



PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

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OUTREACH & PARISH MINISTRIES

Culture of Life

Contact: Bob Peters at 610.775.8965

Bereavement Ministry

Contact: Roseann Kumor at 610.775.7431

Justice in Action Ministry

Contact: Arlene Seeber at 484.794.8027

Breaking Bread Social Committee

Contact: Lois Lombardo at 610.777.2542

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Contact: Joan Yanuskiewicz at 610.777.4646

Nursing Home Visitors for Rosary & Mass

Contact: Billie & Mike Resch at 610.775.3927

Food Pantry / Emergency Meals

Contact: Lois Carrier at 610.777.6947

Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

Contact: Kathleen Roche at 610.777.4792

Parish Nurse Ministry

Contact: Sharon Shingler at 610.775.9998

ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Timers

Contact: Larry Shepherd at 610.777.8337

Boy Scouts

Contact: Dan Giesen at 610.777.4387

Girl Scouts

Contact: Britt Kobularcik at 484.256.1782

Daisy: Grade K-1, Brownies: Grade 2/3, Juniors: Grade 4/5

Cub Scouts

Contact: Mitzi Ziolkowski at 610.856.0708

Knights of Columbus

Contact: Mike Hall at 804.212.7261

Altar Society

Contact: Carol Bensing at 610.777.9360

Men's Recreational Basketball Club

Contact: Russ Baver at 610.507.0627

CYO (Christian Youth Organization)

Contact: Rock Witmer at 610.775.2176

Parish Gardeners

Contact: Chris Hofmann at 610.777.2523

WORSHIP

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays of each month from 8:30AM-12:00PM

Altar Servers

Students from Grade 4 to Seniors in High School

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Adult Funeral Servers

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sunday's at 10:30AM Mass, between September and May

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Eucharistic Ministers

Contact: Lorna Pfeiffenberger at 610.777.4822

Lectors

Contact: Deacon Joe Lombardo at 610.777.2542

Ministers of Hospitality

Contact: Deacon Joe Lombardo at 610.777.2542

Liturgical Music

Contact: Seth Jacoby at 570-449-4688

Cantors

Contact: Seth Jacoby at 570-449-4688

Baptismal Prep

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Baptismal Bibs

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Sacristans

Contact: Elaine Strick at 610.856.7264

Youth Group

Contact: Monica Hess at 484.388.9553

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Adult Education (Seasonal)

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Spiritual Direction

Contact: Arlene Seeber at 484.794.8027

Faith Sharing for Women

Contact: Arlene Seeber at 484.794.8027

Parish Prayer Line

Contact: Judy Peters at 610.775.8965

Charismatic Prayer Group

Contact: Amelia "Midge" Biancone at 610.777.2215

COMPREHENSIVE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

La Salle Academy: Preschool, Pre Kindergarten, K-8th Grade

Mr. Stephen Mickulik, Principal: 610.777.7392

Berks Catholic High School: 9th-12th Grade

Mr. Tony Balistrere, Principal: 610.374.8361

Parish Religious Education Program: 1st-8th Grade

Mrs. Bernadette Yohn, DRE: 610.777.1697

RCIA: Age 18+

Mrs. Bernadette Yohn, DRE: 610.777.1697

SCHEDULING USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

For those interested in using the Father Lyons room for a meeting or special event, please contact the Parish Office at 610.777.1697

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUG. 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. Steve Weik
TUESDAY, AUG. 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary
7:00 p.m. Anthony Lascoskie
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Intentions for Mr. & Mrs. James Boyle
THURSDAY, AUG. 18 - Weekday
7:00 p.m. Dorothy & George Stavariski
FRIDAY, AUG. 19 - St. John Eudes
8:00 a.m. Marion Mohn

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
4:00 p.m. John J. McGinn
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Jack Causa

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 - 4:00PM

Lector: Shayla Carey
Cantor: ---
Servers: Matt Brown, R.Mannepuli
EM: L/D.Curran, K/R.Stuber, J/B.Peters, B.Yohn, ME.Symanski

SUNDAY, AUGUST, 21 - 8:30AM

Lector: Nancy Faust
Cantor: ---
Servers: C.Maher, N.Weinheimer

SUNDAY, AUGUST, 21 - 10:30AM

Lector: Tom Cuba
Cantor: ---
Servers: Molly Yohn, Madison Cannon
EM: B.Wells, K.Luft, C/K.Worley, V.Pinder, L. Fox, C.Yochimowitz, D.Cannon

