



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUN. 5 – St. Boniface
8:00 a.m. Cecelia Smith
TUESDAY, JUN. 6 – St. Norbert
7:00 p.m. Josie Kopala
WEDNESDAY, JUN. 7 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Agnes Bradley
THURSDAY, JUN. 8 - Weekday
7:00 p.m. Lillian Perugini
FRIDAY, JUN. 9 – St. Ephrem
8:00 a.m. John Caltagirone

MOST HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
4:00 p.m. Sharon & Clifford Brahmstadt
(50th Wedding Anniversary)
SUNDAY, JUNE 11
8:30 a.m. Donald Fry, Jr.
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 - 4:00PM

Lector: Kevin Moore
Cantor: TBA
Servers: Hanna Bitting, Nancy Weinheimer
EM: L.Wakefield, M/R.Favinger, G.Unger, C.J.Geiger,
L/D.Curran

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - 8:30AM

Lector: Ed Lawrence
Cantor: TBA
Servers: Sophia Pienta, Sara Teson

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - 10:30AM

Lector: Craig Turnbaugh
Cantor: TBA
Servers: Joseph Giesen, Joseph Kowalski
EM: J.Buckley, M.DePaul, D/D.Giesen, K.Luft, L.Asgari,
N.Faust, D.Berletic

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 5/21: 11,357.00

EASTER: \$24,660.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, June 5**
7:30 pm K of C General Mtg.
- **Tuesday, June 6**
1:00 pm Prime Timers Picnic
7:30 pm Charismatic Group
- **Thursday, June 8**
6:30 pm La Salle 8th Grade Graduation
- **Friday, June 9**
Noon Dismissal Last Day of School for LSA

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

On the feast of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in many tongues; those who heard them were filled with amazement.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul tells the Corinthians that each possesses different gifts and performs different ministries, but each works for the common good in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

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



Attention Altar Servers: New schedules have been either mailed or emailed. Please contact the Parish Office , 610.777.1697, if you did not receive your schedule.

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

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.



Baptisms for the month of May:

A joyous welcome to our newest little members to our parish family:

*Desmond James Cartin
Emmamae Constance Giunta
Carter Liam McNear*

*Madison Grace McNear
Drew Michael Schultenover*



In place of our next meeting, we will be attending HGA youth group's end of year picnic! It will take place next Sunday, June 11, from 6-8. We hope to see all 8th-12th graders at the picnic!

Faith Sharing for Women

Unfortunately, Faith Sharing for Women will not meet in the month of June. Look for a future announcement of the next session, most likely in early July.

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.

The first meeting of the Picnic committee will take place on Saturday June 10th at 2:45 PM in the Father Lyons room. This meeting will be short so we can make the 4 PM mass afterwards. The committee welcomes new members to join in!

DIVORCE SURVIVAL SUPPORT GROUP -

beginning June 5. This is a twelve week commitment and will be held on Monday nights at St. John The Baptist in Shillington. Please contact Deb Seidl at 610.763.6528 or dseidl@comcast.net.



The Parish Nurses Ministry will be taking blood pressure screenings after all Masses, this weekend JUNE 3/4 in the Father Lyons Room.



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.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Congratulations!

The Ascension's intertwining message of loss and hope, has always struck me as especially powerful because it coincides with the graduation season, when so many people experience a bittersweet combination of moving on from the beloved familiar to a new life.

And just like the disciples, we're scared of facing the unknown. However Jesus' promise that "I am with you always, until the end of the age" resonates with us and reassures us. Like the apostles leaving that mountain, we can trust that Jesus will remain with us no matter where life takes us.

Blessings to all our graduates, those from grade school to high school, high school to college and from college to the working world as well as all who are experiencing transitions of whatever kind! May the Lord be with you and give you hope, strength and courage.

Fr. Rich

Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteer Program

Heartland Hospice offers a special program of end-of-life care to local patients who have served our country. **The Vet-to-Vet program** strives to match a hospice patient who is a Veteran with a volunteer who also is a Veteran, or active military personnel. Volunteers offer compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgement at a time when it is needed most. Comprehensive volunteer training is offered and can be suited to meet your scheduling needs. Only 2-4 hours a month can make a world of difference to someone who would otherwise be alone. If you are a Veteran or active military personnel and would like more information please call **Gail Champlin, MS Ed., Volunteer Coordinator 610-373-6898 or 1-888-800-0224.**

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"

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

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.



5 Ideas For A Fruitful and Faith-filled Summer

BY CHARISSE TIERNEY

As I watched my son belly flop over the edge of our inflatable backyard pool, the essence of summer washed over me. I love the carefree days of summer. The sound of kids yelling and laughing outdoors until twilight steals the day; afternoons spent

lounging by the pool; spontaneous trips to get ice cream and slushes.

