



# 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](mailto: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](http://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.



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 1, 2023**

**Saturday, September 30** St. Charles Borromeo  
**4:00 PM** Peter James  
**Lector:** Jack Reilly  
**EM:** Penny Herb, Sarah Stepanchick,  
JoAnne Leinenbach  
**Altar Servers:** Gregory and Ella Stump

**Sunday, October 1**  
**9:30 AM** August & Mary Boyer Mall  
**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 October 3 In St. Vincents De Paul Church**  
**In Girardville to Celebrate St. Vincents De Paul's**  
**Feast Day.**

**8:30AM** Joseph Farrell 

**Friday, October 6**  
**8:30 AM** Memorial Society  
**Saturday, October 7** St. Charles Borromeo  
**4:00 PM** Rizzardi and Damowsky Families  
**Lector:** John Smolock  
**EM:** John Smolock, Jim Hogan, Marie Fertig  
**Altar Servers:** Gregory and Ella  
Stump

**Sunday, October 8**  
**9:30 AM** Breckie and Hardnock Family  
**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 Christine Groody, Janet  
Madden, and Theresa Mock and our deceased  
brothers and sisters in Christ.

**THE VIGIL LIGHT BURNS BRIGHTLY THIS WEEK:**  
In **St. Charles Borromeo**, in loving memory Russ  
and Jean Weist from Mary Klimas  
In **St. Ann Chapel**, in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs.  
Anthony L. Campomizzi, Karmalovich, Newman,  
Smolkowicz, & Wilk Families from Jerry, Deborah,  
Arthur & May

**PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS AT THE CHURCH**  
**WE ARE MAKING THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL**

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**MISSAL SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE NOW IN THE BACK OF THE  
CHURCH OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE. \*\*\*\*\***

**October Lottery Calendars**

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

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**Collections for September 23 & 24**

**Sunday Collection**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - \$3920.50**

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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**Boyers Caring and Sharing 1% Rebate Program**

If you shop at Boyers, please pick up a Boyers card for your  
key ring. Present it to the cashier each time you shop, and  
it will be scanned. Our Church will receive a 1% rebate  
from your purchases. It is easy and a great way to support  
St. Charles Borromeo Church. Scannable cards will be  
available in the back of the Church, in the parish office, and  
in St. Ann Chapel

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**Cemetery 50/50**

Now selling chances for the months of September and  
October. The 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing will be Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**OCTOBERFEST** 

**Where:** St. Charles Borromeo  
**When:** October 14, 2023 at 4:30PM – 10:00PM  
**Music by :** The Shenandoah All-Star Polka Band  
Homade foods, beer, dancing  
**Special Guest Appearance by:** Leiby's Carriage Services  
Belgian Draft Horse  
**Photo opts will be available\*\*\*\*\***

**Attn. CCD Students & PARENTS**

Starting Oct.1<sup>st</sup> all CCD Students are asked to meet in the  
hall prior to Mass (by 9:15 if possible) We will read the  
Gospel and then walk over as a class. If you prefer to sit  
as a family, your children are still invited to join us in the  
Hall for the preparatory period.  
On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Parents are invited to join Students in hall  
to help make a rosary. Father will bless them on 10/8.  
Confirmation practice – 10/29 at 6PM.  
Confirmation – 10/30 at 4:30.  
\*\*\* Our CCD/PREP program needs a few substitute  
teachers. If you feel called to help with the faith  
formation of our children and are willing to give a few  
hours when the need arises, please call the Parish Office.  
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**PET BLESSING**



On Sunday, October 8, 2023, Father will have a Pet Blessing for both St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker Parishes. It will take place in the St. Joseph the Worker Grove, located directly behind St. Ann’s Church in Frackville.

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish Food Sale**

November 4, 2023, from 11:00AM – 2:00 PM

Take out only.

34 South Line Street, Frackville

**Menu:** Bandukies, pierogies-butter & onions or fried, halupkies, Lapienne soup, kielbasa sandwich, and homemade baked goods.