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
7/31 - \$10,236.00

Away from home? Find a Mass
wherever you are at www.masstimes.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY, AUGUST 15**
7:30 PM K of C Business mtg.
- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**
7:30 pm Charismatic Group Mtg.
- **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**
6:00PM Youth Group Back to School Picnic

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

Sanctuary Candle for the Week of 8/14-20: In
memory of Dorothy & George Stavariski



Altar Bread for Month of August:
In loving memory of: Pauline &
Russell Calabria (requested by
Gloria & Nick Calabria)

Please direct all bulletin and website inquiries to the Parish Communications Coordinator,
Sarah Capato at 610.850.4978 or sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com.
Bulletin submissions are due Thursday, ten days prior to the Sunday of publication.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

It's a brand new year for the music program! Our ensembles are meeting, and we want you to consider being part of our ministry.

Chancel Choir: Leading the congregation at approximately two masses per month, especially in the learning of music. Our anthems will be in a mix of styles. Singers of any age are welcome. Everyone who's interested, please come to the first organizational meeting and rehearsal, Wednesday, August 31st at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary.

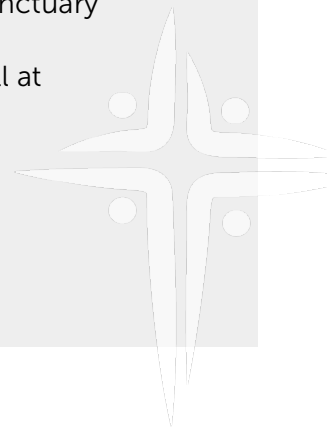
The Revelation Ensemble: A praise band and choir playing at approximately one mass per week. Singers, guitarists, drummers etc. make up this lively group. Everyone who's interested, please attend the first organizational meeting and rehearsal, Wednesday, August 31st at 7:15 PM in the sanctuary (come at 7 if you have an instrument to set up).

Cantors: If you are interested in being a cantor, please call the church office or my cell at 570.449.4688.

Special music is always needed, and other ensembles may be added in the future...but I need people, and you're the people! Thank you for considering being part of the future.

Prayerfully,

Seth Jacoby, music director



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Attention parents/guardians if you have a child entering First Grade and they will not be attending a parochial school they should be registered in a Religious Education program. Our program serves children in grades 1st – 8th and held on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm at La Salle Academy. Please contact the Parish Office 610.777.1697 to register or you may go to our website: stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com where you will find a link on our front page for a registration form. Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket marked Religious Education or mail it to 420 Holland St., Shillington, PA 19607. Returning students registration forms were due July 31st a late fee of \$10 will be applied to the registration fee.

Attention All CYO Coaches: Online registration for the 2016-2017 CYO Coaches Clinics is now open. The first clinic will be held on *Saturday, August 27th at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown*. Future clinics will be held in October, November and March. The cost for each clinic is \$25.00/person and coaches can register by visiting www.allentowndiocese.org/coaches and clicking on the selected date. **NO WALK INS WILL BE PERMITTED.** If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Dan Jones at djones@allentowndiocese.org.

Food Pantry Update:

Thanks to all who remember the pantry with weekly food donations. Your generosity and caring are very much appreciated by the both the staff and families served by the pantry.

With the start of classes just a month away, it is already time to start making back to school preparations! The pantry is once again asking for your help through donations of school supplies to be distributed to students within the GMSD. Binders (preferably 3 or 4 inch), backpacks (especially elementary girl and generic older teen), folders, glue sticks, calculators, colored pencils, crayons, etc. are needed to help get our youngsters off to a good start. The pantry currently has a large stock of pens, pencils and 1-inch binders so please try to choose other items to purchase. Donations may be left at any church entrance from now through the end of September. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "school supplies". Please contact Lois Carrier at 610.777.6947 with any questions or for information about volunteering.



