Parish Staff, Ministry Directory, and Contact Information

Parish Staff & Mailing Address

Parish Mailing Address
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Resident
Rev. Gene Ritz: 610.777.1365
Deacon
Deacon F. Joseph Lombardo: 610.777.1697
Principal of La Salle Academy
Mr. Stephen Mickulik: 610.777.7392
Parish Secretary
Bernadette Yohn: 610.777.1697
Parish Communications Coordinator
Sarah Capato: 610.850.4978
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Bernadette Yohn: 610.777.1697

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
Divorce Ministry
Contact: Deb Seidl at 610.763.6528

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, **MAR. 20** – St. Joseph
8:00 a.m. Denise Deroiser
TUESDAY, **MAR. 21** – Lenten Weekday
7:00 p.m. Robert Allen Gallo, Sr.
WEDNESDAY, **MAR. 22** – Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Thomas & Josephine Ford
10:30 a.m. Annette Hamill – Mifflin
THURSDAY, **MAR. 23** – Lenten Weekday/
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
7:00 p.m. Agnes Bradley
FRIDAY, **MAR. 24** – Lenten Weekday/
Bl. Oscar Romero
8:00 a.m. Mary Stuebner

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SATURDAY, MARCH 25
4:00 p.m. Stephen Kolson
SUNDAY, MARCH 26
8:30 a.m. Sophie Fry
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 - 4:00PM
Lector: Leslie Curran
Cantor: ------
Servers: Maddie Cannon, Molly Yohn, Rosie Makosch
EM: N.Bentz, M.Melniczek, B. Peters, S/J.Baddick
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - 8:30AM
Lector: Stephen Hetzel
Cantor: ------
Servers: Sara Teson, Amie Wickel, Nancy Weinheimer
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - 10:30AM
Lector: Lorraine Asgari
Cantor: ------
Servers: Mark Stone, Matthew Brown, Grant Kellenberger
EM: S.Artz, A.Seeber, C/K.Worley, K.Roché

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 19
6:30 pm Rel. Ed classes
Monday, March 20
7:00 pm LSA Advisory Board Mtg.
7:30 pm K of C Business Mtg.
Tuesday, March 21
7:00 pm RCIA
7:30 pm Charismatic Group
Wednesday, March 22
8:45 am Prime Timers Bus Trip
Thursday, March 23
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal
Friday, March 24
5:30 pm Lenten Meal
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Todays Readings

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.
Gospel: John 4:5-42
Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir…". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

Weekly Stewardship
3/5 - $11,120.51

Altar Wine for the month of March: In loving memory of Jenny & Daniel Antonucci (requested by Anthony Antonucci)

Altar Bread for the month of March: In loving memory of Jennie & Joseph Butz (requested by Bernadine Keyek)

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

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 to Penn's Peak to see "Sinatra Ol' Blue Eyes is Back" starring Tony Sands & the Comedy of Bob Goss. Cost $68 – bus will depart from St. John's at 9 AM with an approximate return of 6 PM. Money due by April 18, 2017. For more information or to make reservations please call Mary Stadelmeyer 484.955.9492 or Larry Shepherd 610.777.8337.

The Parish Nurse Ministry in coordination with the Caron Treatment Center are presenting a discussion about addiction, teenage addiction, and the heroin epidemic on Wednesday April 26th at 7 pm in the Father Lyons Room. Please RSVP by calling Sharon Shingler at 610.775.9998.

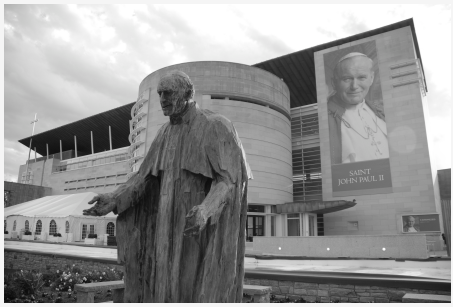
ST. JAY

Our next meeting will be in the La Salle cafe from 6:15-7:45, this Sunday, March 19. We will be preparing for our big Easter egg hunt! Want to hear more youth group news and information? Follow us on Twitter! Our username is **StJohn_YG16**. We hope to see all 8th-12th graders for a fun night!