**Get to know John Sutter**

On Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church, we will get to know John Sutter. He is on a journey to become a Deacon for the Diocese of Allentown. We will start with Adoration then John will tell us about himself.

Let’s all welcome Him!

**Marian Catholic Open House**

On Saturday, October 14 1:00PM-3PM, come tour the school, meet the students and staff and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Please reach out to Mary Milosh to

[RSVP.mmilosh@mariancatholic.org](mailto:RSVP.mmilosh@mariancatholic.org) or 570-467-3335 ext. 117

**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**WHERE:** St. Patrick Church 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville.

**WHEN:** Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00AM – 2PM (or sell out)

Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Cost is \$11.00 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

**St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven**

**The Beer and Wine Festival** will be held on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM – 10:30PM at St. Ambrose (302 Randal St., Schuylkill Haven). Admission is \$10.00. There will be local wineries, craft beer, food, and music by Another Side and Sapphire. Rain or shine.

**America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally** will be held at the Schuylkill Haven Island Park Pavilion on Sat. Oct. 14 starting at 12PM. Bring chair & Rosary.

**Thank you. Basket Auction.**

Thank you to the following businesses who have made generous donations to the Basket Auction:

**Handy Pak Net co. LLC, Rombergers, Welker Properties, Mays, Oakland Automotive, Bergers Trinity Peace, Keystone Anthracite, American Computer Associates, inc., Sullivan, Heizenroth, and Fritz Funeral Homes.**

**Top Winners at the Basket Auction**

**1000 Winner – John Gera**

**Dinner with Father – Mary Burns**

**Grill – Scott Staudenmeier 50/50 – Kate Staudenmeier**

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**St. Teresa of Calcutta Fall Basket Raffle**

**Where:** 600 West Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City

**When:** Sunday October 8 – Raffle at 2PM

**Shop and Drops:** October 5,6,7, - 5-7PM

Food for sale each night of shop and drop, and the day of the drawing. Hundreds of dollars in prizes! Plus, cash and Lottery prizes.

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**Annual Father Ciszek Mass**

The Annual Father Walter Ciszek Day will be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Mass will be at St. Casimir Church 229 N. Jardin St. Shenandoah, PA at 2:00PM. Rev. Phillip R. Hurley, S.J. Univer. Chaplain at Loyola Univer. Maryland Jesuit Community (Ignatius House) Baltimore, MD. will be the homilist. Light Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall after Mass. Also, related items concerning Fr. Walter will be available for purchase. The new Prayer League Center at 218 West Cherry St., Shenandoah will be opened from 10:30AM – 1PM. Mother Lucille Cutrone will share Father Walter stories and answer questions. Father Ciszek ‘s Books, Prayer Cards, Brochures, and other items will be available to purchase at the Center and Church Hall.

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**For your information**

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern PA is holding a State of the Foundation meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at St. Ambrose Parish, Schuylkill Haven. RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call Lisa Geosits at 610-393-6410.

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**Nativity News**

Nativity’s Homecoming Game is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM vs. Shenandoah Valley. The New Location of all Nativity football games is North Schuylkill Stadium, Ashland, PA. The Homecoming 50/50 is a huge fundraiser for the school. Drawing to be held at half-time of football game. Contact Nativity High School at 570-622-8110 for tickets or more information.

## Feast Day, October 4, St. Francis Of Assisi



### (A Pet Blessing Prayer)

**Blessed are You, Lord God,  
Maker of all living creatures.**

**On the fifth and sixth days of creation,  
You called forth fish in the sea,  
birds in the air, and animals on the land.  
You inspired St. Francis to call all animals  
his brothers and sisters.**

**We ask You to bless these animals gathered about us.**

**By the power of Your love,  
enable these creatures—our sisters and brothers—to  
live according to Your plan.**

**May we always praise You for the beauty in creation.**

**Blessed are You, Lord our God, in all Your creatures!**

**AMEN!**

by Friar Jack Wintz, O.F.M

