



Welcome

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland
Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville
Rev. Guency Isaac, M.Div., M.A., Parochial Administrator
Deacon John Sutter



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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 9:00 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: 8:15AM to 8:45AM, Ashland

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptisms take place in the main Church in Ashland. They occur on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 11AM. 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. Monday through Friday it opens at 7 AM, and at 2:45 PM on Saturday. It remains open till 4:00 PM. Sunday 8-9AM.

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

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prusso@allentowndioocese.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.report bishop/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.



The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday January 11, 2026

Saturday, January 10 St Charles Borromeo
4:00PM Partick Purcell

Lector: Jack Reilly
EM: JoAnne Leinenbach, Karol Freiler, Anne Tarantelli

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump
-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville: 5:30PM
SJWP confessions: 5:10 to 5:25

Sunday, January 11 St. Charles Borromeo
9:00AM Brecker and Hardnock Family

Lector: Mary Cuthie
EM: Deacon John Sutter, Jim Hogan, Margaret Schachte

Altar Servers: Peter Schachte, Martin Wrobel, Delancy Brobst

-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 11:00AM
WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK.

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

Monday January 12 St Joseph the Worker

Adoration: 1:00 to Mass time
SJWP confessions: 5:10 to 5:25
Mass 5:30PM

Tuesday January 13 St. Charles Borromeo
8:30AM Reichwein and Sokolowski Families

Wednesday January 14 St. Joseph the Worker
8:30AM

Thursday January 15
No Mass

Friday January 16 St. Charles Borromeo
8:30AM Joseph Kandrot

Saturday January 17 St. Charles Borromeo
4:00PM Living & Deceased Members of the Switaj, Misiewicz, Zealberg Families

Lector: JoAnne Leinenbach
EM: Deacon John Sutter, Karol Freiler, John Smolock

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump
St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 5:30PM

Sunday January 18 St. Charles Borromeo
9:00AM Mary Henning

Lector: Jim Hogan
EM: Deacon John Sutter, Mary & Mike Cuthie
Altar Servers: Peter Schachte, Michael Schachte, Ava Staudenmeier
St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 11:00AM

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St. Charles in loving memory of Albert & Arlene Chillis From Family and in St. Anne's Chapel in loving memory of Bob Burns from Family.



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, Stephen Groody, Breanna Hammond, Jim Murphy, Doug Johnson, Linda Sausser, Wallee Fedko, Earl Heiber, Judy Tesno and our deceased brothers and sisters especially Denise Maloney, Mike Kelly, Jim Lucas, Tom Sullivan & Patricia Freels.

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February Lottery Calendars

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

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Days the Parish office will be closed in January

Monday, January 19.

Food Truck

The next food truck will be here on Tuesday, Jan. 27th from Noon – 1:30PM

Never Alone Group

St. Charles Peer Support and Recovery Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss regardless of the length of time. **Always remember that we are here for you!**

Next meeting will be in the next bulletin.



Nativity Happenings

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th, 2026 from 1:00 – 3:00PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration, and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 570-622-8110 with any questions.

Marian Catholic High School

Marian Catholic High School will have an open house On Sunday, January 25th from 1:00 – 3:00PM. Come Meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover The programs that make our school so special. RSVP To Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, at mmilosh@mariancatholic.org or 570-467-3335 ext 116.

Parish Retreat

All Adult Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker and St. Charles Borromeo parishes are invited to attend the first combined Parish Retreat to be held in St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St. Ashland on the first Saturday of Lent, February 28, beginning at 8:30AM and concluding with 4:00PM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo with lunch included. The theme is “Be Not Afraid.” There is no cost and parishioners are asked to write their name and phone number on one of the sheets in the back of the Church to secure your spot.

Homemade Soup and Haluski Sale Sponsored by St.

Patrick’s Church 313 Mahantongo St. Pottsville

When: Saturday, January 17 Noon- 5:30PM

Sunday, January 18 8:30AM-11:30AM or sell Out.

Choice of soup: Vegetable Beef, Bean, Potato, or Italian Wedding.

MEN, MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION!