Protection of Youth – It is essential for Any and ALL individuals 18 years of age and older who volunteer with children to attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. The next PGC Workshop will be on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St. Catharine of Siena Church, Social Hall, Boyertown Pike, Reading. This session begins promptly at 10:30 AM please call 610.779.4005 to reserve a spot.

Pilgrimage to the John Paul II Shrine

The Knights of Columbus - Holy Name Council 7179 from St. John's Parish is planning a pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC.
The Shrine is a major pastoral initiative of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights began the renovations required to convert the former John Paul II Cultural Center into its present form: a place of worship dedicated to the life and ministries of Saint John Paul II.



When: Saturday March 25, 2017
Proposed Itinerary:

7:30 AM	Depart St. Johns Parking Lot
10:30 AM	Arrive at St. John Paul II Shrine Tour is available / Free exploration time.
12:00 PM	Mass at the Shrine – Optional
1:30 PM	Leave the Shrine for the Washington Mall. Free time to visit the Lincoln Memorial and various other memorials within walking distance as well as the many Smithsonian Museums and Centers.
4:30 PM	Depart Washington for Baltimore
6:00 PM	Arrive at Bubba Gump restaurant in Baltimore.
9:30 PM	Arrive home – St. Johns Parking Lot.

Cost: $35.00 per person which includes a box lunch with a sandwich, chips, salad and a drink. Dinner in Baltimore is not included in the $35.00 charge. **ONLY 20 SEATS LEFT**. Please RSVP by going to **http://evite.me/nwarR4vn8k** on the internet or call Bill Griffith at 484.797.0669 or Jim Stallone at 610.406.8543

"The Serra Club of Reading will be holding Nocturnal Adoration for Vocations at Holy Guardian Angels Chapel, 3121 Kutztown Road, (Chapel door is on the left of the Church as you enter the lot) on Friday night, March 31th, beginning after the 7 PM stations of the cross and continuing all night until 8 AM Mass Saturday April 1st. Please join us in thanksgiving for the Clergy and Religious who serve us today, for those faithfully departed, for the seminarians and novices in formation, and in supplication for an increase in Vocations for our Diocese! Pope Francis has stressed the primacy of PRAYER among the faithful as the antidote to the shortage of Vocations in Europe and the US, but when was the last time YOU were on your knees asking? Our Lord Himself begs us to "Pray to the Master of the Harvest..." Setting aside an hour before Our Lord will yield a wonderful gift this Lenten season- Our Lord will not be outdone in His generosity! For more information and to reserve your time please text or call Steve Hahn at 484.706.3013 or email to stephenchahn@yahoo.com. May Our Lord continue to bless your Lenten journey!"

Kennedy House Volunteers: Kennedy House needs volunteers every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 8:30 am until 11:00 am to help with food distribution. If you can be of assistance please call Sister Margaret 610.372.9652 to begin the paperwork.

SAVE THE DATE. On April 4, 2017 there will be an Evening of Reflection and Fellowship for all Respect Life Coordinators and Parish Advocates for Persons with Disabilities. We will gather at St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Father John Pendzick will be the speaker. This reflection is open to all committee members of the advocacy group. Please call Mrs. Kathleen Roche at 610.777.4792 if you choose to attend.

Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 29th, 2017 at 10:00AM. Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED- "AnB Education is looking for host families for our international students attending Berks Catholic High School. A generous monthly stipend is provided. Call AnB Education 267.263.2481 or email hostfamily@anbeducation.com"

PIEROGI SALE -Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Church, 504 Summit Ave., Reading 19611 will be selling pierogi on Friday's during March from 3-6 pm at the church hall.

