



PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

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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: Elaine Strick at 484.824.1577

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: Ashlee Hess at 610.944.4862

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

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, MAY 22 – St. Rita of Cascia
8:00 a.m. Marguerite Mc Dermott

TUESDAY, MAY 23 – Easter Weekday
7:00 p.m. Doris Babula

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 – Easter Weekday/Vigil for Ascension
8:00 a.m. Anthony Ciabattoni
10:30 a.m. Peter Menicucci – Mifflin
4:00 p.m. Jack O'Brien

THURSDAY, MAY 25 – The Ascension of the Lord
9:00 a.m. Frank Kumor
7:00 p.m. Richard Biancone

FRIDAY, MAY 26 – St. Philip Neri
8:00 a.m. Justina Sarvas

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 27
4:00 p.m. John & Eleanor McGinn

SUNDAY, MAY 28
8:30 a.m. Mary S. Berthinet
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 27 - 4:00PM

Lector: David Curran
Cantor: Deb Brooks
Servers: Joseph Giesen, Brigham & Baylor Kobularcik
EM: S/T.Yoder, C.Trygar, A.Cannon, C.Boland, C.Bradley, P.Goodhart, C.Brahmstadt

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - 8:30AM

Lector: Lori Reilly
Cantor: Sue Gallen
Servers: Jake, Jack, Ben Makosch

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - 10:30AM

Lector: Paul Berthinet
Cantor: Sue Gallen
Servers: Amie Wickel, Molly Yohn, Chloe Ritter
EM: K.Roché, M.DePaul, C/K.Worley, N.Faust, B.Wells, L.Lombardo, J.Hutchko

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, May 22**
La Salle Academy Closed (classes resume 5/23)
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, May 23**
7:30 pm Charismatic Group
- **Wednesday, May 24**
8:45 am Prime Timer's Bus Trip
4:00 pm Vigil Mass for Ascension
- **Thursday, May 25 – Holy Day of Obligation**
9:00 am Mass for Ascension
7:00 pm Mass for Ascension
- **Friday, May 26**
12 Noon Dismissal for LSA



Gentle Reminder: This Thursday, May 25 is the Feast of The Ascension of the Lord, it is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses: Vigil – Wednesday, May 24 @ 4 pm. Thursday, May 25 @ 9 am & 7 pm.

Altar Bread for the month of
May: In loving memory of
Elizabeth Taubitz & Hilda
Kellenberger (requested by
Louise & George



Sanctuary Candle for the week of 5/21-27: In
loving memory of Vincent Madonna (requested
by his wife Rose Madonna)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 5/7: 10,156.75
EASTER: \$24,025.00

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

All Welcome to Prime Timers Annual Picnic! Tuesday, June 6th at Kauffman's BBQ. Members are \$15- Non members are \$20. Picnic Buffet. For reservations please contact Len and Pat Miller at 610 .670.2914 or 2506 Joshua Dr. Sinking Spring 19608, Checks payable to St John's Prime Timers.

Save a Date - Fireworks with the Diocese!!



The Diocese of Allentown will be sponsoring the fireworks show after the Reading Fightins home baseball game on Saturday, July 22 at 6:35 PM.

Tickets will go on sale in June.

Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING, DANCE CAMPS

3 Great Camps: Berks Catholic will be hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 12th-16th. For more information contact Tony Balistrere at 610.374.8361, ext 224 or tbalistrere@berkscatholic.org. For camp information and registration forms go to www.berkscatholic.org.

CYO Winter Sign-ups are now open. Any parents interested in volunteering to assist or coach Cross Country, Volleyball, or Golf should contact Athletic Director, Rock Witmer (rasawitmer@gmail.com). Fall sports are open to all children in good standing within the parish. Cross country is open to girls and boys in grades K-8. Volleyball is open to girls in grades 4-8. Golf is open to girls and boys in grades 6-8. Registration forms can be found on the La Salle Academy website at the following www.lsabear.org / School Community / CYO / Diocese of Allentown CYO Permission. Completed form and payment of \$25 needs to be submitted to the below address NO LATER THAN June 2nd in order to ensure participation. Checks can be made payable to La Salle CYO:
La Salle Academy
Attn: CYO Secretary - Tony Cannon
440 Holland St.
Shillington, PA 19607



Our future meetings will be held in the Father Lyons Room until further notice. The time will continue to be 6:15-7:45. We look forward to sharing a fun summer with all 8th-12th graders!



Dear Parents: Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure!

