



PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

Parish Mailing Address

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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

Cub Scouts

Contact: Dan Giesen at 610.777.4387

Knights of Columbus

Contact: Bill Griffith at 484.797.0669

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Contact: Bernadette Yohn at 610.777.1697 or 610.777.6297

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, FEB. 19 – Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. James Domin
TUESDAY, FEB. 20 – Lenten Weekday
7:00 p.m. Sam Krick, Jr.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 – St. Peter Damian
8:00 a.m. Maris De Carlo
THURSDAY, FEB. 22 – Chair of St. Peter the
Apostle
7:00 p.m. Tina Jones
FRIDAY, FEB. 23 – St. Polycarp
8:00 a.m. Colleen Speck

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, FEB. 24
4:00 p.m. Leo Toal
SUNDAY, FEB. 25
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Francis Polaski

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEB. 24 - 4:00PM

Lector: Brian Kobularcik
Cantor: Deb Brooks
Servers: Molly Yohn, Lydia & Seth Toal
EM: C/G.Legezdh, L.Lombardo, C.Trygar, R.Stuber

SUNDAY, FEB. 25 - 8:30AM

Lector: Stephen Hetzel
Cantor: Sue Gallen
Servers: Jake, Ben & Jack Makosch

SUNDAY, FEB. 25 - 10:30AM

Lector: Lorraine Asgari
Cantor: Scott Tice
Servers: Amie Wickle, Luke & Brynn Bennethum
EM: A/C.Turnbaugh, N.Faust, V.Sottosanti, T.Cuba

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 2/4: \$ 11,562.19



Altar Bread & Wine for the month of February: In loving memory of George & Virginia "Dinty" Stauffer (requested by the Stauffer Daughters)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 18

6:15 Youth Group
6:30 pm NO Rel. Ed. Classes

Monday, Feb. 19

7:30 pm K of C Business Mtg.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

7:00 pm RCIA
7:30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday, Feb. 22

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday, Feb. 23

5:30 pm Lenten Meal: (School Cafeteria, please use the back entrance to the school – where the upper parking lot is)

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- **LENTEN MEALS:** During the Fridays of Lent, Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2,9,16, 23 a Poor Man's Meal will be served in the School Cafeteria starting at 5:30 PM. The money you would spend for yourself or family is donated for the Poor Man's Meal. The money will go to serving the food pantry and Rice Bowl. Please know, no one will be turned away if a donation cannot be made. Different groups from our parish family will be hosting an evening meal.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION:** will be held on all Fridays during Lent (with the exception of Good Friday) during Lent beginning at 7:00 PM.

Sanctuary Candle for the week of 2/18-24: In loving memory of Henry & Leona Creak (requested by Shirley & George Hlodash)

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

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

- **March 20, 2018- Mt. Airy Casino Tribute to Neil Diamond.** Money due by Feb. 27. Contact Mary Stadelmeyer with questions at 484.955.9492



YOUTH GROUP All 8th-12th graders are encouraged to attend our next meeting. It will be this Sunday, February 18th, from 6:15-7:45. We will discuss future service projects, trips, fundraisers, and our annual Easter egg hunt. Follow our Twitter at **StJohn_YG16** for more youth group information and updates!

Volunteers Needed

St. Francis Home for the terminally ill, is in need of volunteers to help with resident care. We are located in Shillington on Hillside Drive. Our mission is to provide loving and compassionate care to our residents regardless of ability to pay. If you feel you would like to be a part of our St. Francis Home family, please call Nancy Schwartz with any questions, at 610.670.1050.



La Salle Academy is sponsoring

"Why cook Wednesdays?" All you have to do is eat out on the following dates and mention you are there to support La Salle. A portion of

the proceeds will go to benefit the La Salle Academy PTO.

- **February 21:** Mangia in Mohnton 5-8p
- **April 17:** "Tuesday" edition at Chipotle near Target, Spring Township 4-8p
- **March 28:** is a special edition at Victor Emmanuel, tickets will be \$10 for a spaghetti dinner complete with meatballs and bread.

