



# 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.report](http://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.



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 11, 2024**

**Saturday, February 10** St. Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** Bob and Anne Freiler

**Lector:** Ed Tarantelli

**EM:** Ed & Anne Tarantelli, Joann Leinenbach

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

**Sunday, February 11** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:30AM** St. Bridgid of Ireland

**Lector:** Mary Cuthie

**EM:** Mike & Mary Cuthie, Kathy Glessner

**Altar Server:** Peter Paul Schachte

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

**Tuesday, February 13**

**8:30AM** Mr. & Mrs. Carl M. Newman and Mr. & Mrs. John W. Newman

**Wednesday February 14 Ash Wednesday**

**6:00PM** All Parishioners - Upper Church

**Friday, February 16**

**8:30AM** Joseph & Helen McCoy

**6PM-7PM Adoration 6:30PM Confessions**

**7PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, February 17** St. Charles Borromeo

**4:00PM** Peggy Scully and Eileen Weikel

**Lector:** John Smolock

**EM:** John Smolock, Sarah Stepanchick, Bonnie Spieles

**Altar Server:** Gregory & Ella Stump

**Sunday, February 18** St. Charles Borromeo

**9:30AM** Ciara & Phil Gaughan

**Lector:** Arlene Merritt

**EM:** Arlene Merritt, Mike Stepanchick, Aaron Stepanchick

**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.  
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**The Vigil Light Burns Brightly this Week in St. Charles: In Loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Carl M. Newman and Mr. & Mrs. John W. Newman**



**March Lottery Calendars**

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

**Collections for February 4**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> – \$5289.50

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**The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>. and Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Cooks With Collars**

**Starting January 12, 2024**

Fr. Esposito will represent our Parish in Cooks With Collars, an online cooking competition. Visit [cookswithcollars.com](http://cookswithcollars.com) to watch his cooking video and to vote. Also, donations can be placed in an envelope marked cooks with collars and placed in collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. All proceeds benefit our Prep program, the future of our Parish. Thank you for making our Parish a Winner! Deadline to vote is February 12<sup>th</sup>.



**St. Anne's Guild News**

**Easter Egg Time**

The Ladies of St. Anne's Guild will begin making their delicious Easter Eggs on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*\*\*Lenten Series\*\*\*\*\***

Father Esposito will be doing a Lenten Series on the Mass by Bishop Robert Barron. No book or purchase needed. Sign up Sheet will be in the Parish Office and the back of the Church.

**Dates:** All will begin at 6:00PM. There will be 6 Sessions. We will do the first 3 in St. Charles Borromeo Hall February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. The next 3 will be in St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Description:** Acclaimed author, speaker and theologian, Bishop Robert Barron has created The Mass as an opportunity for Catholics to more fully understand and participate in the Mass-to realize its true value and beauty. As Bishop Barron guides you through the Mass, you will see how it transports us from the fallen world into the Heavenly Realm, called by God to be intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. A new Catholic will benefit immensely from this informative and inspirational series and a long-time Catholic will enjoy a reawakening or intensified love of the Mass.

**\*\*\*\*\*Nativity News\*\*\*\*\***

The Green&Gold Booster Club is having a Galentines Day Bingo Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at Nativity H.S. Doors open @ 6:00 bingo starts at 7:00. For more info please call the school @ 570-622-8110.

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**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.

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**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 your 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](mailto: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"**

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There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next week for Black and Indian Mission & Catholic Home Mission Appeals.

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