



# 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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**DRE:** JoAnne Leinenbach **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 9:00 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

610-871-5211 (Fax)

[prusso@allentowndioocese.org](mailto: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](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.



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday January 4, 2026**

**Saturday, January 3 St Charles Borromeo**

**4:00PM Samuel Chillis**

**Lector:** Mary Ann Stump

**EM:** Deacon John Sutter, Anne & Ed Tarantelli

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

-St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville: 5:30PM

SJWP confessions: 5:10 to 5:25

**Sunday, January 4 St. Charles Borromeo**

**9:00AM John & Rose Danowsky and Daughter,  
Mary Jane**

**Lector:** Mike Stepanchick

**EM:** Sarah & Aaron Stepanchick, Kathy Glessner

**Altar Servers:** Rosemary Schachte, Peter Schachte,  
Liam McDonald

-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 5<sup>th</sup>**

Adoration: 1:00 to Mass time

SJWP confessions: 5:10 to 5:25

**No Mass**

**Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> St. Charles Borromeo**

**8:30AM No Mass**

**Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM No Mass**

**Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**No Mass**

**Friday January 9 St. Charles Borromeo**

**8:30AM Grace & Michael Cuthie**

**Saturday January 10 St. Charles Borromeo**

**4:00PM Patrick Purcell**

**Lector:** Jack Reilly

**EM:** JoAnne Leinenbach, Karol Freiler, Anne  
Tarantelli

**Altar Servers:** Gregory & Ella Stump

St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville 5:30PM

**Sunday January 11 St. Charles Borromeo**

**9:00AM Brecker & 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**

The Vigil Light burns brightly this week at St. Charles in Loving Memory of Living and deceased of the Wayne, Croake, Kenney, and Waegelein Families.



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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 and our deceased brothers and sisters.

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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**

**Wednesday December 24 to Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday, January 19. On the days I have off, feel free to call me if you need something like a memorial, etc. I'd be glad to help you. My number is 570-728-0891.**

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**Food Truck**

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

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**2026 Calendars**

2026 Calendars are now in the back of the Church. Please take one.

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**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 Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the Parish Hall.

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Father Isaac and the Staff at St. Charles Borromeo would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

**Nativity Happenings**

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> , 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.

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**Marian Catholic High School**

Marian Catholic High School will have an open house On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholic.org) or 570-467-3335 ext 116.

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**St. Joseph the Worker**

St. Joseph the Worker is selling 2026 Lottery Calendars. \$15 for three month set(Jan., Feb., Mar.) They can be purchased at their Frackville Office or in the back of the church at one of their Masses. They make great stocking stuffers.

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***.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.*

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**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 20<sup>th</sup>. Surely this class will enrich our understanding of the journey and life of Joshua! More details will follow in a few weeks!*

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 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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**Be Our Daily Star**  
**An Epiphany Prayer**

God of Heaven and Earth,  
From the breath of Your love came the creation of the world.

We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love You have for us Your children.

Be our Daily Star,  
guiding our lives to search for the Kingdom of Love.  
May we always follow Your light of truth in  
all that we do,

Forever trusting, hoping, and believing in Your Word.  
Lift our eyes tonight to see Your eternal life shining brightly, leading us home.

**Amen.**



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