



PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

Parish Mailing Address

420 Holland Street, Shillington, PA 19607

Pastor

Rev. Richard Clement: 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

Director of Religious Education

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 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

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

**** The Parish Office will be closed June 19-23 in the morning.
The office will open at 12 Noon. ****

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUN. 19 – St. Romuald
8:00 a.m. Paul A. Ganter, Jr.
TUESDAY, JUN. 20 - Weekday
7:00 p.m. Victoria Dillard
WEDNESDAY, JUN. 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga
8:00 a.m. Rocco Paladino
THURSDAY, JUN. 22 – Ss. Paulinus of Nola, John
Fisher & Thomas More
7:00 p.m. Intentions for Al & Dolores Myatt
(60th Wedding Anniversary)
FRIDAY, JUN. 23 – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 a.m. Samuel Ferrante

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
4:00 p.m. Intentions for Jack & Mary Rule (55th
Wedding Anniversary)
SUNDAY, JUNE 25
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Claire & Jack Causa

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 - 4:00PM

Lector: Cindy Trygar
Cantor: TBA
Servers: Molly Yohn, Amie Wickel
EM: S/J.Baddick, S/T.Yoder, A.Cannon, L.Katzaman,
P.Goodhart, C.Brahmstadt

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - 8:30AM

Lector: Chris Boland
Cantor: TBA
Servers: Jake & Ben Makosch

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - 10:30AM

Lector: Bernadette Yohn
Cantor: TBA
Servers: Mark Stone, Grant Kellenberger
EM: J.Hutchko, C.Boland, N.O'Leary, V.Pinder, A.Seeber,
K.Roché, K.Kellenberger

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY 6/4: \$ 10,073.30

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Monday, June 19

9:00 am VBS (La Salle Cafeteria)
7:30 pm K of C Business Mtg

• Tuesday, June 20

9:00 am VBS (La Salle Cafeteria)
10:00 am Prime Timer's Bus trip
7:30 pm Charismatic Group

• Wednesday, June 21

9:00 am VBS (La Salle Cafeteria)

• Thursday, June 22

9:00 am VBS (La Salle Cafeteria)

• Friday, June 23

9:00 am VBS (La Salle Cafeteria)

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Moses reminds the Israelites that when they were starving in the desert, the Lord fed them with "manna" -- a food not known to them.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Paul points out to the Corinthians that through the sharing of the cup and the breaking of the bread, they are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

After Jesus feeds the five thousand people with barley loaves and fishes, he tries to make them understand the significance and the meaning of what he has done. He tells them, in mysterious and beautiful words, that the bread he gives is his flesh and says, "I myself am the living bread... If anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever."

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

DIVORCE SURVIVAL SUPPORT GROUP -

This is a twelve-week commitment and will be held on Monday nights at St. Benedicts in Mohnton. Please contact Deb Seidl at 610.763.6528 or dseidl@comcast.net.

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.



Be on the lookout for information regarding our open house coming soon! St. JAY members; remember to check your emails for our next meeting date. We will be planning our visit to Mifflin Court for a service project.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist

Invite You To: Fatima Day on July 13, 6 pm - 8 pm. Father Harry McCreedy will lead the July 13th celebration at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist in Birdsboro, in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima and in Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart. For the past 21 years, Father McCreedy has led Candlelight Rosary Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at his parish on the anniversary of Our Lady's sixth and final apparition to Saint Jacinta, Saint Francisco, and Blessed Lucia. He is a prominent Fatima pilgrimage guide due to his special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. This event includes Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Praying the Rosary, an Act of Consecration of Our Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Eucharistic Benediction, and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. To register for Fatima Day contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist at olme@olme.org or 610.582.3333 .

St John's Joins in the Fireworks with the Diocese

The Diocese of Allentown will be sponsoring the megablast fireworks show after the Reading Fightins home baseball game on Saturday July 22 at 6:35 PM. Tickets are \$ 9.00 per person for under the roof seating. See Deacon Joe at Church after Mass or call 610.777.2542 for tickets.

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"

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

KIDS CORNER



Summer Vacation Prayer

A Child's Prayer

No more homework, no more tests. No more getting up for school. No more book reports or studying. My summer vacation begins today! I'm so happy and I'm so free. I want to read and get up late. I want to ride my bike and swim. I want to play more with my friends. Please bless my summer days, dear God. Keep me safe and happy.