Thanks for your support! For questions, contact ptolasalleacademy@gmail.com



OUR LENTEN OBLIGATIONS:

Who must fast? All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday. The fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

What does fasting mean? You may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs. No snacking between meals.

Who must abstain? All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does abstinence mean? The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence? Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their personal care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill? Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (18 February until 27 May, 2018). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.



Save the Date: Spring Fest 2018

Will be held on April 21/22
Lots of new things and all the
yummy food! A gift card bingo
will be played on Saturday April
21. We are currently looking for
any businesses that would like

to donate. Thanks in advance and look for
many more details including pre order forms
in the coming weeks. For more Information:
springfestLSA@gmail.com

TAIZE PRAYER at the Bernardine Franciscan
Convent (adjacent to Alvernia University) every
first Thursday of the month from March to
June at 7:00 PM with prayer, song and
adoration.

Berks Catholic High School is proud to announce our 2018 Broadway Show Thoroughly Modern Millie

Friday, March 16 at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday,
March 17 at 7:00 P.M.

Franco-Post Auditorium

General Admission Tickets will be available for
sale after all Masses

March 3-4 & March 11-12

\$11 Adults, \$9 Seniors, \$5 Students

Reserved seats are available online

www.tinyurl.com/bctheater

\$15 Adults, \$13 Senior, \$9 Students

This year, we are offering Dinner and a Show
for our Seniors who are 55+

If you are interested in attending the dinner,
please contact Christina DeAngelis
cdeangelis1998@gmail.com / 610.568.5711

Looking to find God in a new way? Come see
how Secular Franciscans find God in all
creation. Join us March 18 at 1:30 pm in the
McGlenn Conference Center, 460 St.
Bernardine St., Reading. Any questions, please
call 610.777.4739.

Holy Name Class of 1968 50th Reunion

Save the Date June 2, 2018. Information to follow.
Pre registration - call or email to:
luciwagner84@gmail.com 610.777.5917

**Presented by Diocese of Allentown - St.
John Paul II Foundation - Together in
Holiness – a Catholic marriage conference**
that inspires spouses and empowers parents.
April 14, 2018 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at St.
Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sinking Spring, PA.

Celebrant and speakers:

Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Roland Millare,
Deacon Joe Nines, Joy Pinto and Dr. Joshua
and Mrs. Christine Schulz.

Who Should Attend: Catholic married and
engaged couples who desire to grow
together in holiness and learn to form their
children in the Catholic faith.

Registration Fee: Early Bird Couple \$49 –
Early Bird Individual \$29 (*early bird fees only
available through March 2*) Couples \$59 –
Individual \$35. On-site childcare available.
Pre-registration required. Scholarships for
couples or individuals are available. For more
information and to register, visit
togetherinholiness.org or contact
Foundation Conference Coordinator, Aubrie
Miller at aubrie@forlifeandfamily.org or call
832.779.1070

Please join La Salle CYO for our very first Cash & Prize Bingo on Sunday,

March 18th at St.

Benedict's New Family Life
Center. Doors open at 12:30
and Bingo Starts at 2:30.

Pre-ordered Tickets- \$25.00 for 16 regular
games of Bingo. Tickets sold at door - \$30.
The day will include great food, drinks, raffles,
50/50 drawing, 16 regular games of Bingo, 4
Special games, and one very impressive
Jackpot Game! You can purchase your tickets
by sending a check, made payable to La Salle
CYO, with your full name and number of
tickets, directly to La Salle Academy, 440
Holland St, Shillington, PA 19607, Attention
CYO Bingo. When sent to the school your
tickets will be ready for you at the door the
day of Bingo. Tickets will also be available
after masses at both St. Benedict's and St.
John's. We hope you can join us! Thank you
for your continued support of La Salle CYO!