PRIME TIMERS NEWS

St. John's Prime Timers Annual Memorial Breakfast will be held at Chef Alan's Restaurant in West Reading, on Sunday, September 18, 2016, breakfast will be served at 10:00 AM, Menu: assorted juices, seasonal fruit, scrambled eggs with ham, peppers, onions, home fires, and apple stuffed pancakes, crisp bacon & sausage. Breakfast pastries, buttermilk biscuits, brewed regular & decaf coffee, hot tea. Cost: Members \$15 per person; Non-Members \$20.00 per person. Please make checks payable to St. John's Prime Timers. Reservations close Tuesday, September 6, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Midge Biancone 610.777.2215.

Homeless Children of Reading Need Our Help!

Donate Supplies to the Reading High Resource Room

Reading High has asked St. John's parish to help provide a year round resource room of provisions to fill basic needs such as food, hygiene products, clothing, and school supplies to children in the school district who experience being homeless. Justice in Action Ministry (JAM) has recently learned that these children need portable usable kitchen items that they can take with them for daily needs. Throughout the months of July and August you may leave donations in the designated boxes located in the Father Lyons Room before or after weekend Mass. Items need not be new, but need to be clean and usable.

Requested products include:

Small, single pots and pans to heat soups, etc.
Cooking utensils, can openers, etc.
Eating utensils (sets of silverware, some plastic)
Small containers of dishwashing liquid
Dish sponges
Disposable plastic plates and bowls
Tea towels
Ziploc (seal-able) bags) large and small
Towels and washcloths
Laundry detergent (pods) so they can be given out in Baggies
Tote bags (not backpacks) that can be used to carry these supplies.

The generosity of our parishioners to the request for hygiene products in the spring was abundant. Thank you in advance for your generous response



YOUTH GROUP
COMMITTEE

**St. John's next Youth Group event will be:
August 21st | 6pm**

8th - 12th graders join us!

**We will be having a Back to School picnic
as our last summer hoorah!**

**Please email sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith or
Carleen at mulholsc@gmail.com to RSVP,
so we can be prepared for food and
activities. We will meet at the picnic
tables, at the back entrance to LaSalle.
Bring a Friend!!**

Fall Prevention Workshop

The Parish Nurse Ministry, in coordination with the Berks County Area Agency on Aging, is presenting a workshop on FALL PREVENTION. The workshop will evaluate your risk for falling, how falls can be prevented, safety in your home, side effects of medications, and many other issues that could affect your chances of falling. The workshop is approximately 4 hours in length. It will be held in the Father Lyons Room on Wednesday October 19th starting at 9:30 AM. Bring your own bagged lunch. Bottled water, coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. Seating is limited. Please call Sharon Shingler at 610.775.9998 to register.

Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who are struggling with reading at Brecknock Elementary on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Cumru Elementary on Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:15 PM and Mifflin Park Elementary on Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour during the 2016-2017 school year. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org



Faithful Citizenship and How to Contact Your Elected Officials

You can now find contact information (office address, phone number, website and e-mail) of your federal, state, and local elected officials on our parish website. Go to WWW.STJOHNSFAMILYOFFAITH.COM and click on *Resources*, then click on *Elected Officials Contacts*. Now it is easier than ever to let your elected officials know your thoughts on important issues.

Works of Mercy in Action Instruct the Ignorant

Tutors Needed at Saint Peter School

Do you remember feeling lost in a muddle of numbers in long division, or clueless on where to put an adjective when trying to diagram a sentence? Were you embarrassed to read out loud because you stumbled over certain words? Children in St. Peter School will feel just like that when they begin the new school year. In your retirement you can become a VIP of support in a child's life by simply reviewing math facts or reading one-on-one with a student. You can become a tutor by offering just one hour of your undivided attention. Upon request, two experienced tutors will provide your transportation to and from the school (225 S. 5th Street Reading). Background checks and completion of "Protecting God's Children" (PGC) are required. The new school year will begin all too soon so it is important to get started now. Please consider this most rewarding project. To learn more about this speak with Cindy Trygar (610.777.3479 cindytrygar@icloud.com) or Arlene Seeber (484.794.8027 arleneseeber@icloud.com)

