



PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

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OUTREACH & PARISH MINISTRIES

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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

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Contact: Sharon Shingler at 610.775.9998

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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

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Contact: Britt Kobularcik at 484.256.1782

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Contact: Mitzi Ziolkowski at 610.856.0708

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Contact: Jim Stallone at 610.406.8543

Altar Society

Contact: Carol Bensing at 610.777.9360

Men's Recreational Basketball Club

Contact: Russ Bayer 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: Christopher Hoster at 610.334.1188

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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

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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+

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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, JUN. 12 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Patricia Quinter
TUESDAY, JUN. 13 - St. Anthony of Padua
7:00 p.m. Dorothy Burkholder
WEDNESDAY, JUN. 14 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Doris Babula
THURSDAY, JUN. 15 - Weekday
7:00 p.m. Dr. Henry Bialas
FRIDAY, JUN. 16 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Marianne Donovan

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Father's
SUNDAY, JUNE 18
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Father's
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Father's

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - 4:00PM

Lector: Mickey Melniczek
Cantor:
Servers: Paige & Lauren Hagan
EM: B/M.Resch, J/B.Peters, K/R.Stuber, C.Trygar,
ME.Symanski

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 - 8:30AM

Lector: Tony Farina
Cantor:
Servers: Ben & Matt Mulholland

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 - 10:30AM

Lector: Adam Krick
Cantor:
Servers: Faith & Brynna Bentz
EM: V.Noecker, V.Sottosanti, F.Claytor, D.Cannon,
C.Bradley, J.Bradley, A/W.Moserrate

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY 5/28: \$ 9,074.25
EASTER: \$24,720.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, June 13**
7:30 pm Charismatic Group
- **Wednesday, June 14**
8:30 am Church cleaning
9:30 am Prime Timer's bus trip

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

The Lord appears to Moses on Mount Sinai and proclaims to him that he Lord is a "merciful God...slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to live in peace and harmony, and for the first time, invokes the Blessed Trinity.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

In this beautiful passage, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God loved his people so much that he "gave his only son." Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that anyone who believes in him will not die but will enjoy life with him for all eternity.



St. John Baptist de la Salle Family of Faith

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

Altar Bread for the month of
June: Donation from Mr. & Mrs.
Clifford Brahmstadt



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

SAVE THE DATE PICNIC NEWS

Our parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday September 10th at the Mohnton playground. More details will follow in the bulletin closer to time over the summer.



St. John's VBS JUNE 19-23, 2017

Our Theme for this summer's VBS is:
"Maker Fun Factory – Created by God – Built for a Purpose"

Come join us for the best week of the summer! Prepare to Meet new friends – join in doing Amazing experiments – participate in Creative games – enjoy Lip-smacking snacks – and travel on Surprising adventures, and dance to Incredible music! The program is opened to children ages 4 and up.

Our VBS is held in the La Salle Cafeteria. Each day's fun begins at 9 am and ends at 11:30 am. For more information please contact the Parish Office, 610.777.1697 or email: st.jbdls@verizon.net

Saturday, June 17, The Flame of Love Movement celebrates Corpus Christi at Corpus Christi Church, 900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, Pa. Opening Mass at 830am. Talks to follow by Fr. William Gaffney, CSSR Redemptorist and Gloria Anson, Sacred Heart Apostolate. Confessions, Holy Hour and a procession with Our Eucharistic Lord and the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Concludes with Benediction at 2pm. Bring your own lunch. Event is free of charge.



St. JAY will be attending Holy Guardian Angles youth group's end of year picnic! We will meet in St. John's parking lot this Sunday, June 11th at 5:30pm. We hope to see all 8th-12th graders there for the fun!

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need? It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully save their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for one of the weekends, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1.800.470.2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

The Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry is hosting a Summer Theology on

Tap Speaker Series, "Faith on the Job: Maintaining Values in the Workplace," throughout the summer. This series is open to young adults (ages 21 to 35) and will be held on the **third Mondays of each month (June – August) from 7 to 9 pm at Allentown Brew Works** (812 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown). For more information contact Alexa Doncsecz at adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Any young men or women, 14 to 18 years of age, who may be thinking about a vocation in the priesthood or religious life, or simply would like to know something about these vocations, or perhaps you have questions that you would like to have answered, you may be interested in the following:

Quo Vadis (Where are you Going?) is the program for the men.

Fiat (Let it be) Days is the program for the women.

Both programs run from Sunday, July 16 to Thursday July 20, 2017. They will be held here in our diocese at De Sales University. Meals and lodging will be provided there on campus. It's a great time to get to meet young men and women from all around our diocese who may be thinking or discerning the same as yourself.

