



PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

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Resident

Rev. Gene Ritz: 610.777.1365

Deacon

Deacon F. Joseph Lombardo: 610.777.1697

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Mr. Stephen Mickulik: 610.777.7392

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Bernadette Yohn: 610.777.1697

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Sarah Capato: 610.850.4978

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Bernadette Yohn: 610.777.1697

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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

St. Paul Street Evangelization

Contact: Gina Aldi at 484.769.5346

ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Timers

Contact: Nick Bentz at 610.777.8864

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: Jim Stallone at 610.406.8543

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 Pfeifferberger 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: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Cantors

Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

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, 8:00 a.m. **SEPT. 26** – SS. Cosmas & Damian
Shirley Black
TUESDAY, 7:00 p.m. **SEPT. 27** – St. Vincent de Paul
Lewis Anuszewski
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 a.m. **SEPT. 28** – SS. Wenceslaus & Lawrence
Ruiz & Companions
10:30 a.m. Ann Reber
Rev. William P. Dalton - Mifflin
THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m. **SEPT. 29** – SS. Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael
Ramona Sapio
FRIDAY, 8:00 a.m. **SEPT. 30** – St. Jerome
Sgt. A.J. Baddick, USA

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 p.m. **OCT. 1**
Claire Causa
SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m. **OCT. 2**
John Hlodash
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCT. 1 - 4:00PM

Lector: Lorraine Asgari
Cantor: ---
Servers: Mark Stone, Grant Kellenberger, Luke
Bennethum
EM: J/B.Peters, B/M.Resch, S/T.Yoder, M.Melniczek,
K.Becker

SUNDAY, OCT. 2 - 8:30AM

Lector: Amy Doderer
Cantor: ---
Servers: Lauren & Paige Hagan, Kayla Davis

SUNDAY, OCT. 2 - 10:30AM

Lector: Adam Krick
Cantor: ---
Servers: Arianna Monserrate, Maddie Cannon, Chloe
Ritter



Altar Bread for Month of
September: In loving memory
of: Samuel Krick, Jr.
(requested by Mom)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 25

12 Noon Mass & Parish Picnic @ the Mohnton
Playground

No Religious Education Classes-classes resume Oct. 2

Monday, September 26

7:00 pm Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation
(LSA Cafeteria, please use back door
where the upper parking lot is)

Tuesday, September 27

1:00 pm Prime Timers Board Meeting
7:00 pm RCIA Information Night
7:30 pm Charismatic Group



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS:

Registrations are now being
taken for the 2016-2017 Sunday
School program. Our program is
designed for 4, 5, and 6 year old
children not yet in first grade.

Your child will sing songs, learn prayers, listen to
the Gospel story, and enjoy craft activities and
more! Our sessions are held in the Fr. Lyons Room
during the 10:30 AM Mass. Our first session will
begin on October 2, 2016 at 10:30 AM. Please call
the Parish Office 610.777.1697 for a registration
form or visit our website: stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com
and print out the form and mail it to the parish
office, 420 Holland St., Shillington PA 1907 or
drop it in the collection basket to the attention -
Sunday School.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

9/11 - \$11,347.59

Sanctuary Candle for the week of 9/25-10/1: For
the Intentions of Regina Grogan (requested by
Clifford & Sharon Bramhstadt)

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

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

PRIME TIMERS NEWS

The next PrimeTimer General Meeting will be Tuesday, October 4 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Lyons Room. You will be entertained by the fabulous Guitarist, Butch Imhoff, and delight in the goodies that our Board Members will be providing for you. If you have not yet paid your Membership Dues, please remember to bring your \$5.00. Any questions on *Membership*, please call Judy Peters at 610-775-8965. We look forward to seeing you!

