



PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

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Culture of Life

Contact: Bob Peters at 610.775.8965

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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

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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 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: Christopher Hoster at 610.334.1188

Cantors

Contact: Christopher Hoster at 610.334.1188

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, OCT. 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret
8:00 a.m. Sophie Kreska
TUESDAY, OCT. 25 - Weekday
7:00 p.m. Carl Arnold
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Patricia Quinter
10:30 a.m. August T. Vehar - Mifflin
THURSDAY, OCT. 27 - Weekday
7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Milanek
FRIDAY, OCT. 28 – SS. Simon & Jude
8:00 a.m. Maureen "Pat" Stevenson

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCT. 29
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish
SUNDAY, OCT. 30TH
8:30 a.m. Peter Morris
10:30 a.m. Peter & Dennis Roman

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCT. 29 - 4:00PM

Lector: Leslie Curran
Cantor: ---
Servers: Lauren & Paige Hagan, Andrew Stout
EM: B/M.Resch, S/T.Yoder, C.Trygar, L.Katzaman,
M.Melniczek, ME.Symanski

SUNDAY, OCT. 30 - 8:30AM

Lector: John LaManna
Cantor: ---
Servers: Hanna Bitting, Faith & Brynna Bentz

SUNDAY, OCT. 30 - 10:30AM

Lector: Nancy Faust
Cantor: ---
Servers: Arianna Monserrate, Maddie Cannon, Chloe Ritter
EM: L.Lombardo, A/C.Turnbaugh, S/M.Dietrich,
A/W.Monserrate, L.Kellenberger,



Altar Bread for Month of
October: In loving memory of:
Betty & John Keyek (requested by
Bernadine Keyek)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 23

1:00 pm JAM Movie time
6:00 pm Bereavement Group
6:30 pm Rel. Ed classes

Monday, October 24

7:00 pm Advocacy Meeting

Tuesday, October 25

1:00 pm Prime Timers Board Mtg.
7:00 pm RCIA
7:30 pm Charismatic Group

Friday, October 28

6:00 pm Duncan's Corn Maze Hayride

Sunday, October 30

6:15 Youth Group Halloween Party

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted."

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

10/9 - \$10,206.50

Sanctuary Candle for the week of 10/23-29: In loving memory of: Angelina & Felice Talarico (requested by Anna Talarico-Myers)

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.

PRIME TIMERS NEWS



THE NEXT PRIMETIMER GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Lyons Room. This will be our Annual Covered Dish Social, so bring your

favorite potluck dish to share with the group. Come join us in celebrating our friendships along with enjoying a variety of dishes that will delight your palate! We look forward to seeing you there!

PRIME TIMERS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2017

Where: Shady Maple Banquet Room

Time: 11:15 am – 3:15 pm (hors d'oeuvres 11:30

am; dinner 12 Noon) Cost: Paid Members -

\$20.00 Non-Members or Guests \$35.00

Join us for a Buffet Style Luncheon of Roast Beef, Baked Tilapia, Chicken Breast. And many other goodies! Entertainment by Chuck Cahoe.

Reservations will be accepted until NOVEMBER 16, 2016. Please mail your check to Joan Krohn, 2523 Simon Drive, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. If you have any questions, please direct them to Paul Donovan 717.580.6528 or Paulette Goodhart 610.777.4817.

GUIDELINES FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOSPITAL BOUND:

- If you are scheduled for a hospital visit and know in advance, please see Father Rich before or after mass and he will anoint you and bless you.
- When being admitted to the Reading Hospital please advise the admitting staff person you are Catholic and a member of St. John Baptist de LaSalle. Should you want Communion while you are hospitalized please tell them you want Communion either daily or weekly and your name will be added to list of the Eucharistic Ministers who serve at the hospital. If you have any questions about this procedure see Deacon Joe Lombardo.

The Breaking Bread Committee invites you to join us Friday, December 2nd from 7-9pm for "Advent by Candlelight," an evening of fellowship and reflection on the season of Advent. Following a lighting of advent wreaths, Rev. Keith Mathur of Sacred Heart Church and Sister Christa Mary Jones will speak, offering us their insight as we prepare during this holy season. A social with light refreshments will follow. Tickets will be available for \$5 apiece after weekend masses from November 5 through November 20. You may also purchase raffle tickets on these ticket-sale dates for our Christmas Basket, a bundle of seasonal goodies ranging from baking supplies to Christmas music. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and do not commit you to attending Advent by Candlelight. Proceeds from the raffle tickets will benefit a needy parish family. For more info, contact Kathleen Luft at 610.743.5650.

