



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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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.



Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024

Saturday, February 24 St. Charles Borromeo
4:00PM John and Judy Youskites

Lector: Jack Reilly
EM: Penny Herb, Marie Fertig, Jim Hogan
Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, February 25 St. Charles Borromeo
9:30AM Margaret & Robert J. Yarnell

Lector: Bonnie Spieles
EM: Bonnie Spieles, John Hogan, Kathy Glessner
Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Weekday Mass: St Charles Borromeo, Ashland
St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

Tuesday, February 27

8:30AM Carole and John F. Reilly Sr.
and Gena Maurer - 1st Anniversary

Friday, March 1

8:30AM Memorial Society
6PM-7PM Adoration 6:30PM Confessions
7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Sally McMonegal
Lector: Joann Leinenbach
EM: Joann Leinenbach, Ed & Anne Tarantelli
Altar Server: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, March 3 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM Kim Heiber
Lector: Jim Hogan
EM: Jim Hogan, Mike & Mary 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, Christine Groody, John Usalis, and the Artz Family and our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Vigil Light Burns Brightly this Week in St. Charles for Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Reichwein & Family from Family.
In St. Anne for William, Jack, and Robert Klinger from Sue Klinger.



March Lottery Calendars

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

Collections for February 18
Sunday Collection

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.
February 18th – \$2968.00

Catholic Leadership Institute
Disciple Maker Index Survey

Dear Parishioner, We would like you to participate in our Disciple Maker Index survey. This survey will provide you the opportunity to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on the efforts of the parish to help you grow. The survey should take you between 10-15 minutes to complete. Please do not skip questions unless instructed to do so. Please note that your responses are kept confidential. Your Parish and Catholic Leadership Institute will not have access to individual survey responses. We thank you again for your participation in this important initiative! The survey will be available on February 14, 2024. The survey link is:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/byb2kb>

It is recommended that you use this link to take the survey but if you would rather a paper survey, just come to the parish office to pick one up. Thank you so much for your participation!

THANK YOU

With the New year upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to thank **Miss Susan Klinger** for her many years of dedication and service to our Parish. She has touched countless lives through her involvement as DRE of the CCD program, director of music ministry, and baptismal preparation class coordinator. She has also served on our Parish Pastoral Council. We extend our gratitude and appreciation for her contributions, talents, and service. We miss seeing her and ask all to pray for her continued recovery.

Save the Date

Our Spring Bazaar will be held on April 13th from 10AM-2PM. Homemade food, bake sale, rummage sale, door prizes, and more! Items for the rummage sale can be dropped off in the parish hall M-F 9AM-3PM (No clothing, books or suitcases please)More info to follow in the upcoming weeks.

St. Anne's Guild News
Easter Egg Time

The Ladies of St. Anne's Guild are still making their delicious Easter Eggs . All your favorite flavors: Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Coconut, and Cherry! They are \$1.25each/ \$15.00 Dozen. Call the Parish Office to order (570)875-1521. Also, Order forms available in the back of the Church. Deadline to order March 15th.

St. Charles Borromeo "Text Alerts"

With the upcoming winter season, if St. Charles wants to send out a reminder and you want to be added to the St. Charles Borromeo's "Text Alerts". Please text @acb3gga to 81010. This will be a great way to keep up on Mass cancellations or changes. If anyone has any questions regarding the Alerts, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.

HOMEMADE SHOO FLY PIE & PIE CRUSTS
MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S
CHURCH CHOIR, RINGTOWN

PICK-UP: @ St Mary's Church Rectory, Ringtown Tuesday, March 19th from 10:00AM – Noon

DEADLINE TO ORDER: Wednesday, March 13th Call the Parish Office @ (570) 889-3850 Leave a message with Name, Phone # and your Order, or call Marie @ (570) 889-3825.

Events at St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven

St. Ambrose Church(201Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven) will be having a Taize Prayer Service on Wednesday Feb. 28 at 6:30PM. During the Taize prayer experience, we gather with each other and in the presence of Jesus Christ to express our faith in word and song. We'll sing hymns of simple thoughts and few words, allowing us to rest in the mystery of God. For more info call St. Ambrose office at 570-385-1031.

Also, St Ambrose will be having a Holy Hour with John Paul Kasperowicz on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30PM. John Paul, founder of the Ministry of the Single-hearted retreat and music ministry as well as Big heart Harvest farming ministry, will lead us in prayer and reflection before our Lord.

NEW MINISTRY

Dear Parish Friends,

When I was in the hospital & rehab center, cards and calls sent by some of you brightened some long, dark days. Now home, facing a long road for healing & plenty of time, I'd like to try to brighten days of others. With Father's permission, I will be sending cards/notes to fellow parishioners facing lonely or hard times. Cards could also be sent for positive reasons-special birthday, anniversary, engagement, etc. The name for this ministry is "From the Heart" since as a parish family we should truly care & help each other. Hopefully, the first cards will be sent around Valentine's Day(Ash Wednesday this year). I already have information about our current shut-ins. I'm asking for you help in several ways:

1. If you know someone that might enjoy a communication, please send me the name, address & circumstance.
2. If you have any type of greeting card not being used, please put in the parish vestibule & they will be forwarded to me.
3. If you would also like to be part of the ministry & send cards, let me know. Once organized, I will contact you.

Thank you!

Sue Klinger

Contact Information:

1. E-mail: sklinger43@yahoo.com
2. Phone: 570-874-2554 (leave message)
3. Parish phone: 570-875-1521 (info will be forwarded to me)

"FROM THE HEART"



Shenandoah Valley Basket Auction

Where: Shenandoah Valley Elementary Gym, 805 West Center Street, Shenandoah.

When: Saturday, March 2nd at 3PM

Shop and Drop: Friday, March 1st 4PM-8PM, and Saturday, March 2nd 9AM-3PM

Refreshments will be available. You do not need to be present to win.

Some Prizes include: \$3000 trip of your choice, meat, smoker & freezer package, nintendo switch, yeti coolers, concert tickets, large TV, plus so much more!

Marian News

On Monday March 11th from 4-6 tour the school with our Student Ambassadors and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Contact Mary Milosh with any questions at 570-467-3335 ext. 117 or mmilosh@mariancatholic.org

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Knights of Columbus Pizza Social

On Friday, March 1st from 5:15PM – 6:30PM, all parishioners and guests are invited to stop in the parish hall to enjoy fellowship along with a complimentary pizza social prior to attending evening Adoration/Stations of the Cross, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

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.