There is a \$50.00 registration fee, *however*, if you are interested in attending, our Family of Faith would be more than happy to pay that fee for you. Think about it. Pray about it. Give me a call.

Fr. Rich



10 Tips for Better Family Mealtimes

- Commit to a set time for meals (daily, weekly, or according to your schedule).
- Turn off the TV, computers, and handheld games, and don't answer the phone. Don't flip through your mail.
- Use prayer to mark the transition from busyness to mealtime. Be mindful of those who don't have enough to eat today.
- Slow down enough to taste and enjoy your food.
- Hold one conversation at a time. Everyone gets a chance to speak. You can disagree, but you can't be unkind about it.
- Encourage laughter.
- Practice manners, such as saying please and thank you and asking politely for people to pass the salt, and so on. Everyone stays at the table until they're excused to leave.
- Give everyone a role in preparing or cleaning up. Even small children can help set the table or put napkins in place.
- Regularly invite guests to your table. Welcome them as you would welcome Jesus. Treat your family members the same way.
- Always end with a quick expression of gratitude to God and thanks to the cook!



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST DAY JUNE 13TH

We turn to St. Anthony for help with our ordinary problems, but his life was really anything but ordinary. St. Anthony was born in Portugal, and when he grew up, he studied to be a priest. He was a brilliant student and knew the Bible backward and forward. Someone once said that if all the Bibles in Europe were burned, it wouldn't be a terrible problem. People could just go to St. Anthony, and he could write the Scriptures down for them!

Anthony was a good teacher, but one day something happened that inspired him to follow Jesus in a slightly different way. Five Franciscan priests had traveled to Morocco, a country in Africa, to preach the good news about Jesus. They were brutally killed, and what was left of their bodies was brought to the town where Anthony lived.

Anthony couldn't sit still any longer. More than anything, he wanted to go to Morocco himself and try to give the love of Jesus to the people who had done this terrible thing. No one seemed to need Christ's love more than people who would torture and kill innocent men.

So Anthony joined the Franciscan order, got on a ship, and sailed to Morocco. Things didn't work out as he had hoped, though. He fell ill soon after he arrived and had no choice but to return to Europe.

Anthony's plans weren't working out, but perhaps that's because God had something else in mind for him. The ship Anthony was on, the one he thought was taking him back to university life in Portugal, got blown off course by a sudden strong wind. It went straight to the island of Sicily, where a huge meeting of Franciscan brothers happened to be taking place at that very moment.

Anthony didn't speak at the meeting, since he was really an outsider. He sat silently and listened. Perhaps he even heard St. Francis of Assisi speaking of holy poverty as the way to follow Jesus and of how important it is to preach the love of Jesus to all people, especially the poor.

After the meeting, Anthony continued to live a quiet life as a friar, working in a hospital in Italy, taking the humblest jobs of all. Back in Portugal, Anthony had already begun to gain fame as a scholar and teacher, but he said not a word about that in the hospital. He worked hard in the kitchen and the garden, helping the sick in the most ordinary, everyday ways.

Then one day something happened that was almost as strange as the ship wandering off course. There was a large meeting of Franciscans and Dominicans, but oddly enough, the plans for who would give the sermon at the meeting fell through. There were plenty of fine preachers present, but none of them were prepared.

Those in charge of the meeting went down the line of friars. "Would you care to give the sermon, Brother? No? What about you, Father? No? Well, what about you, Fr. Anthony—is that your name?"

Slowly, Anthony rose, and just as slowly, he began to speak. The other friars sat up to listen. There was something very special about Anthony. He didn't use complicated language, but his holiness and love for God shone through his words. He was one of the best preachers they had ever heard!

From that point on, Anthony's quiet life in the hospital kitchen was over. For the rest of his life, he traveled around Italy and France, preaching sermons in churches and town squares to people who came from miles around.

His listeners heard Anthony speak about how important it is for us to live every day in God's presence. As a result of his words, hundreds of people changed their lives and bad habits, bringing Jesus back into their hearts.

Anthony wasn't always successful, though. In most cities, businesspeople would shut down their shops to come listen to Anthony. But in one city the townspeople closed their hearts to him and listened with hard faces and harsh eyes.

St. Anthony had done his best. He shrugged and turned around. The fish in the bay poked their heads out of the water to see what was going on, and St. Anthony started preaching to them instead!

Now, back to the first question. Why do we ask St. Anthony to help us find lost things?

St. Anthony had a book of psalms that was quite special to him. It was special because in those days before the printing press, books were rare and expensive. But it was also special because it contained many notes Anthony had made to help him in his preaching and teaching.