Berks County Life Chain, Sunday, October 2, 2016, 2:00 to 3:30pm, Penn Avenue, West Reading. Stand & be counted for the sake of the children whose cries are being silenced!! For more information, contact Pam Snyder at 610.488.6988

Our 10th ROSARY RALLY. Just one hour! For the unborn & our country. Please join us! St. Ignatius small parking lot between the gym entrance and Rectory. October 15th, 12-1 PM. For more information please call Joan Reedy at 610.678.5683 or visit www.Americanneedsfatima.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) We will have an Information Night on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Lyons Room for anyone who would be interested in knowing more about the RCIA process. This process is for those:

- In need of Baptism
- Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic

Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and Confirmation. Our sessions are held every Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Fr. Lyons Room. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office (610.777.1697).

The Polish-American Heritage Association is running a bus trip to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton in Emmitsburg, MD and Gettysburg, PA on Saturday, October 15th which will include lunch and a stop at Gettysburg Polish Pottery. Members: \$65. Nonmembers: \$70. Deadline is October 5, 2016. For more information, contact Marilyn Wlazewski at 610.779.5523.



Boy Scout Troop 237 is sponsoring their 57th Annual Kauffman Chicken BBQ on Sunday October 9, 2016 from 10am-2pm. Dinner includes: Half chicken, potato and applesauce. Cost is \$7.50. Pick-up at LaSalle Academy. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekends of Sept.16/17, Sept. 24/25, and October 1/2 in the Fr. Lyons Room or call Renee & Rick Premici at 610.775.5854 or Anne & Steve Rosenhoover at 610.775.7968. There will be apple dumplings and baked goods available for sale. Troop 237 appreciates your continued support.

There will be a Protecting God's Children Workshop held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 in the Fr. Lyons Room. The Workshop will begin promptly at 9 AM and end at 12 Noon. This workshop is for adults (18 and over) who will be volunteering either in the parish or school. Please call Bernadette at the Parish Office to register for the workshop, 610.777.1697.

Youth Group will meet again on October 2nd in the LaSalle Cafe from 6:15-8pm. 8-12th graders welcome!



The Parish Nurses will be doing their blood pressure screenings in the Father Lyons Room after all Masses the weekend of Oct. 1 & 2

John Paul II Center for Special Learning

Seeking a caring, dedicated and motivated **teacher and teacher assistants** to work as team members to educate students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a supportive and rewarding environment. Special Education certification required for teacher and background clearances required for both. Send your resume to madams@johnpauliicenter.org

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Basket Raffle - November 5 & 6 2016



Faithful Citizenship

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently released the following: "In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants will be encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for this week's intention and for our civic leaders and upcoming elections."

PRAYER INTENTION: Friday, September 30: May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility, and humility in this election season.

Works of Mercy in Action

Shelter the Homeless

Come join in either or both of these most rewarding experiences.

Habitat for Humanity Workday – October 1

JAM has organized a workday with Habitat of Humanity of Berks County for Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Wear old clothes and sturdy, closed toe shoes. Work gloves are needed and will be provided if you do not have your own. Bring a bagged lunch/drink The construction manager will assess your ability and have you work on something you are comfortable doing. Volunteers will meet at the Habitat Office at 531 Canal Street, Suite #404, Reading 19602 at 8:45 am. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, but all skill levels are welcome to join in the effort. For more information and to sign up for the workday contact Sue Goodwin (610) 777-5827 or goodwin03@msn.com.

Family Promise – October 23-30

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 get back on an even keel. Volunteers are needed to fill a number of tasks from the setting up and 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. To learn more go to www.atonementwyo.org, click on Ministries then Social Ministries or speak with St. John's experienced volunteer Cheryl Colella-Gehrke cherylcolella@yahoo.com 717.327.8973 or Atonement 's coordinator and Family Promise Board President Dorothy Delong 484.529.0878 pbjdelong@comcast.net.