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids will discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Our days will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! We will have fun crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats. So mark these dates on your calendar: June 19-23, 2017. The fun starts at 9 am and will end at 11:30 am. All activities will be held at La Salle Academy. This program is geared for children ages 4 and up. For more information or to obtain a registration form please call the Parish Office, 610.777.1697 or email us at st.jbdls@verizon.net.





Attention young men and women! Are you wondering what to do with your life?

Have you asked the question, "What am I looking for?" If so, you are not alone. You are in good company because people like Saint Andrew and Saint John the Evangelist had these same questions and then found the answers in a man who was baptized by John the Baptist and called them to be "fishers of men." We invite you to join the seminarians of the Diocese of Allentown and Sisters from various women's religious communities at the 2017 Quo Vadis or Fiat Days at DeSales University from Sunday, July 16 to Thursday, July 20. Quo Vadis and Fiat Days are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). This five-day event will include time for personal and group prayer, Mass and other Catholic devotions, talks by priests and religious sisters, and sports and other activities. Registration is now open. Registration materials are available at www.allentowndiocese.org. Click on the vocations information link. Spaces are limited so act fast. Registrations must be received by Friday, June 30, 2017.

HGA SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Holy Guardian Angels Regional Catholic School is accepting applications for part-time nurse and teacher openings for the 2017-2018 school year. Teacher candidates must hold or be eligible for PA certification. Please send letter of intent, resume, copies of certification and transcripts, along with your clearances and references to Mrs. Maureen Wallin, 3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605.

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.

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 at 610.289.8900x42 or jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org



• Needed: Volunteers in Service to Parishioners

From time to time parishioners in our community of faith are in need of assistance with simple household tasks, shopping for groceries, or getting to doctors appointments. JAM will connect volunteers with parishioners as the need arises. If you would like to volunteer for this occasional service call Cheryl Colella-Gehrke (717.327.8973 or contact her by Email: cherylcolella@yahoo.com)

• Do You Know Someone Who Needs Assistance?

If you or someone you know could use some occasional help with household tasks, shopping or getting to a doctor's appointment, get in touch with Cheryl Colella-Gehrke and JAM will do their best to locate a volunteer to be of assistance.

• Needed: Friendly Visitors

JAM sponsors a volunteer visitors program at Mifflin Court Senior Living Community (450 Philadelphia Avenue, Shillington). Often residents do not receive frequent visits from family or friends. An informal, friendly visit from someone who cares could brighten a resident's day. Volunteers may visit as their own schedule allows. The only requirement is the willingness to listen and make conversation with a person who may be lonely. If you would like to get involved get in touch with Sonia Hyneman by phone: 610.775.9414 or through her email: smhyneman@gmail.com

WE ARE CALLED TO EVANGELIZE

WHAT IS ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION? AND WHY SHOULD I BE A PART OF IT?

St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) is a grassroots, non-profit organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking the Catholic Faith to the streets. Christ's call to evangelize was made to every Catholic Christian, and the Second Vatican Council reiterated this need, urging each of the baptized to bring the Gospel, found fully in the Catholic Church, to a culture that has largely reverted to paganism. As an on-the-street Catholic evangelization organization, St. Paul Street Evangelization provides an avenue for people to share the Person of Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture.

Founded in May 2012, St. Paul Street Evangelization provides the tools and resources for Catholics to engage the culture in a simple, non-confrontational method of evangelization which involves making themselves available to the public to answer questions about the faith and to pray with those who request it. SPSE has had tremendous growth and now has teams throughout the United States and even internationally, such as in the Philippines and Australia.

But a person might ask, "How can lay people evangelize the Catholic faith so publicly? Isn't that the job of priests and bishops?" The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization, 'that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life.' For lay people, 'this evangelization acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world'" (CCC 905). As a lay apostolate, St. Paul Street Evangelization works in fidelity and obedience to the Catholic Church and her Magisterium.

Armed with a simple sign, pamphlets and Rosaries, SPSE evangelists take to the streets, going wherever people are gathered – on a street corner, at a festival, or even at a football game. Our teams always begin in prayer. Unlike some forms of street evangelism which seek to forcibly proselytize those passing by (for example, by yelling, displaying confrontational signs, or preaching loudly at no one in particular), SPSE employs a non-confrontational method, maintaining a peaceful presence and allowing people to approach if they choose. Initial contact is limited to a friendly greeting and an offer of a free Rosary, but the evangelist never tries to force anyone to stop and talk.