But I also know that those carefree days can quickly turn into listless chaos. "I'm bored" can all too quickly become a mantra. And, before I know it, I've allowed too much screen time and the "fun" of all of that free time isn't so fun anymore.

Balance is needed between work and play, between engaging the mind and resting it—and we need to realize where true rest and rejuvenation lies. Over the years, I've enjoyed coming up with plans and projects to give our summers purpose and direction. Here is a list of five that our family has either done in the past or hope to do in the future.

1. Choose a corporal or spiritual work of mercy to carry out each week as a family.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." –Mt 25:35-36

One summer, our family chose a local charity that corresponded with each corporal work of mercy. I contacted a different charity each week to find out what their needs were, and we had fun collecting items for a homeless shelter and safe house, visiting a nursing home, and acquiring some new Bibles for a prison ministry. It opened our eyes to the many needs within our own community!

2. Establish a new family prayer habit.

Consider adding a daily Mass to your family's week, read the daily Gospel together, or pray a decade (or more) of the Rosary together at least once a week. Our family has been enjoying reading the daily reflection in the Pope Francis Family Devotional at the dinner table—after the food has been passed around and mouths are full and quiet!

3. Create a chore system.

Make charts, write lists, or establish routines. Find a chore system that works for your family and stick to it. Include things like household chores, summer reading, and musical instrument practice. Discuss the importance of obedience, diligence, and attention to detail with your children, and use chores to work together as a family.

4. Cultivate a garden together.

*"Ponder the fact that God has made you a gardener, to root out vice and plant virtue."
–St. Catherine of Siena*

Whether it's a vegetable garden or a flower garden, the natural growth of plants teaches our children the beauty of God's nurturing hand. Consider planting a Mary Garden, and allow our Blessed Mother to guide you as you lead your children into virtue.

5. Have fun!

*"And tell me, do you play with your children? Do you waste time with your children?"
The free gift of a parent's time is so important." –Pope Francis*

Take day trips together, sit on the porch swing and eat popsicles together, catch fireflies at twilight together. Quality and quantity of time matter with our children. The more time we spend together, the more likely we are to trust one another, to open up to one another, and to create a foundation of love that will stand the test of time and resist the divisiveness of the world.

Be purposeful in creating a summer schedule that allows your family to work together, pray together, and play together.

A WORD FROM OUR PARISH NURSES MINISTRY...

Travel Safety and Health

For summer vacation or any time, attention to key details can help to prevent accidents, injuries and other health problems. Here are some high impact practices to keep healthy while traveling:

Automobile safety:

- Always wear seatbelts and use appropriate sized car restraints for children
- Drivers should be fanatic about keeping eyes on the road and avoiding distracting operations on phones and other gadgets. Even talking on a hands-free phone may be distracting and cause an accident.
- Passengers of all ages should support the driver. For example, keep a pleasant attitude, avoid sudden movements, look out for hazards on the road, and help the driver to keep hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.
- Stop at least every two hours to walk around and use the rest room. It will increase alertness, help blood circulation and promote everyone's comfort.
- Plan for children to be occupied with games and activities to pass the time. Children absorbed in doing an activity are less likely to distract the driver.
- For motion sickness, if possible, have the person affected sit up front. Advise car-sick prone people to look out at the horizon instead of reading or looking down at a tablet or phone.
- Bring drinks and snacks that are easily opened.
- Follow speed limits and always keep safety the priority over arriving faster.



When flying by plane or traveling to international destinations:

- Stay hydrated. Bring an empty water bottle to fill, or purchase non-alcoholic beverages for yourself and family members.
- Bring a small hand gel in your carry-on Ziploc bag of liquids, as well as sanitizing wipes to use on hands and surfaces, such as the tray table. In addition to using the gel, wash hands with soap and water whenever there is an opportunity.
- Exercise feet and legs by simply flexing them every twenty minutes or so. Get up to walk around the cabin when safe to do so on long flights.
- For international travel there may be recommendations for additional vaccines, or advice about local health hazards. The Centers for Disease Control website provides excellent information about travel guidelines for your specific destination. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>
 - Keep alert for signs of danger in airports such as unattended packages, people shouting or acting strangely. Move away from disturbances. Pay attention to public address announcements and follow directions of airport security personnel.



For all types of travel, pack your prayers and patience to cope with delays and inconveniences. Ask God to protect your travels, while you do your best to stay safe, healthy and grateful for travel opportunities.