Late one night, a young Franciscan decided to leave the community. He'd had enough of that life, so he made plans to just sneak out in the middle of the night. He saw Anthony's book of psalms on his way out, and he snatched it up and ran. He knew that he could sell this precious book for a good deal of money.

Of course, Anthony was quite upset. He prayed that God would change the young man's heart and bring him back to the Franciscan life. He also hoped that while God was at it, he would return Anthony's book too.

The next day, the young man returned, tired and ashamed, with Anthony's book. He also brought back his own gifts and talents, which he decided once more to offer to the Franciscan community.

So that's why we like to ask St. Anthony to help us find lost things. He was an extraordinary man who can still help us from heaven, even in the most ordinary ways.



Perseverance: Love Never Ends

by Mary Jo Pedersen

When Courtney crossed the stage to receive her diploma a small crowd in the hall exploded in applause. Her husband Stan cheered loudly, standing with both hands in the air. Exiting the stage, she looked up, pointed to Stan and blew a kiss. That said it all! They both knew this moment was a joint victory for them, the culmination of a "steady persistent course of action...in spite of difficulties and discouragement" [perseverance, Webster's dictionary]. While writing papers and completing an internship, Courtney worked part-time, sharing care of their 18-month-old son with Stan, who worked one and a half jobs to make ends meet.

When they married, they agreed to support each other in completing their education and career plans. But they didn't anticipate the monetary or emotional cost: days without a decent conversation, weekends without time for relaxation or intimacy, less money for clothes and entertainment, periods of resentment and self-pity. Courtney and Stan faced an unanticipated challenge together yet succeeded in fulfilling their dream for a better future. Stan and Courtney are models of perseverance. So, too, are Dick and Nancy, who emerged from Dick's stroke with a radically altered life style, and Imelda and Jose, who worked round-the-clock for three years to start their small business.

With a divorce rate of almost 50%, it's inspiring to meet couples who struggle, facing difficulties and overcoming them with a stronger partnership and a deeper commitment to their marriage. What makes such perseverance possible for some and not for others? Is it just a matter of gutting it out or is there some magic formula for which challenges yield stronger relationships?

Every couple I have ever known has times when they are disillusioned, angry, depressed, tired, or just plain ready to give up. It could be over money, work, kids, alcohol, the house, sports, or in-laws. Why do some couples persevere and others give up trying to make things work?

As I talk with both newly marrieds and seasoned couples, three things seem to be present in couples who persevere through difficult times.

The first is the ability to hope. Hope in marriage is about believing in a shared but unseen future. Hope is more than optimism. Hope that perseveres is an orientation of the spirit that springs from a source beyond us. To endure, couples need a positive vision to work toward when the present moment looks grim.

When Amy was on bed rest at the end of her pregnancy and Tom was picking up the slack, their hope in the possibility of a healthy baby got them through. When Dick couldn't walk after his stroke, he and Nancy hoped for future good times with their grandchildren. The scriptures emphasize the importance of hope. "For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance" (Romans 8:24-25).

The second key to perseverance is the ability of both spouses to sacrifice for a better future. While Courtney worked evenings, Stan gave up his poker night with the guys to babysit. There were no vacations, expensive concerts or pricey bottles of wine during graduate school.

Noted marriage researcher Scott Stanley's studies of sacrifice in marriage show that when both spouses are willing to sacrifice it is a powerful way of expressing love for each other. Sacrifice says what is good for you is important to me. I love you enough to give up my own time and energy for your good. For Imelda and Jose, it meant not having new clothes or nice furniture for almost three years so that all their resources could be invested in a growing business that could support their family in the future.

The third characteristic of persevering couples is faith—in themselves, in one another and in God. Until they faced difficulties, Patrice and Sheldon were unaware that God was with them in their marriage relationship. But when the going got tough, they began to ask for God's help in resolving their bitter fights and arguments. They experienced being changed through prayer and confidence in God's power within them.

"It wasn't like a bolt of lightning or anything," commented Sheldon. "I had prayed for help at work and when playing sports, so I started to pray for help at home. Then we started to pray together. That led us to learning new ways of communicating with each other. We just slowly began to realize that we couldn't overcome this by ourselves because we were both part of the problem." Even when we have only a tiny bit of faith in ourselves or in God, prayer can sustain us.

Courtney and Stan's graduation celebration, like the success of Jose and Imelda in persevering through difficult times, is directly related to the promise they made on their wedding day to love and honor each other forever. Today, when many have lost confidence in married love, they prove it is possible!

When couples persevere, they bring this unique steadfast love into their families, their communities and into the world. It is encouraging to see that the love St. Paul speaks about in his letter to the Corinthians is possible for all of us: "Love is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love never ends" (Corinthians 13:7,8).