Justice in Action Ministry Meeting

JAM will meet next on **Tuesday, November 1** immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. **The meeting will be held in the parish rectory** with special guest, Fr. Rich. All interested parishioners are most welcome to participate. For more information contact Arlene Seeber at 484.794.8027 or arleneseeber@icloud.com.

****3RD ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE ****

WEEKEND OF 11/5-11/6: FATHER LYONS ROOM
Donate your most creative basket to raffle off. \$1 for one ticket \$5 for six tickets. Questions call Cheryl Colella-Gehrke at 717.327.8973 or cherylcolella@yahoo.com
WE CAN PICK UP THE BASKET AT YOUR HOUSE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE! NOW THAT'S SERVICE!

Holy Guardian Angel's Home & School Association's 2nd Annual Night At The Races is Saturday, November 5. Enjoy a fun filled night out with friends! Bet on your favorite horse, take a chance w/ the 50/50 raffle, or win one of our many gift baskets. BYOB- Bring your own favorite beverage. Food available for purchase. We hope to see you for this exciting event.



8th-12th GRADERS YOU'RE INVITED!!

JOIN US FOR A HALLOWEEN PARTY! WE WELCOME ALL PARISHIONERS IN 8TH-12TH GRADE, NO MATTER WHAT SCHOOL YOU ATTEND, TO COME HAVE SOME FUN WITH US! WE WILL HAVE DRINKS AND SNACKS AND CARVE PUMPKINS. WE WILL PROVIDE ALL THE CARVING SUPPLIES, WE JUST ASK THAT EVERYONE BRING A PUMPKIN WITH THEM. DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME FOR A BEST DRESSED PRIZE!

HOSTED BY:



YOUTH GROUP
COMMITTEE



Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To A Special Weekend Retreat: *A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life*
Friday evening, November 11 — Sunday at Noon, November 13, 2016. The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey," and is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more information, please contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist at 610.582.3333 www.olme.org

The Flame of Love of The Immaculate Heart of Mary - On November 5, 8:00am to 2:00pm, Holy Cross Church, 99 Valley St., New Philadelphia, will host a special presentation on The Flame of Love of The Immaculate Heart of Mary by Mr. Anthony Mullen, The National Director of The Flame of Love and a frequent guest on EWTN. Mary's "Cause", the Flame of Love Movement, is her call to save souls from the dangers of sin, which are so prevalent. The Flame of Love has been approved by the church and is an extraordinary grace which comes from Mary's Immaculate Heart to us at this time in history. Confession, Benediction, Mass, Rosary, Talks and Lunch Provided. Please RSVP by October 31 to aahanlon@aol.com or call 570.449.7678.

Calling all high school basketball players.

CYO High School Basketball Sign-ups are now open for boys and girls in grades 9-12. Participants must be in good standing within the parish. Registration forms can be found on the LaSalle Academy website <http://lsabear.org> under School Community/CYO/Diocese of Allentown CYO Permission. Completed form and a check for \$40 made payable to LaSalle CYO needs to be submitted to the address below NO LATER THAN Oct. 31st to ensure registration: LaSalle Academy Attn: CYO Secretary / Tony Cannon 440 Holland St. Shillington, PA 19607

LaSalle CYO invites you to a Holiday Ice Skating Party!

When: Sunday, November 6, 2016 from 4:30pm-6:30pm
Where: Body Zone Sports and Wellness Complex 3103



Papermill Rd. Reading, PA 19610
Admission: Canned goods or non-perishable food item for a local food bank. Families are needed to assist in taking donations to food bank. Please contact Lauren Holloway at lholloway9510@yahoo.com prior to the event if you are able to help! Great opportunity for service hours! This event is open to all LaSalle Academy and CCD families! Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Bernadine Franciscan Sisters will hold their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday Oct. 29 from 10am-3pm at the McGlinn Conference & Spirituality Center. Hot soups, mild chili and hot dogs 11:30-1:30, eat in or take out. Handcrafted items, baked goods and Chinese Auction Raffle- drawing at 2:30pm

Gethsemane Cemetery's All Souls Mass - Cemetery Sunday, November 6th, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. - Everyone is Welcome. Mass will be held rain or shine.