Men’s Spirituality Group starting Sat. Jan. 10, 2026. We will be viewing a video series followed by group discussions every other Sat. morning at 8:30AM. Location will be alternate between St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office at 7 S. Broad Mt. Ave. Frackville and St. Charles Borromeo Hall, 1115 Walnut St. in Ashland. God intended for men to be leaders, protectors, and providers. Statistics show that when mothers take their children to church, approximately 25% of them will attend when they become adults, but when fathers take their children to church, approximately 75% will attend when they become adults. Make it a priority to become the man God calls you to be.

Sight and Sound Bus Trip to Joshua

Tuesday April 21, 2026

*Due to increasing ticket costs the cost is \$172. The total cost includes your ticket to Sight and Sound production of Joshua, after show buffet lunch at Hershey Farm, and round-trip Coach bus transportation. A Non-refundable deposit of \$85 is due at your time of reservation. (**If you call the parish office to make your reservation, please make your downpayment within a week) Final payment is due on March 20, 2026. All reservations can be made at the St. Charles Borromeo Parish office, 570-875-1521. **Father Isaac will be teaching a class about Joshua on Monday-April 20th. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!*

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to Catholic Charities And Birthright during the Christmas Season. Your Donations provide pregnant women and their families a healthy start in life. Thank you also for the donations to Toys for Tots. This is the second year that our parish participated in Toys for Tots. We are sure that your generous donations put smiles on many children’s faces on Christmas Day! Finally, thank you all who donate food to the local food pantry all year long!

MEN: More information about the **Men's Spirituality Group** which will start on Jan. 10,2026 and run through April 11 from 8:30AM – 9:30AM. We will be meeting approximately every other week to view a video series entitled "The Search" and then have a small group discussion about the session. The first session will be held at **St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office** 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave. in Frackville. The second session will be on Jan. 24 from 8:30AM to 9:30AM at **St. Charles Borromeo Hall** 1115 Walnut St. Ashland. Meetings will alternate between Frackville and Ashland. **MAKE THIS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BECOME THE MAN GOD CALLS YOU TO BE!**

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Recently enrolled in the St. Charles Parish Memorial Society were the following

deceased: - **Robert Boris** by Marie and Bob Breininger; **Charles and Shirley Burns** by Tom Burns; **William Byrne** by Ann and Karl Kessler; **Michelena" Mickey" Catizone** by Marie and Bob Breininger; **Joseph Cesari** by Kelly, Taylor and Tori Lindenmuth; **Bernard Davis** by Karen Stohn; **Ronald Charles Hardnock** by Vincent and Cheryl Cuthie, Albert and Virginia Klokis & Family, Charles and Janie Steinhilber & Family; **Joseph Kandrot** by Gerry Kandrot; **Mary Ellen Kealey** by Celeste Deluca; **Mike Kelly** by Julia Colihan, Joanne and Stephen Demko, Amy Fanelli & Family, Kathy and Gary Glessner, Stephen and Maryann Groody, Cheryl Haley & Rick Hawk, Hayek Family, Edith Kempsey, The Kitsocks-Greg, Jeff, Judy, & Jan, Kleeman Cousins & Family, Maureen and Jim Leibig, Nahas Family; **Jim Lucas** by Tom Colihan, Kathy and Gary Glessner, Dot and Gerard Higgins, Helene and Danny Leach; **Edward Malarkey** by Celest Deluca; **Denise Maloney** by Joanne and Stephen Demko, Amy Fanelli & Family, Dot and Gerard Higgins & Sons, The Kitsocks- Greg, Jeff, Judy, & Jan, Jim and Brenda Stepanchick; **William "Mick" McFadden** by Vincent and Cheryl Cuthie & Family, Albert and Virginia Klokis & Family, Kelly, Taylor, and Tori Lindenmuth; **Rosemary Memeo** by Celeste Deluca; **Dorothy Schmerfeld** by Gerry Kandrot; **Robert J. Shipe** by Barbara Cheddar; **Elizabeth Slotcavage** by Gerry Kandrot; **Sister Jean Stabile** by Margaret Mary Brown; **Tom Sullivan** by Marie and Bob Breininger, Margaret Mary Brown, Jim and Maureen Leibig, Pat Reilly & Family; **Monica Surfield** by Gerry Kandrot; **Alberta Wagner** by Mary Davis, Helen Heiber & Family, John Hogan, Darlene Stank, Jim and Brenda Stepanchick; **Walter Zatazeski** by Margaret Mary Brown, Maryann and Stephen Groody, Phil, Jane and Philip Rapant.



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