

## 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**





*Welcome to*  
**Saint Charles Borromeo Parish**  
 St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland  
 Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville  
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**DRE/Music:** Susan Klinger **Business Manager:** Shannon Butler **Office Assistant:** Teri Krolick

**Office Times: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and every other Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3:30 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  
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 1-800-791-9209

**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 Advent**

**December 4, 2022**

**Saturday, December 3**

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
4:00 PM Earl Heiber

**Sunday, December 4**

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
9:30 AM Aloysius and Margaret Loeper  
Jean and John Joyce, and the  
deceased members of the Gower  
Family

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***Regularly scheduled weekday Masses are in Ashland***

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

**Mon., December 5 - NO MASS**

**Tues., December 6**

8:30 AM Hornung & Kershinsky Families  
  
Thomas J. Colihan and Holleran  
Families

**Wed., December 7 - NO MASS**

**Thurs., December 8 – Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

7:00 AM Dolores Corcoran

**Fri., December 9**

8:30 AM Brecker and Hardnock Families

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**Saturday, December 10**

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
4:00 PM William, Teresa (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
and Patricia Groody  
Reilly and Hentz Families

**Sunday, December 11**

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
9:30 AM Mark Fanelli  
John "Smokey" Boylan

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 **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.

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**The Vigil Lights burn brightly this week:** 

In St. Charles Borromeo, in loving memory of Margaret & Aloysius Loper by daughter, Mary Anne.

In St. Anne Chapel, in loving memory of Kim Heiber by Family.

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**Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office will be open this week, Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Office Closed due to Holy Day

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**Holy Day Mass Schedule**

**The Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

The Holy Day Mass Schedule is as Follows:

**Wed., December 7<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 PM – St. Ann, Frackville**

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 AM – St. Charles**

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**Christmas 2022 Mass Schedule**



St. Charles Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM

St. Vincent Christmas Eve: 8:00 PM

St. Charles Christmas Day: 9:00 AM

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**2023 Calendars**

As we approach a new year, our parish would like to **SINCERELY THANK**, Thomas and Timothy Sullivan of the Sullivan Funeral Home, Shawn and Melissa Clark of the Kull-Heizenroth Funeral Home, and Rick Fritz of the Fritz Funeral for donating the 2023 Religious Calendars for our Parish. **Beginning this weekend**, the calendars can be found in St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Anne Chapel, and/or our Parish Office.

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**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. Please consider giving an offering of at least \$15 for each flower. Thank you!

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**A Visit from St. Nicholas**

St Nicholas will be visiting our parish in December. All parish children (Preschool- Grade 7) are invited to bring a shoe to Mass on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, and place it on the sanctuary steps; right side (sick/ cry room side) after 9:30 AM Mass. Please label shoe in case there are similar styles. Shoe (and special treat from St Nicholas) can be picked up after Mass on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**CCD News!**

**There are no CCD classes on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Confessions for grades 6 and 7 will be Sun. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Confessions for grades 3 – 5 will be Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, “your gift helps ease our worldly burdens & allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church. “Donations to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.



**Sunday Missals**

If you have ordered a Sunday Missal, they are now available for pick up in the Parish Office during office hours. If anyone has not ordered a missal, and still would like one, extras are available for purchase. Thank you!

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**Parish Office News**

On behalf of the staff at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, we would like to thank everyone for their cooperation as we adjust to the restructuring of the parish office. The office schedule for each month will be posted & included in the Parish bulletin. Future office schedules will be posted prior to a new month. The office will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and every other Thursday from 9:00 to 3:30 PM, with the office being closed on Mondays. Please note that snow days, holidays, and vacations may affect this schedule throughout the year. Again, we would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this time!

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**BLESSED ANNE CATHERINE EMMERICH-**

There will be a reading of Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich’s reflections on the Rosary. Come, sit in quiet, close your eyes and picture the events in Jesus’ and Mary’s lives.

**Rosary will be said in the Chapel at**

**St. Charles Borromeo beginning at 2:30 PM**

**Week 4** - Tuesday, December 6

**Week 5** - Monday, December 12

**It will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the above dates.**

The Rosary will be led by Marilyn Overly and Mary Beth Schachte.

**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 Christmas Candy!**



Thank you everyone who has supported the St. Anne Guild Christmas Candy sale. Candy will be available for sale after this weekends Masses. Anyone who has ordered candy will be called when your order is ready for pick up. Again, thank you for your support!

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**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Theology on Tap is a speaker series for young adults on matters of the Catholic faith.

**December 15 | 7:00 p.m. Ages 21-35**

**Free to attend/pay for refreshments**

**Crimson House, 118 North Centre Street, Pottsville**

**Speaker:** Fr. Giuseppe C. Esposito

**Topic:** Advent

Come pour out the spirit and enjoy an evening of fellowship, libations, and reflections on living the Catholic faith. Father Esposito will be speaking about Advent and playing his guitar to lead a Christmas sing-a-long. **No RSVP necessary.**

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**CHILDREN’S CAROLLING**

The St. Joseph the Worker children’s choir has been invited to Christmas Carol at Broad Mountain Nursing & Rehab on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We need help some help with voices! Children from St. Charles Borromeo are welcome to join us. We will meet at the lobby of the nursing home at 5:45 PM. Please have kids wear something festive! Some teenage voices would be a GREAT addition to the carols. If you have questions—please contact Carol Tenaglia at 570-617-3208 or Siobhan Walsh at 570-449-7229.

