



Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

Rev. Christopher M. Zelonis, Pastor
Deacon John Sutter

Parish Office: 1115 Walnut Street, Ashland PA 17921

Phone: 570-875-1521 (fax) 570-875-2635

Parish Website: www.stcharlesashland.com

Parish Email: catholicchurchashland@msn.com

Parish Facebook Page: 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

Sunday 9:00 AM

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

Sundays: 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptisms occur on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 11 AM. 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 every case, but can normally be expected to be granted.

St. Anne Chapel Hours Located in the lower level of our Church, 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 8-9 AM.

Regional Catholic Schools

Assumption BVM School, Pottsville

Grades K-8, 570-622-0106

St. Jerome Regional School, Tamaqua

Grades K-8, 570-668-2757

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 Safe Environment

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.reportbishopabuse.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.

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Saturday October 10

4:00PM Joe & Beatrice Salukas

Lector: Mary Ann Stump

EM: Deacon Sutter, Mike Sokoloski, Jim Hogan

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

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

Sunday, October 11

9:00AM Clarence & Ethel Leibig

Lector: Mike Stepanchick

EM: Vince & Cheryl Cuthie, Margaret Schachte

Altar Servers: Martin Wrobel

-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 11:00AM

Monday October 12 (Weekday)

SJWP

Adoration: 1:00PM – Mass time

Confessions: 4:30PM – 5:25PM

Mass: 5:30PM

Tuesday October 13 (Weekday)

8:30AM John, Mary, and Peter Shepos

Adoration: After Mass till 11AM

Wednesday October 14 (Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr) **No Mass**

Thursday October 15 (Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church)

SJWP

8:30AM Mass

Adoration: 9AM – 11AM

Friday October 16 (Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin)

8:30AM Peter Deluca

Saturday October 17

4:00PM John Hornung

Lector: JoAnne Leinenbach

EM: Deacon Sutter, Ed & Anne Tarantelli

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 5:30PM

Sunday October 18

9:00AM Puglia, Davies, & Czeponis Families

Lector: Margaret Schachte

EM: Deacon Sutter, John Hogan, Nora Coyne

Altar Servers: Michael Schachte, Ava Staudenmeier

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 11:00AM

Next weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday.

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St. Charles in loving memory of Harry & Sylvia Brocious from Jim and Brenda Stepanchick. In St. Anne's in loving memory of Puglia, Davies, and Czeponis Families.



****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, Breanna Hammond, Jim Murphy, Doug Johnson, Linda Sausser, Wallee Fedko, Earl Heiber, Jerome Schmoltze, Robert Bruce, Leo Lubinsky, Ann Helwig, Father Gregory Karpyn, and all our deceased brothers and sisters.**

.....

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

.....

St. Charles Feast Day

On Wednesday, November 4th we will celebrate St. Charles Feast Day beginning with a Mass at 5:30PM at our Church followed by our Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Hall! All are welcome!

Remembrance Mass

This year our Remembrance Mass will be at St. Charles on Monday, November 9th at 5:30 PM.

Food Truck

The next food truck will be Tuesday, October 27th from noon to 1:30.

Parish Office

The Parish will be closed on Monday, October 12th and Friday October 16th

.....

Never Alone Meeting

The next Never Alone Meeting will be Friday, October 16, at 10AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

.....

October Drawing

The winner of the October Money Chances Drawing for \$500 was John Hogan. Congratulations!!!

TREASURY OF PRAYER BOOKLETS

We are grateful that you have been making use of the "Treasury of Prayer" booklets, which contain dozens of prayers new and old, outlines of the Catholic faith, a guide to confession, and more. These booklets have replaced the laminated prayer cards that were in the hymnal racks. Those cards are in the main vestibule for those who would like to take them. Please consider donating to make more copies available to take home and to keep the racks full. Each copy costs \$1.60 at the print shop we use. Thank you!

October is Pro-Life Month

October is Pro-Life Month. "Mother of Life" Prayer Cards with a prayer asking for the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession for an end to abortion are available in the back of the church. Please take a card and join in praying the prayers.

Basket Auction

Our profit from the basket auction was \$25,877.94. The committee thanks **EVERYONE** who helped make this our second most successful basket auction to date. The support and generosity of the businesses, organizations, individuals, and especially our parishioners who donated prizes, money, baskets, food, and baked goods, was overwhelming. Thank you also for the generosity of those who attended the auction, both parishioners, and non-parishioners, for without your support this would not have been possible. Thank you also to those who volunteered so much of their time before, during, and after the auction to make it all happen! Thank you everyone!