St. John Baptist Feast Day Talent Show

The theme of our feast day this year will be "Celebrating God's Given Talent". The feast day gathering is scheduled for April 22, 2017 in the La Salle cafeteria at 5 :00 PM. All ages are invited to participate in the talent portion of the party. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument or the piano, recite original poetry, do imitations, entertain make a presentation for Earth day then this show is for you. If you would like to share your talent please fill out the slip below and place it the collection basket by March 19th. Don't be shy we are just one big happy family!!!

Name _____ Talent _____

Telephone _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
DIOCESE of ALLENTOWN PRESENTS...

CURSILLO

88th MEN'S WEEKEND
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
88th WOMEN'S WEEKEND
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
St Francis Center for Renewal
Monocacy Manor - Bethlehem, Pa.

A once in a lifetime opportunity for Catholics!

Piety – Study - Action

Cursillo (pronounced cur see o) is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church dedicated to the renewal of the faith and Christian service to our communities. Cursillo has been active in the Allentown Diocese since 1970 and is open to all adult Catholics in good standing .

For more information contact
Lisa Ianni – 610.223.2123 - llianni@verizon.net
or Kathy Green – 610.698.4089 - oma904@hotmail.com
Or talk with your pastor or local priest

Make a friend Be a friend Bring your friend to Christ

Catholic Social Teaching: The Call to Political Engagement

In the 2015 **document Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility** the Catholic Bishops of the United States wrote: *"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation….The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do."* Pope Benedict XVI also taught in Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)…. this is not a time for retreat or discouragement; rather, it is a time for renewed engagement. Forming their consciences in accord with Catholic teaching, Catholic lay women and men can become actively involved: running for office; working within political parties; communicating their concerns and positions to elected officials; and joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks, state Catholic conference initiatives, community organizations, and other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square. Even those who cannot vote have the right to have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives and the common good. No.16

To enable you to more easily exercise your responsibility as a faithful citizen JAM has listed the contact information for all elected officials in parish voting districts. When you are moved to let Congressman Ryan Costello, Senator Bob Casey or Senator Pat Toomey or your representatives in Harrisburg, or on the county level, know your thoughts on current social issues or legislation you can find their phone number, email address, or snail mail address on our parish website: www.stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com. Click on Resources and scroll down to **Elected Officials Contact List.** It is that easy.

"In a democracy, agreement is not essential, participation is."
(World Affairs Council of Philadelphia)

Human Trafficking Awareness

It is estimated that globally there are 20.9 million human trafficking victims. That equals more slaves than in any other time in history. Estimated 500,00 to 2 million people are trafficked across international borders worldwide annually. Sex Trafficking includes commercial front brothels, hotel and motel based, online ads, escort services, outdoor solicitation. Labor Trafficking includes agricultural workers, traveling sales crews, peddling rings, restaurant and food service businesses, construction, domestic work, and trafficking of organs. (Polaris Project)

Pope Francis Speaks

"One of the most troubling of those open wounds is the trade in human beings, a modern form of slavery, which violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters and constitutes a true crime against humanity. While much has been accomplished in acknowledging its gravity and extent, much more needs to be done on the level of raising public consciousness and effecting a better coordination of efforts by governments, the judiciary, law enforcement officials and social workers." (Address to the Second European Assembly of Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation 11/7/16)

"I invite everyone, in accordance with his or her specific role and responsibilities, to practice acts of fraternity towards those kept in a state of enslavement. Let us ask ourselves, as individuals and as communities, whether we feel challenged when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others." (Message for the World Day of Peace 12/8/14)

Human Trafficking:
A Domestic and International Persppective

March 23, 2017 from 7:00-8:00am
Thun Janssen Auditorium at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

Come learn more about this topic from two individuals who are both champions in the fight for a world where women and children are not for sale.Tuli Mitra, counselor at Deepika Ministry in Kolkata, India and Detective Steve Brock of Spring Township Police Department, Berks County Drugs and Major Crimes Task Force. For more information contact: Carolyn Hoffman @ 484.628.8408