JEWISH FOOD & CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 6 from 10 am-4 pm
At Temple Oheb Sholom, 555 Warwick Drive.,
Wyomissing PA, www.ohebsholom.org.
Performance of The RCOS Choir and Student
Cantor Harriet Dunkerley and the Exeter
Community Band FREE ADMISSION
Food platters, NY Deli Challah Brisket, Matzoh Ball
Soup Fresh Bagels, Apple Cakes, Blintzes. Eat in or
Take Out. Tours of the sanctuary where
explanation of architectural features and ritual
objects.

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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

will be held every Wednesday, beginning on
October 19th, at Holy Rosary Church at 7:00
PM. Please use the Franklin Street door leading
into Church to enter for the Novena. Everyone
is welcome.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Adoration will be held every Sunday from 4:00
to 5:00 PM in Church. Everyone is asked to
join in praying to the Lord of the Harvest to
send Holy laborers into His Harvest, especially for
priests and religious. Please use Franklin Street
Side door of the Church, as this will be the only
door unlocked.

St. Catharine's Travel Club – Nov. 30, 2016 to
Brandy River Museum – Dinner at Brandywine &
Christmas lights at Longwood Gardens \$102.00.
For more information please contact Pat White at

Living the Virtues in Everyday Life

Leading a virtuous life sounds like something that is just for the superreligious people out there. But it is really something each one of us can aim for. God gives us the awesome gifts of the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. Plus there are a ton of other virtues that we can develop on our own. For example, there are the virtues of temperance, prudence, courage, and justice. These virtues came from classic Western philosophy (think Plato and Aristotle) and were repackaged by Church heavyweights such as Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas so that they connected with the Christian faith. These four virtues are known as the cardinal virtues because they are critical to forming our moral values and guiding our behavior. In addition to the cardinal virtues, there are many other virtues that we can develop. Check out Isaiah 11:2 and Galatians 5:22-23 for more. You'll find many places on the Internet that list virtues that are recognized in different cultures. Wikipedia's entry on "virtue" lists 100 virtues that are commonly recognized in Western culture.

Once you've had a chance to look at all the different virtues out there, you begin to see that there is quite a range to choose from. Did you know that good humor is a virtue? Imagination and curiosity are also virtues. All of a sudden, leading a virtuous life might not seem half bad. Who wouldn't want to be creative, happy, courageous, trustworthy, or focused? We might not label these things as "virtues" or make them top priority, but the fact is, most of us live the virtues every day. Even something as small as being tactful or friendly is virtuous.

The upshot is that leading a virtuous life is not just for the superreligious (if there even is such a thing). It's for you and me and for all people who want to be true to themselves. Living the virtues helps us be real and go after our dreams. Living the virtues helps us be more aware of the people around us and help them when we can. Living the virtues helps us see the beauty in the world, especially in nature, and moves us to care for these as the precious gifts they are. Living the virtues helps us get more in tune with God.

Spend some time looking over the virtues, especially the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. Read Chapter 13 of Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians in which he talks about what love means in our lives. Think about the virtues that you are already living in your life and what you'd like to develop. Above all, practice random acts of virtue whenever you have the chance!



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, OCTOBER 28, 2016

May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

Catholic Social Teaching Religious Liberty

"Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas."

(A Statement on Religious Liberty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, April 2012)

Works of Mercy in Action

• Feed the Hungry

"You yourselves give them something to eat!" (Mk 6:37)

Opportunity House- November 13

Opportunity House has solicited our parish to serve Sunday morning breakfast to the guests who currently live at the shelter (430 North Second Street, Reading) on **Sunday, November 13 at 8:00 am**. **JAM** has organized a full menu to serve approximately 60 people. If you would like to participate in this work of mercy as a server or donate food items for the breakfast (pancakes, sausage, syrup, orange juice, coffee, fresh fruit) get in touch with Deb Seidl at dseidl@comcast.net or Arlene Seeber (484-794-8027) or attend the next **JAM** meeting on November 2. Donations can be dropped off at the Father Lyons Room before or after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, November 12. **JAM** and Opportunity House thank you for your generosity.

"Hunger is criminal; nourishment is an inalienable right."

(Pope Francis Address to Participants in the World Meeting of Popular Movements 10/28/14)



You're invited to a HEALING MASS, Sunday Nov. 13, 2016 @ 10:30 am here at St. John's. Refreshments will be offered in the Fr. Lyons Room after Mass. Please fill out the form below and have the information returned to St. John's Parish, in the mail or collection basket.

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

***Please have transportation with family member, next of kin or aide.**