



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

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, MAR. 19 – St. Joseph
8:00 a.m. Pauline Farina Stanhope
TUESDAY, MAR. 20 – Lenten Weekday
7:00 p.m. All Souls
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 21 – Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Sara Stambaugh
THURSDAY, MAR. 22 – Lenten Weekday
7:00 p.m. Ruth Gottschall
FRIDAY, MAR. 23 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
8:00 a.m. Agnes Bradley

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
4:00 p.m. Dolores Renninger
SUNDAY, MARCH 25
8:30 a.m. Sophie Fry
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 - 4:00PM

Lector: Brian Kobularcik
Cantor: Deb Brooks
Servers: Amie Wickel, Molly Yohn, Rosie Makosch
EM: L.Lombardo, D.Berletic, K/R.Stuber, J.Geiger

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - 8:30AM

Lector: Chris Boland
Cantor: Sue Gallen
Servers: Jake, Jack & Ben Makosch

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - 10:30AM

Lector: Adam Krick
Cantor: Scott Tice
Servers: Ben & Matt Mulholland, Matt Brown
EM: C.Bensing, A/C.Turnbaugh, C.Yochimowitz, D.Cannon,



Altar Bread for the month of March:
In loving memory of "Nana" Betty
Krick (requested by Adam, Teresa &
Liliana Krick)

Sanctuary Candle for the week of 3/18-24: For the intentions of our RCIA catechumen, Vince Holloway and candidates, Barbara Childers, Amanda Geiser, Roger Henry, and Jan Prydybasz (requested by the RCIA team)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 18

6:15 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Rel. Ed Classes

Monday, Mar. 19

1:00 pm Prime Timers Board Mtg.
7:30 pm K of C Business Mtg.

Tuesday, Mar. 20

10:00 am Prime Timers Trip
7:00 pm RCIA
7:30 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday, Mar. 22

5:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday, Mar. 23

5:30 pm Lenten Meal: *(School Cafeteria, please use the back entrance to the school – where the upper parking lot is)*
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 3/4: \$ 11,621.25

Altar Wine for the month of March: In loving memory of Genevieve & Daniel Antonucci (requested by Anthony Antonucci)



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

April 18th Hollywood Casino- Money Due April 4th. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 to Mary Stadelmeyer, please place deposit in an envelope marked with the show name and your phone number. Questions, contact Mary at 484.955.9492



La Salle Academy Open House

Join us at La Salle Academy on Sunday, March 25th from 1-3PM for a **TECHNOLOGY REBOOT OPEN HOUSE**. Come see all the new technology in use throughout the school, take a tour, and enjoy some food and technology themed games for students. Members of St. John's and St. Benedict's parishes are eligible to receive a \$1000.00 Transfer Grant in addition to the regular parish subsidy for students transferring to La Salle Academy for the 2018-2019 school year from 1st-7th grades. Still accepting registrations for Preschool and Prekindergarten and Kindergarten. Half and Full day Programs available. Contact the school for more information at 610.777.7392.

Blood Drive

The Parish Nurse Ministry with Miller-Keystone Blood Bank are sponsoring a blood drive at St. John's on Monday April 23rd 2-7pm. Sign up after all Masses on April 7th/8th, 14th/15th, and 21st/22nd. **Give a Gift only you can give!**

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING-

will be holding two registration evenings in the upcoming weeks in the Berks Catholic High School- Main Lobby DATE: Thursday March 22. 6-8 P.M. This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to www.leaguelineup.com/bcyfac For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610.374.1695 or email dfowler@berkscatholic.org

Parish Reconciliation: Next Sunday, March 25 at 7 pm we will have our Lenten Communal Penance Service. Several guest priests will be available to hear confessions that evening. This will be the last time to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter.



YOUTH GROUP - Our next meeting will be this Sunday, March 18th, from 6:15-7:45 in the LaSalle cafe. We will be stuffing eggs for our upcoming Easter egg hunt. All 8th-12th graders are encouraged to come for a fun time. For more youth group information and updates, visit our Twitter at StJohn_YG16.

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.

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

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

A Day of Reflection and Prayer: The Woman God Sees. Saturday, March 24, 2018 - 9-5pm Followed by a 5pm Eucharistic Liturgy and 6:00 pm Dinner. You are welcome to arrive Saturday Morning by 9am or on Friday Evening by 7pm. Limited Beds Available - Meals Provided. Departure on Saturday Evening or Sunday Morning. Free Will Offering. Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Motherhouse - McGlenn Conference Center 460 St Bernardine Street - Reading, PA 19607 (adjacent to Alvernia University) Register with Sister Madonna Harvath by March 19, 2018 at 610.952.5053 or MadonnaHarvath@bfranciscan.org

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:) 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

Easter Food & Craft Festival will be held at St. Mary's in Hamburg on Saturday, March 24 from 9 am – 1 pm. Easter candy, breads, flowers, pysanky eggs, handmade rosaries; kitchen will be open serving breakfast & lunch. If any questions, please call 610.562.7657.

