



# Welcome to Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland  
Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville  
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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

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Ms. Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

1-800-791-9209

**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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 26, 2023**

**Saturday, March 25**

St. Charles Borromeo Church

4:00 PM John Reilly

**Lector:** Sarah Stepanchik **EM:** Sarah Stepanchik, Penny Herb, John Smolock **Altar servers:** Gregory and Ella Stump.

**Sunday, March 26**

9:30 AM Kim Heiber

**Lector:** Dwight Davis **EM:** Mike Stepanchick, Mary Davis, Arlene Merit **Altar Server:** Peter Schacte.

**Regularly scheduled weekday Masses are in Ashland**

St. Anne Chapel is the lower level of our Church

**Monday, March 27 NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 28**

8:30 AM Deceased of Wayne and Croake Families.

**Wednesday, March 29 NO MASS**

**Thursday, March 30 NO MASS**

**Friday, March 31**

8:30 AM Dolores Corcoran

**Friday, March 31**

**6 to 7 p.m. Adoration, Confessions 6:30 to 7 p.m. and Stations at 7 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Ashland**

**Saturday April 1, Palm Sunday**

St. Charles Borromeo Church

4:00 PM Daley, Paladine, and Misiewicz, Families

**Lector:** Bonnie Spieles, Jack Reilly **EM:** Jim Hogan, John Smolock, Marie Fertig **Altar Servers:** Gregory and Ella Stump

**Sunday April 2**

9:30 AM Aloysius Burns

**Lector:** Mary Cuthie, Margaret Schacte **EM:** Mary Cuthie, Mike Cuthie, Kathy Glessner **Altar Server:** Peter Schacte

**Please pray** for all our military men and women, our policemen and women, our sick at home and in the hospitals, and nursing homes, also our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.



**The Vigil Light burns brightly this week:**

In **St. Charles Borromeo**, in loving memory of Dominik and Rose Grasso from the Burns Family.

In **St. Anne Chapel**, in loving memory of C. Robert Yarnell from Charles and Jane Yarnell Reaman.

**APRIL LOTTERY CALENDARS**

**APRIL** lottery calendars are now available for sale after each Mass and in the Parish Office.

**Rice Bowl collections are now being accepted through April 9th and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off in the Parish Office.**

Just a reminder that **Parish Memorials** are also available at all weekend Masses.

**Mass Book is filled. We will not be able to take any more Mass Intentions. Thank you!**

**ST. ANNE'S EASTER EGGS**

**Order your Easter Eggs today--after Mass or at the Parish Office--\$15.00/dozen and/or \$1.25/egg. Choices to choose from: Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Coconut Cream and Cherry.**

**Last day to order is March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**CCD NEWS**

**Lent**-during Lent, CCD students will be donating cereal, soup, canned fruit or vegetables, and peanut butter or crackers for our local food pantry.

**COLLECTIONS:**

**March 18 & 19-- \$4153.30**

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.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Phil and Grace Groody for the donations of the children's baskets containing girls and boys Squish Mellows, Minecraft, Barbie, and other assorted games. Chances are available daily in the parish office and after weekend Masses.



### Pot of Gold Raffle

The Parish Leprechauns need your help. We will once again be raffling off a pot of gold. We are asking each parishioner to donate a lottery ticket for the raffle. The ticket can be in any denomination you would like. We are also accepting monetary donations towards purchasing tickets for the Pot of Gold. You may drop them off in the parish office or place them in the collection basket.

### THE MANTLE OF MARY PROJECT TO HELP GOD SAVE AMERICA!

If you want to enrich your Lent and pray for the Great Awakening of America, join Mary and Mary Beth for a six-week special Lenten prayer group on **Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel at Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Ashland., beginning February 27<sup>th</sup> and ending April 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The prayers will include "Auxilium Christianorum Prayers" by exorcist, Rev. Chad Ripperger, "The Divine Mercy Chaplet" (to strengthen our nation's guardian angel), and "Mantle of Mary Prayer" by Rev. Antony Boughton, CFR, and Bud Macfarlane, Jr. We hope to see you there!

### ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PIEROGY SALES DATES/DEADLINES TO ORDER

We will be selling our delicious homemade frozen pierogies (\$9/dozen) and cooked pierogies, with butter only or butter and onions (\$10/dozen) for Lent. **All must be pre-ordered by 7:00 p.m. of the order date.** Pick-up will be 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Saint Clare Church Hall, using the Hancock Street Entrance. To order your pierogies, please call the following **NUMBERS: 570-429-0863 OR 570-429-0071 OR 570-429-0343.**

#### Order by 7 p.m.:

Wed. March 29

Mon. April 3 (Holy Week)

#### To pick up on:

Friday, March 31

Wed. April 5

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER MEAT RAFFLE

The Friends of St. Joseph the Worker is sponsoring a "April Showers Meat Raffle". Tickets are \$10 each. There are five prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$200 and the other four prizes are \$100 each. They are gift cards to Marlin Markets. You may purchase tickets at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office during normal business hours. The last day to purchase chances is Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Drawing will take place after 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. You need not be in attendance to win.

### HEALING MASS

Fr. George Winne, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Churches, Allentown, will celebrate a healing Mass at St. John the Baptist Church (10<sup>th</sup> and Mahantongo Strs., Pottsville) on Monday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during which Father will pray for and with anyone who wishes. The evening will conclude with Benediction. All of us need healing somewhere in our lives, whether physically, spiritually, or emotionally. As we journey through Lent, please consider joining us to pray for yourself or someone else in your life in need of healing.

### Cemetery News!

**It's that time of year. Spring cleaning of the cemeteries will begin in a few short weeks. If there is anything that you would like to keep, please be sure to remove it from your loved one's graves.**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

### MONDAY LENTEN STUDY – BISHOP ROBERT BARRON SERIES ON THE EUCHARIST

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville

March 27 6:30 PM

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall at Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

#### OPEN MIC

Come join Father Giuseppe Esposito, for "Open Mic Night" at The Crimson House with some songs, refreshments, and friendship. No RSVP required! Ages 21-40 are welcome! Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7PM. Event by Diocese of Allentown.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FEAST DAY

Divine Mercy Parish, Shenandoah, PA will have devotions in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00PM and Litany of Mercy and ending with Benediction at Divine Mercy Church.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### **Friday Stations of the Cross with Adoration & Confessions**

SCB Ashland (Main Church): March 31

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Confessions (St. Anne's Chapel)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Main Church)

**Due to the increase in Confessions, there will be no formal Penance Service during Lent.**

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. SCB, Ashland – Fr. Gregory Karpyn

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. SJWP Hall, Frackville – Fr. Giuseppe Esposito

Good Friday, April 7, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. SCB, Ashland – Fr. Giuseppe Esposito

Good Friday, April 7, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. SJWP Hall, Frackville – Fr. Gregory Karpyn

Holy Saturday Food Blessing – Saturday, April 8, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. SCB Church (Main)

Holy Saturday Food Blessing – Saturday, April 8, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. SJWP (SA Church)

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8, 2023 – 8:00 p.m. SCB, Ashland – Fr. Gregory Karpyn

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8, 2023 – 8:00 p.m. SJWP Hall, Frackville – Fr. Giuseppe Esposito

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 – 8:00 a.m. Girardville – Fr. Giuseppe Esposito

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. SCB, Ashland – Fr. Giuseppe Esposito

Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023 – 6:30 a.m. SJWP Cemetery, Frackville – Fr. Giuseppe Esposito

Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. SJWP Hall, Frackville – Fr. Giuseppe Esposito

## 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.**