St. Anne Guild Autumn Candy Sale

Nothing tastes better than homemade!

It's that time of the year again and the ladies of St. Anne's Guild are selling their home-made candy. There are four kinds of candy to choose from:

Coconut Crème – one pound - \$13

Peanut Butter – one pound - \$13

Butter Cream – one pound - \$13

Butter Cream Rolled in Peanuts – one pound - \$15

Orders may be placed by calling the Parish Office at 570-875-1521. All Orders must be in by November 13th.

**The table we use for our Kindergarten class is missing
If anyone has any information or knows its whereabouts, please contact the Parish Office.
Thank You! ****

ATTENTION MEN: A Men's Spirituality Program entitled "That Man is You" for men of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker parishes will begin Saturday, September 12 and continue through December 5 from 8:30-9:30AM at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. We will take a break and then meet again from January 9 through April 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. All men age 18 and older are invited to come participate in a powerful experience of spiritual growth led by Fr. Zelonis, Deacon John Sutter, and a team of men from the two parishes. Please pray about joining us. *****

NEW TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

To receive emergency notification of Mass Cancellations and other important information:
TEXT 27423

TO PHONE NUMBER (646)681-7694

Do not respond to messages received through this Service. They are one-way messages. Depending on Your cell phone plan, text messaging rates may apply.

Christmas Bazaar

St. Charles Borromeo will host our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14th from 10AM-2PM. Come join us for lunch-homemade soups, pigeons, sausage hoagies, haluski, beefaroni, barbecue, hot dogs, baked goods and more. Take out is available. \$15 worth of chances will be sent out to each family. Returns can be made in the collection basket or Parish Office. Please mark the envelope "Christmas Bazaar". Donations for our rummage sale can be dropped off in the parish office any day from 9AM-3PM. No books, clothing, shoes, luggage, or broken items please. We are asking for donations of soup and baked goods. Donations of baked goods and soup can be brought to the parish hall on Friday November 13th or Saturday November 14th before 10AM. Thank you for your support!

Parish Stewardship

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Sunday 10/04/26 (week 14)

Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering \$ 4,077

Last Sunday's Offering / % of Budget \$ 4,461 109%

Sunday Offerings to-date \$ 55,515

191 Envelopes Used, out of a possible 370

Fiscal Year 7/1/25 thru 6/30/26 Sun. Coll. \$219,510

Diocesan Men's Conference

Diocesan Men's Conference "Come Home to Mary, Mother of the Church" on Saturday, November 21, 2026 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM at DeSales University, 2755 Station Ave., Center Valley, PA. Speakers include Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of the Franciscan University; Nathan Crankfield, Author & National Speaker; and Mark Houck, Apologist & Founder of The King's Men. Holy Mass at 4PM with Bishop Schlert, Confessions available, Breakfast & Lunch included. Register at: menaliveinchrist.org/events

Confirmation

Confirmation for 8th graders from St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker will take place on October 13, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo Church at 4:30 with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Please keep our students in your prayers. If you are able to donate a baked good for the reception, please drop off at the parish hall by noon on October 13th. Thank you.

.....

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI 2026 APPLE DUMPLING FESTIVAL

250 E. HANCOCK STREET, SAINT CLAIR

WHEN: OCTOBER 17 12 NOON-6PM

OCTOBER 18 10AM – 2PM

Taking orders for apple dumplings and roast pork Platters. Contact the St. Clare of Assisi Rectory no later Than Monday, October 12th to place your orders.

(570)429-0370

Apple Dumplings: \$5 each

Roast Pork Platters: \$15

Also, tickets will be available for purchase for cash and Gift card prizes valued at \$200 or more, 50/50 cash Drawing, and \$1000 worth of lottery tickets.

.....

HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY

St. Patrick Church is sponsoring a trip to the Dutch Apple Theatre in Lancaster on November 20. It will be an evening trip. The cost is \$125 and will need to be paid by October 19. The cost includes the bus, the buffet, tax, gratuity, and the show. *"Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season with this original holiday musical extravaganza sure to make you merry. The halls are decked with holly, so let the jolly festivities begin with lively dancing and singing to the yuletide tunes you know and love – along with a visit from Old St. Nick himself! The perfect feel-good, hometown Christmas revue the entire family will enjoy."* Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 3 for more details.