Shelter the Homeless

Family Promise of Berks County

Come October, JAM will launch a new initiative on behalf of homeless families in Berks County. In collaboration with Atonement Lutheran Church, Wyomissing volunteers from St. John's Family of Faith will have the opportunity to offer hands on service through Family Promise of Berks County. Family Promise is an Interfaith Hospitality Network of people of faith working together to provide homeless families with help for today and hope for the future. These families are homeless, usually for the first time. Their 'home' while in the program is a different church each week. During the day Family Promise works with the families to find jobs, housing and whatever support they need to bet back on an even keel. Atonement Lutheran Church opens its doors as 'home' for families 2 -3 times a year from Sunday evening through the next Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed to fill a number of tasks from the setting up and then disassembling the 'home' rooms on Sundays or preparing and serving dinner, socializing with family members by helping with homework or playing games, to laundering bedding and towels, or sleeping over at the 'home' church with the guests in case of an emergency. Criminal background checks and a Protecting God's Children Workshop are required for those who volunteer in tasks that include contact with children. To learn more go to www.atonementwyo.org, click on Ministries then Social Ministries or speak with Arlene Seeber (484-794-8027 arleneseeber@icloud.com).

Protecting God's Children Workshops Schedule

For your convenience and to easily comply with the workshop requirement for contact with children several Protecting God's Children Workshops (PCG) will be offered at local parishes in the month of August: **St. Ignatius on Wednesday, August 24 from 6-9 pm** (to register call 610.678.3767); **Holy Guardian Angels on Saturday, August 27 at 9am to 12 noon** (to register call (610.929.1416); and here at **St. John's on Sunday, August 28, 4 -7 pm** (to register call LaSalle Academy (610.777.7392). For information on obtaining criminal background checks speak with Bernadette Yohn at the parish office (610.777.1697). More workshops can be found on the Diocese website at www.allentowndiocese.org

BERKS CATHOLIC UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

• **August 18 - College Essay Workshop Pt. 1.5 * 10am-12pm / Library Seniors** Good writing takes time and care. Don't miss this opportunity RSVP to tbonanno@berkscatholic.org to see first hand the difference a good essay can make and to attend a brainstorming

or essay editing session with college admission officers. * **RSVP's are REQUIRED for Essay Workshop. Seniors who attended the July Workshop may return for editing or brainstorming in the last hour of the August workshops.**

• **August 24 - COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT: Constructing Powerful, In-Depth College Applications. 6:30-8:30pm / Auditorium / All Grade Levels** Yes, everyone has to complete applications to be admitted to college- BUT what makes a few stand-apart from the thousands and tens of thousands being reviewed? Join BC College Counseling and a panel of college admission officers for an informative evening discussing the nuts & bolts of the process as well as the more nuanced aspects of what makes a strong college application.

RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL WORKSHOPS!
Please RSVP to tbonanno@berkscatholic.org

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. Only 350 tickets will be sold. The **drawing will be held on Friday, October 7th** during the Extravaganza 2016 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695 or e-mail Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org

Host families are needed for the 2016-2017 academic school year for international students attending Berks Catholic High School. A tax-free monthly reimbursement is provided. Call AnB Education 267.263.2481 or email hostfamily@anbeducation.com"

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If a Prenatal Diagnosis identifies a possible disability...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding a poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndioocese.org or 610.289.8900

Assumption of Mary Feast Day August 15



One glance at a daily newspaper or a television news show will tell you that some people do not value human life. But this is not news. During the Holocaust of World War II, millions of people were tortured and killed. This terrible tragedy led many people to wonder about human life. How valuable is a single human life? How valuable are the lives of the elderly, the unborn, the terminally ill? Are their lives worth as much as those of people who are healthy and active, working, and raising families?

God creates human life and gives it value. And Jesus gave his life on the cross to redeem each individual human person. By doing this, Jesus said, "Your life is worth my dying to save you." Through his own Resurrection, Jesus showed us the glory of our resurrection and of our living in the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the body and soul of a person, separated at death, will be joined together again in glory at the Last Judgment. The person will be whole for all eternity.

The feast of Mary's Assumption is a preview of what our lives will be. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, or taken up, into heaven body and soul. She did not have to wait for the end of the world, as we do. God granted her this special privilege because of her sinlessness and her fullness of grace. The Church has always believed in Mary's assumption into heaven. But on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII focused the attention of the whole world on the Assumption of Mary as a dogma and mystery of our faith. This mystery shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever, just as Mary is now. This dogma shows how important every single human life is. Pope Plus XII hoped that by thinking about Mary's Assumption, people all over the world would develop a deeper respect for their own lives and their own bodies. He also hoped that people would grow in respect for the lives of others.