



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

Ms. Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

1-800-791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-4562, www.reportbishop/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 in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

Saturday, February 3 St. Charles Borromeo
4:00PM John R. Colihan

Lector: Mary Ann Stump
EM: Bonnie Spieles, Sarah Stepanchick,
Joann Leinenbach
Altar Servers: Gregory & Ella Stump
(Blessing of throat after Mass)

Sunday, February 4 St. Charles Borromeo
9:30AM Lawrence Madden

Lector: Margaret Schachte
EM: Vince & Cheryl Cuthie, John Hogan
Altar Server: Peter Paul Schachte
(Blessing of throat after Mass)

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

Tuesday, February 6

8:30AM PFC Arthur E. Campomizzi KIA 1953
71st Anniversary

Friday, February 9

8:30AM Frances and Edward Lushis

Saturday, February 10 St. Charles Borromeo

4:00PM Bob and Anne Freiler

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

Altar Server: Gregory & Ella Stump

Sunday, February 10 St. Charles Borromeo

9:30AM St. Bridgid of Ireland

Lector: Mary Cuthie
EM: Mike & Mary Cuthie, Kathy Glessner
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, 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 of PFC Arthur E.
Campomizzi KIA 1953 71st Anniversary by Maxine
In St. Anne: In loving memory of Edward Klimas
by his Family.**



March Lottery Calendars

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

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Collections for January 28th

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.

January 28th -\$ 3655.49

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Sight and Sound Bus Trip

Thursday – April 25, 2024

DANIEL

Total cost of \$150.00 includes ticket to Sight and Sound
Theatre production of Daniel, after show buffet style
meal at Shady Maple, and round-trip Coach bus
transportation. Reserve your seat early!!! A non-
refundable deposit of \$75.00 is due at time of
reservation. Total payment due April 5, 2024. Come enjoy
a one-of-a-kind panoramic theatrical performance
including live animals and special effects. Spend an
enjoyable day with Father Esposito and our fellow
parishioners! All reservations can be made at the St.
Charles Parish Office, 570-875-1521.

MISSALS

If anyone has not ordered a missal and would still like
one, extras are available at the Parish Office.

**Any parishioner needing a Financial Statement
for 2023 tax purposes please call the Parish
Office at 570-875-1521.**

Aluminum Tabs

**Keep Collecting the aluminum tabs for the Ronald
McDonald House and drop them off in the Parish Office.
You can get them from beverages, soup, desserts, pet
food or any other can. Color doesn't matter.**



Cooks With Collars
Starting January 12, 2024

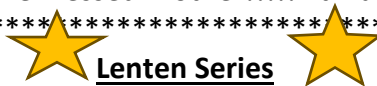
Fr. Esposito will represent our Parish in Cooks With Collars, an online cooking competition. Visit cookswithcollars.com to watch his cooking video and to vote. Also, donations can be placed in an envelope marked cooks with collars and placed in collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. All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

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 5th. 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 15th.

Gate in front of Blessed Mother

Thank you St. Anne's Guild for purchasing the gate in front of the Blessed Mother!!!! It was \$1900.00. ****



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 12th, 19th, and 26th. The next 3 will be in St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall March 4th, 11th and 18th.

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.

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.



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
2. Phone: 570-874-2554 (leave message)
3. Parish phone: 570-875-1521 (info will be forwarded to me)



"FROM THE HEART"

St Patricks Spaghetti Dinner

When: Sunday February 4 from 11am – 2pm (or sell out)

Where: 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville

Price: \$11.00 (which includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad & bread)

Dine in or takeout. More information call Debbie at 570-622-1802

St. Mary’s Church, Ringtown Spaghetti Dinner

When: Sunday, February 18th 11AM-2PM

Where: St. Mary’s Church, Ringtown

Ticket Price: \$12.00 Ticket price includes pasta, 2 meatballs, salad, bread and dessert.

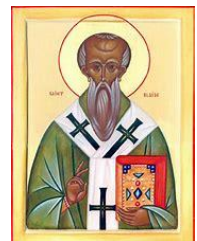
Eat in or take out. 50/50 raffle, also.

Call Barb 570-590-5216 or Arlene 570-590-5810 for more information. Proceeds benefit St. Mary’s Church.

Glorious St. Blaise

O Glorious Saint Blaise,
who by thy martyrdom
has left to the Church a precious witness to the faith,
obtain for us the grace to
preserve within ourselves this divine gift,
and to defend, without human respect,
both by word and example,
the truth of that same faith,
which is so wickedly attacked
and slandered in these our times.

You who miraculously cured
a little child when it was at the point of death
by reason of an affliction of the throat,
grant us your powerful protection in like misfortunes;
and, above all, obtain for us
the grace of repentance,
together with a faithful observance of our Church,
and avoidance from offending Almighty God.



AMEN

Feast of Saint Blaise -- Saturday, February 3, 2024