Justice in Action Ministry Poverty in the United States

Did You Know that 40 million Americans live in poverty? What's worse, 6.7% of the population—or 21.3 million people—live in deep poverty, with incomes below 50% of their poverty thresholds. In 2016 15.3 million children lived in poverty. That is almost 1 in every 5 children. Who are these people who live in poverty? All those who make less than the Federal government's official poverty

threshold live in poverty. Poverty thresholds are intended for use as a statistical yardstick, not a complete description of what people and/or families actually need to live. In 2017 the official poverty threshold for a family of 4 was \$25, 283. For a household of 2, age 65 or older, the poverty threshold was \$14,816.

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

In their own words people in poverty tell us about their life:

*"People look down on you, thinking you are nothing, like not one poor person tried in their life."
(Female, Kansas, 16, household of three, income of less than \$8,860.)*

*"You are voiceless and somewhat powerless to change your situation because you are too busy trying to survive to make the changes you need to improve your situation."
(Female, 40, Washington, household of one, income less than \$10,294)*

*"I'm a senior, disabled, all alone, no money, sit in front of T.V. all day –why? Too poor to socialize. Poverty is like being in prison. Why even try to stay alive? For what?
(Female, 62, Oregon, household of one, income less than \$10,294)*

*"Not being able to enjoy a quality of life that gives dignity, hope for the future and the education of our children."
(Male, 58, Texas, household of one, income of less than \$8,860)*

(Source: USCCB and Campaign for Human Development, used with permission for educational purposes.)

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To:

- **One Day Retreat with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: Father Terry & Brother Shawn
Wednesday, February 28, 2018: 9 - 2 PM**

The One Day Retreat will include two Conferences, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. The Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal was begun in 1987 by eight Capuchin friars desiring to work more definitively for personal and communal reform within the Catholic Church. The life and apostolate of the friars are rooted in the ideals and spirit of the Capuchin reform born in the early 16th century. To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist olme@olme.org 610.582.3333
All are Welcome! Bring a Friend! Your generous donation will be deeply appreciated.



Mary's Shelter Kenhorst to Open at 615 Kenhorst Blvd Open House on February 26, 2018 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Mary's Shelter provides residential and non-residential services for pregnant women and women with newborns who are in need of a supportive environment because of a lack of suitable housing or favorable family relationships. While caring for women in need, Mary's Shelter prepares mothers with newborns for independent living and a vision of hope for the future.

Donations Needed

JAM has adopted one room to decorate for a future mother and her baby. We have acquired the needed furniture but have other items that are needed to make the room complete.

One floor rug (approximately 6x9) in a neutral color, grey or tan

One bedside lamp

One bedroom size trash can

Bed bug covers for twin size box spring and mattress and pillows

One set of NEW sheets, twin size

Two or more NEW crib size sheets

Two sets of NEW towels and washcloths

One under bed storage container

Plastic hangers

Clothes tree

Alarm Clock

Light -weight door/wall mirror

Strong arms are needed to move the furniture from an in-house storeroom to the bedroom for the preliminary decorating scheduled for **Thursday, February 22 beginning at 3:00 pm**. If you are interested in helping with any of the above, or want more information, contact Arlene Seeber (484.794.8027 or arleneseeber@icloud.com). Thank you!



The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Feast day February 22

When the pope cautions world leaders, pleads for peace, or condemns social injustice, people listen and respond. What makes the world listen to this man? The answer lies in Scripture and in Tradition. Peter is named first among the apostles of Jesus; he was often their spokesman and leader; he was the first to preach after Pentecost; and he was the leader in defending Christ and his message. Peter was at the Transfiguration and in the garden.

He proclaimed to Jesus, "You are the Christ," and Christ singled him out:

"So I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the

gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19)

Jesus prayed for Peter that he might strengthen his brothers. (Luke 22:32) And Jesus gave Peter a threefold commission to "[f]eed my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

From the beginning, the specialness, or primacy, of Peter has been recognized. On the feast of the Chair of Peter, we celebrate our unity as a Church. We celebrate the love, presence, and protection of Christ for us, the Church. The title Chair of Peter refers to the chair from which a bishop presided, a symbol of his authority. When the title refers to Saint Peter, it recalls the supreme teaching power of Peter and his successors. It is from the chair, from the pastoral power given him, that the pope shepherds Christ's flock.