Obtaining Background Clearances

Parishioners planning to tutor children or participate in Family Promise need to procure a criminal background check and a child abuse clearance and also attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop prior to volunteering in either program. Background checks and clearances are free of charge for volunteers and can be obtained on-line at www.psp.pa.gov. Click on P.S.P. Services and then click on Request for Criminal History Record. Instructions on how to do both the child abuse clearance and the criminal background check can be found at this site.



Catholic Social Teaching

The Rights Of Migrants And Refugees

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. **I was a stranger and you welcomed me ...**" – Matthew 25: 35

"Immigrants, new to our shores, call us out of our unawareness to a conversion of mind and heart through which we are able to offer a genuine and suitable welcome, to share together as brothers and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve

the quality of life for society's marginalized members." -Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement by the U. S. Catholic Bishops, November 15, 2000

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

Sunday, October 23 - "The Visitor"

Come answer the call of Catholic Social Teaching to grow beyond your "unawareness" and learn about those uprooted from their homeland. **JAM** will host the viewing of the award-winning movie "The Visitor"(PG 13) on **Sunday, October 23 at 1:00 pm** in the Father Lyons Room. Released in 2007, "The Visitor" tells the story of widowed professor Walter Vale(portrayed by Oscar nominee, Richard Jenkins) who is assigned to attend a conference about Global Policy and Development at New York University. When he arrives at his apartment in New York, he finds a Syrian musician, and a Senegalese street vendor, living there. He sympathizes with the situation of the illegal immigrants and invites the couple to stay with him. Discussion to follow. Popcorn and soft drinks provided.



JOIN THE 2ND OPPURTUNITY OF GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!

DO YOU LIKE TO SOCIALIZE AND MEET NEW FREINDS FROM ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY?

Breaking Bread social committee would like to suggest a new meal oriented activity to get to know our fellow parishioners better. This idea has been used at other churches with great success, so we at St. John's would like to imitate it.

You have a choice to be either the hostess/host who offers their home as the meal place or as a guest who attends the sharing meal at the hostess/host's house. The hostess/host determines the number of guests they would like and the style of food entertaining which could be either beverages and hors d'oeuvres; a sit down dinner or a backyard picnic. The hostess/host determines the menu for the meal and everyone who signs up as a guest will be advised by the Breaking Bread organizer what to bring to share at the meal. No phone calls for you, all you have to do is sign up on any poster that will be at each of the doors of the Church on the weekends of Sept. 24&25, and Oct. 1&2

Breaking Bread will handle all of the hostess/host – guest match ups and will contact everyone with their assigned hostess/host. This is an adult only evening for couples or single people.

The first evening meal will be Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 at the hostess/host's house. You will be grouped with others at the meal so you could get to know one another. It would not serve the purpose of this type of get together to request specific guests or hostesses/hosts. Making new acquaintances is the goal of this type of gathering.

**Questions should be directed to 610.777.2542.
Please consider participating in this fun event!**

Jesus shared meals with others so why shouldn't we...



Healthy Steps for Older Adults Workshop

Workshop being offered in conjunction with Parish Nurse Ministry

Have you recently fallen? Are you worried about falling? Do you know what your risk for falling is?

Want to have fun and learn about how to prevent falls at the same time?

Then this workshop is for YOU!

Come out and learn about...

1. What is your risk for falling
2. How falls can be prevented
3. Safety in your home
4. Healthy eating
5. Side effects of medication
6. Improving balance, strength, flexibility and endurance



What: Healthy Steps for Older Adults workshop
When: Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM AND 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Location: Father Lyons Room

Call Sharon at 610-775-9998 to register. Bring a bagged lunch.

DID YOU KNOW?

- More than a third of adults over age 65 fall each year
- In PA, falls were the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations among adults age 65 and older.
- Of those who fall, 20% to 30% suffer injuries that reduce their mobility and independence.
- The most common fall-related injuries are fractures to the hip, spine, or forearm. Half of those who suffer hip injuries are never able to live independently again.



Berks County
Area Agency on Aging

Building Partnerships
Strengthening Communities
Enhancing Quality of Life