Holy Eucharist Word Search



Jesus
Body
Blood
Communion
Eucharist
Holy

Altar
Mass
Sacrament
Chalice
Host
Wine



World Refugee Day: June 20

The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. This event honors the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.

What is the Catholic Church's teaching on refugees?

It is a core Catholic teaching that every human being is created in the image of God and is therefore entitled to dignity and respect. The Catholic Church views assisting those in need as a fundamental Christian duty that is derived directly from the life of mercy of Christ, who himself was a migrant and a child of refugees. We as Christians are called to welcome our new neighbors with the same love and compassion we would want ourselves to be shown in a time of persecution. We must remember that refugees from all over the world are sent to our communities and are fleeing danger, exploitation, and persecution.

To Learn about Refugee Resettlement in the United States go to this website:
<https://justiceforimmigrants.org>

A Prayer for Migrants and Refugees



Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families. We are grateful for all of the joy and love that they bring into our lives, and we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life. Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to a place of safety and peace. Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have

been torn apart by violence and injustice. As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and St. Joseph the Worker, her husband, we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek. Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen
-(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)



The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Feast day June 24

One day an angel appeared to Zachary and announced that he was to have a son named John, who would prepare Israel for the messiah. Zachary doubted that Elizabeth, his aged wife, could bear a child.

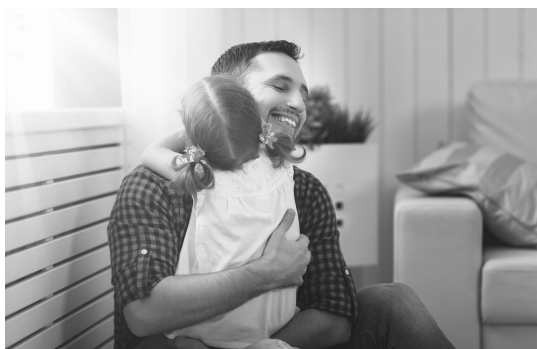
He asked for a sign, and the angel obliged. Zachary was struck dumb until John's birth. When the baby was born, the old man cuddled him and celebrated with this prophetic song:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has set them free; and he has established for us a saving power in the House of his servant David, just as he proclaimed, by the mouth of the holy prophets from ancient times, that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all those who hate us, and show faithful love to our ancestors, and so keep in mind his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies, to serve him in holiness and uprightness in his presence, all our days. And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the faithful love of our God in which the rising Sun has come from on high to visit us to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow dark as death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. —Luke 1:68–79 NJB

St. John began his ministry thirty years later. He called people to repent and baptized them in water as a sign of purification. Jesus himself approached John for baptism "Behold the lamb of God," John declared to the crowds, "who takes away the sin of the world." He resisted baptizing Jesus, but acquiesced when Jesus explained that he wanted to set an example of righteous behavior.

Herod, the ruler of Galilee, arrested John because he feared the Baptist might foment a rebellion. John had also embittered Herod by condemning his marriage to Herodias, his half-brother's wife. While in prison, John was bothered with doubt about Jesus. He had expected the messiah to come more forcefully with a "winnowing fan in his hand to clear the threshing floor." Thus, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was really the messiah.

Jesus responded that he fulfilled all the messianic signs, healing the blind, the deaf, the lame, and lepers, raising the dead, and preaching good news to the poor. Then Jesus praised John to the crowds as "more than a prophet" and as the greatest man who ever lived. One evening Herod threw a party for Galilee's upper crust. Herodias's daughter entertained, dancing so beautifully that Herod offered to reward her with anything she desired. Her mother told her to ask for John the Baptist's head on a platter. Herod kept his promise. Without even a pretense of a trial, he gave the order and a soldier beheaded John at the prison.



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

GOD OUR FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR FATHERS YOUNG AND OLD.

WE PRAY FOR YOUNG FATHERS, NEWLY EMBRACING THEIR VOCATION; MAY THEY FIND COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE TO BALANCE WORK, FAMILY AND FAITH IN JOY AND SACRIFICE. WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN FATHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHOSE CHILDREN ARE LOST OR SUFFERING; MAY THEY KNOW THAT THE GOD

OF COMPASSION WALKS WITH THEM IN THEIR SORROW. WE PRAY FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT FATHERS BUT STILL MENTOR AND GUIDE US WITH FATHERLY LOVE AND ADVICE. WE REMEMBER FATHERS, GRANDFATHER, AND GREAT GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT WHO LIVE FOREVER IN OUR MEMORY AND NOURISH US WITH THEIR LOVE.

AMEN

Happy Father's Day!