



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

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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.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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Saturday, March 16 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM John Hornung 40th Anniversary

Lector: Mary Ann Stump

EM: Marie Fertig, Penny Herb, Joann Leinenbach

Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, March 17 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM Louie Young and Family

Lector: Mike Stepanchick

EM: Mike Stepanchick, Aaron Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner

Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte

Weekday Mass: St Charles Borromeo, Ashland

St. Anne Chapel, lower level of Church

Tuesday, March 19

8:30AM Jane and Leo Chiaretti

Friday, March 22

8:30AM Earl & Kim Heiber

At St. Joseph's the Worker, Frackville

6PM-7PM Adoration 6:30PM Confessions

7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23 St. Charles Borromeo

Palm Sunday

4:00PM Rose & Dominick Grasso

Lector: Ed Tarantelli & John Smolock

EM: Ed & Ann Tarantelli, John Smolock

Altar Server: Gregory&Ella Stump

Sunday, March 24 St. Charles Borromeo

Palm Sunday

9:30AM William&Lucy Kripplebauer

William&Dorothy Kripplebauer

Lector: Mary Cuthie & Arlene Merritt

EM: Mike&Mary Cuthie, Arlene Merritt

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, Mark Oshman, Nancy Yanacek, and the Artz Family and our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

*******The Vigil Light Burns Brightly this Week in St. Charles in Loving Memory for Earl and Kim Heiber by Helen Heiber In St. Anne in Loving Memory for Rose and Dominick Grasso by Family.**



April Lottery Calendars

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

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Collections for March 10

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.

March 10th - \$4394.17

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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.

"Pot of Gold

The Parish Leprechauns need your help! Once again we will be raffling off a "Pot of Gold" this time with a spring theme. We are asking for donations of rub-off lottery tickets in any denomination. Monetary donations towards purchasing the tickets will also be accepted. Tickets or donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Pot of Gold" or can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Deadline for donations is March 31st. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we will have receptacles by the side and main doors of the Church in order to collect any used/old palm you may have. Please as you enter the Church, place the palm in these receptacles. Thank You!

Holy Thursday March 28, 2024

Holy Thursday Mass will take place at 7PM in St. Joseph the Worker Hall. After Mass, Father and congregation will Process from hall to St. Joseph the Worker Church (St Ann). Adoration will then take place until 11:00PM with night prayer beginning at 10:45PM. There will be no Mass or Adoration at St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland on Holy Thursday. *****

Catholic Charities Annual Gala

April 14, 2024, at 2PM

DeSales University Center Valley PA

Honoring Very Rev. Msgr. William Glosser

Special \$75/pp ticket price for Schuylkill County Residents Call 610-435-1541 or email

catholiccharities@allentowndiocese.org for more info!

Mass Schedule for Holy Week

March 21st Thursday – Lenten Penance Service St.

Joseph the Worker Parish Frackville 6:00PM

March 28th Holy Thursday – St. Joseph the

Worker’s Parish Hall, Frackville 7PM

March 29th Good Friday – St. Joseph the Worker’s

Parish Hall, Frackville 3PM

March 30th Blessing of the food – St. Joseph the

Worker’s Parish (St Ann’s Church) Frackville, 10AM

March 30th Easter Vigil – St. Charles Borromeo,

Ashland, 8PM

March 31st Easter – St. Joseph the Worker’s

Cemetery, Frackville 6:30AM

St. Vincent’s Girardville 8:00AM

St Charles Borromeo Ashland 9:30AM

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall Frackville 11:AM

BASKET AUCTION MEETING

The first planning meeting for the Basket Auction will be held Tuesday, March 19th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend

Books for Holy Week

There will be books put out for Holy Week to follow along on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, EasterVigil, and Easter Sunday. Please take one and follow along. After Mass or Service, please keep books in Church. Thank You!

Updated “Text Alerts”

This is for only the “New” people who want to get on Father’s Text Alerts. People who are already on the text alerts, please disregard this message. The new people who want to get the messages will text @stjosephfr to 81010. This is 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.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY!



Card Writing Ministry Update

“From the Heart”

I happily welcome Mary Ann Groody & Gayle Sokoloski who have volunteered to help with card writing. I thank many families for positive feedback & donation of cards. I thank some families and the Knights of Columbus for the donation of stamps. The first round of cards have been delivered to 25 parishioners. To avoid confusion this ministry will also send Sympathy cards. The goal is to send two cards in March: one around the feast of St. Patrick, & the other close to Easter. Post cards were put in the back of the Church & in hall vestibule. These can be used instead of e-mails and texts with card requests. Simply drop in collection basket or parish office. Use whatever method is easier for you.

This Ministry will continue communicating with parish family members coping with a variety of situations. Hopefully, it will brighten their day knowing they are in the thoughts & prayers of fellow parishioners.

Sue Klinger

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”



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!

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

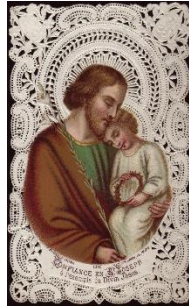
O St. Joseph!

You were a quiet listener, a strong and loving protector.
of Jesus and Mary. Help us to mirror you example of openness,
humility and faithfulness, and trust.

Guide us in nurturing, supporting, and
protecting all children.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

St. Joseph's Feast Day March 19th!



An Irish Prayer

As I arise today,

may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.

May the eye of God look before me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.

May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.

May Christ shield me today.

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!