St. Paul Street Evangelization has found this non-confrontational approach to be very effective at strengthening the faith of practicing Catholics, bringing back into the Faith fallen away Catholics, and clearing up misconceptions about the Faith held by non-Catholics. While it is the mission of SPSE to work with God for the conversion of the whole world to the Catholic Faith, SPSE evangelists recognize that it is only their job to plant seeds, and in the end, it is up to God to make those seeds grow.

The goal of St. Paul Street Evangelization is not to win arguments but to share the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting culture that is seeking truth. SPSE recognizes that to be an effective witness for Christ and His Church, one must seek to live a holy life. As Pope Paul VI wrote in *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, "For the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life ... 'Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses'" (41). To this end, SPSE seeks a membership of evangelists who take their Catholic Faith seriously and are striving for personal sanctity.

When out on the streets, the evangelists of SPSE share the hope that is in them so that the world sees the salvation of God through the Church that He founded. They do not evangelize because they have done any great thing, but because God has done a great work in them, and for that, they are humbled. A person does not need to be a theologian or professional apologist to be an effective evangelist. He only needs to have a heart for Jesus Christ and His Church and be willing to share that with others.

The SPSE founder Steve Dawson, was recently featured in an interview with EWTN, which can be seen at the following link, <https://youtu.be/ZweO30q890s>. For more information about SPSE at St. John's, contact Gina Aldi at 484.769.5346.



SAINT PAUL
STREET EVANGELIZATION



3 Ways to Sanctify Your Work Day

Quite often, we tend to relegate holiness and prayer to priests and those in religious life. We know that all people are called to holiness, but when we spend our days in the office or tackling housework while caring for our children, we can slip into a mindset of, "I'm just a lay person, and I can't spend my days in prayer like nuns, so I can't be that holy."

On the contrary, we can draw closer to God as we live out in the world, and we can glorify Him with our lives — and in our work. We think about St. Joseph, the humble, holy carpenter in Nazareth who protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. Looking to St. Joseph's example, let us sanctify and consecrate our whole lives to God, including our work days. Here are three ways that we can try to achieve this goal:

1. Ask the saints for their intercession as you work.

The saints are great friends and intercessors, and it is very fruitful to ask them for their help as we go about our work. The numerous saints in the Church were involved in a variety of professions. Some, like St. Zita, were servants who did domestic work. Others, like St. Joseph, were involved in carpentry or manual labor. St. Albert the Great and St. Hildegard of Bingen were both scholars. Some saints, like St. Zelig Martin, ran businesses. There's also St. Genesius, an actor who experienced a profound conversion onstage and was martyred during the reign of Diocletian. So, whether you're trying to memorize lines for an upcoming production or go through piles of paperwork your business, there is most likely a saint who once went through a similar situation, and would be happy to intercede for you.

2. Offer up your tasks for specific intentions.

Not only can you offer your entire work day to God, but you can offer little moments up for specific intentions. St. Maria Faustina Kowalska mentions doing this in her Diary:

"This morning after completing my spiritual exercises, I began at once to crochet. I sensed stillness in my heart; I sensed that Jesus was resting in it. That deep and sweet consciousness of God's presence prompted me to say to the Lord, "O Most Holy Trinity dwelling in my heart, I beg You: grant the grace of conversion to as many souls as the [number of] stitches that I will make today with this crochet hook" (#961)."

So, if you're going into a boring business meeting, dealing with horrible traffic during your commute, or faced with a massive pile of laundry that you need to wash, offer that duty to God for a specific intention.

3. Imitate God in your work and rest.

When we work, we imitate God, the Creator of all. In his encyclical, *Laborem Exercens*, Pope St. John Paul II discusses the relationships between God, mankind, and work. He also mentions the need to imitate God in both work and in rest. He notes:

"This description of creation, which we find in the very first chapter of the Book of Genesis, is also in a sense the first "gospel of work". For it shows what the dignity of work consists of: it teaches that man ought to imitate God, his Creator, in working, because man alone has the unique characteristic of likeness to God. Man ought to imitate God both in working and also in resting, since God himself wished to present his own creative activity under the form of work and rest (#25)."

Keeping this in mind, we can plan our work projects so that we may hopefully rest on the Lord's Day, just as God rested from His labors (Gen 2:2). This reminds us to rest from our work, and to also prioritize time with God, our families, and our communities.

All people are called to holiness, no matter what occupation each has. Instead of separating our "work lives" from our "spiritual lives," we can instead use our work days to grow in holiness. There are far more ways to do this than I mentioned here; what are other good ways to sanctify our work?

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