Experienced Organist needed at Holy Guardian Angels Church for Thursday evening choir rehearsals, weekend masses, funerals, weddings and special events. Please send resume to novakangel@comcast.net. If you should have any questions, please call Sue Swavely at 610.587.7061

St. Catharine of Siena Church, Reading is looking for a qualified individual, lay or religious, to serve as a full-time director/coordinator of religious education. This position is primarily responsible for the administration of religious education and sacramental preparation of programs. College degree in theology or religious studies required; Master Catechist Certification and/or equivalent training preferred. Please send letter of interest and resume with personal and professional references to Search Committee, St. Catharine of Siena Parish, 2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606. No phone calls please!

LSA PTO Spring Fest

Mark your calendars for Spring Fest this April 21st and 22nd. Join us at the school for Food, Raffles, Art, Bingo, Carnival Games and more! Contact the School office for more information at 610.777.7392.

HEY KIDS!
JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL

ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

Easter

EGG HUNT

HOSTED BY OUR YOUTH GROUP, ST JAY!

MARCH 25th
11:45AM
on the La Salle Academy
Recess Grounds

AGES 0-10
ARE WELCOME TO
JOIN THE FUN!

Questions?
Please contact **Ashlee**
610.944.4862
ashleeroseh@gmail.com

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE ST. JOHN BAPTIST!

**FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY APRIL 7TH AT 5 PM IN THE LA SALLE CAFETERIA
COVERED DISH SOCIAL**

CHICKEN AND SANDWICHES PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING
EITHER A COLD PICNIC STYLE FOOD ITEM OR A DESSERT.
FOOD ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CAFETERIA
BEFORE THE 4 PM MASS.



**ENTERTAINMENT!
MUSIC AND DANCING!
OLDIES 50'S-80'S/ ROCK AND ROLL
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND OUR OWN
CHARLIE AND GERRY JINES TO INSTRUCT BASIC
JITTERBUG, CHA-CHA LINE DANCING, TWIST ETC**



So put on your dancing shoes and come out for the night. Guest
appearance by St John himself!

Please complete the attached form to indicate your participation and drop it
in the collection basket by 4/1.

NAME _____ **Number of adults** _____

FOOD ITEM _____ **Number of children** _____

DESSERT _____



Gun Violence

Did you know? A recent study of World Health Organization data published in the American Journal of Medicine found that, among high-income nations, 91 percent of children younger than 15 who were killed by bullets lived in the United States. Guns are linked to roughly 33,000 deaths in the United States per year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; about two-thirds of them are suicides. For many years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has

supported a number of reasonable measures to address the problem of gun violence. These include:

- A total ban on assault weapons, which the USCCB supported when the ban passed in 1994 and when Congress failed to renew it in 2004.
- Measures that control the sale and use of firearms, such as universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines;
- A federal law to criminalize gun trafficking;
- Improved access to and increased resources for mental health care and earlier interventions;
- Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns;
- Measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision; and
- An honest assessment of the toll of violent images and experiences, which inundate people, particularly our youth.

The USCCB also supports recent proposals to set a more appropriate minimum age for gun ownership, and to ban “bump stocks.” In addition, the USCCB supports wholistic measures, such as the promotion of mercy and peace building in our communities through restorative justice policies and practices, ongoing encounters and discussions at the parish level regarding violence in communities.

What you can do

Catholics and all people of good will are urged to contact their Senators and Representative to support policy and legislative measures that uphold the safety and wellbeing of all persons in our communities. Send your thoughts to our elected officials by using the links found on our parish website: www.stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com. Click Resources and scroll down to Elected Official Contact List.



Saint John's Room at Mary's Shelter Kenhorst

Justice in Action Ministry would like to thank all those who helped in the adoption of Room 15 at Mary's Shelter new location on Kenhorst Boulevard. In the near future a mother and child will benefit from your generosity.

If you would like to contribute a “house warming gift” to Mary's Shelter, several items remain on their wish list: bedroom trash can, crib mobile, baby books, baby bottles, baby wipes, baby wash/shampoo/lotion (No oil or powder please), diapers (all sizes- Newborn to size 6), Similac formula, nail clippers, socks. Contributions can be left in the Father Lyons Room and JAM will deliver them to Mary's Shelter Kenhorst.