and Earl Heiber, SR
from Family.

St. Anne In loving memory of Jason Green from Robin
and Children.



January Lottery calendars

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

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Collections for December 16 and 17

Sunday Collection

December 16 and 17 - \$3948.55

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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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.

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New Chapel Hours

Starts Immediately

Weekdays Mon. through Fri. – 6AM – 3PM

Saturday – 12PM – 5PM

Sunday – 8:30AM – 11AM



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.



Sight and Sound Bus Trip
Thursday – April 25, 2024

DANIEL

Total cost of \$150.00 includes ticket to Sight and Sound Theatre production of Daniel, after show buffet style meal at Shady Maple, and round-trip Coach bus transportation. Reserve your seat early!!! A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of reservation. Total payment due April 5, 2024. Come enjoy a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance including live animals and special effects. Spend an enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow parishioners! All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Parish Office, 570-875-1521.

St. Anne's Guild

St. Anne's Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our holiday candy sale. The profit for the sale was \$4917.49.

Spaghetti Fundraiser to benefit the Artz Family

When: Saturday December 30th 12-2PM

Where: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Social Hall – Line Street Entrance.

Donation of \$12.00 to benefit the Artz Family

Take out Only includes: Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, and Garlic Bread.

Must pre-order by December 22nd. Call/or text Wendy @ 570-617-9085, the Parish Office @ 570-874-0610 ext 4

Or e-mail frackvillecares@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 or our Parish. The calendars can be found in St. Charles Church, St. Anne Chapel, and our Parish Office.

Merry Christmas

Father Esposito and the Staff of St. Charles would like to wish all Paishioners and visiters a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



RCAA's After Christmas Clothing Drive

RCAA Health Services and Community Aid Foundation have partnered to turn your gently used itmes into funds that support our mission of helping those in need. **From Dec. 27, 2023 to Jan. 8, 2024 call RCAA at 570-875-8936 for a convenient pickup time, or drop off donations at the Selinsgrove Community Aid store at any time using our partner number (#10350).** We welcome clean and gently used accessories, toys, household items, decorations, linens, and electronics in working condition. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful initiative!

Christmas Prayer

Glory to God in the Highest!

**My precious Lord, Jesus,
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.**

**Your love for us is unfathomable; it is glorious
transforming, awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.**

**You chose to come and dwell among us,
by being born into poverty, rejection, and humility.**

**Yet Your Mother knew Whom she bore.
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.**

**Help me, dear Lord,
to come to love You with the heart of Your Mother.**

Invite me to adore You, with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

**Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.**

**I love You, dear Lord Jesus.
Help me to love You with all my heart.**

**Newborn Savior of the world,
I trust in You.**

**Mother Mary and St. Joseph,
Pray for me and for everyone everywhere.
Amen.**

