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PARISH PICNIC

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SEPT 18

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12:15 PM

*A fun-filled afternoon  
for the entire family!*

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Mohnton Playground | Walnut Street in Mohnton

**\$10 PER PERSON (17 & UNDER ARE FREE)**

BINGO

» **Serving Kauffman's BBQ Dinner at 1PM** «

Kauffman's Famous Bar-B-Que Half Chicken, Hot Dog, Baked Potato,  
Baked Beans, Applesauce, Assorted Picnic Snacks, Water, Lemonade, and Iced Tea.

**Kids Meal (Ages 2-17):** Hot Dog, Chicken Nuggets, and Applesauce.

**JOIN YOUR FAMILY OF FAITH  
ON SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 4th** by filling out this form, detaching it, and placing it in the Sunday Collection Basket or dropping it off at the church office.

Make checks payable to "St. John's"

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults (18+ over) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 / person

No. of Children (17 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ x FREE!

Age(s) of Children (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_



# PARISH STAFF, MINISTRY DIRECTORY, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

## PARISH STAFF & MAILING ADDRESS

### Parish Mailing Address

420 Holland Street, Shillington, PA 19607

### Pastor

Rev. Edward Essig: [REDACTED]

### 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: Kate Roche at 610.777.4792

### Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

Contact: Kate 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 Kelly at 610.763.6528

## ORGANIZATIONS

### Prime Timers

Contact: Nick Bentz at 610.777.8864

### Knights of Columbus

Contact: Bill Griffith at 484.797.0669

### Altar Society

Contact: Carol Bensing at 610.401.6561

### CYO (Christian Youth Organization)

Contact: Tony Cannon at 215.872.0240

### Parish Gardeners

Contact: Chris Hofmann at 610.777.2523

## WORSHIP

### Eucharistic Adoration

TBA

### 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

## 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. Bill Hess, M. Ed, Head of School: 610.374.8361 ext. 230

**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

<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>AUGUST 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:00 a.m.	Dieudonne Derosier
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>AUGUST 23 - St. Rose of Lima</b>
8:00 a.m.	Ida Doyle
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>AUGUST 24 - St. Bartholomew</b>
8:00 a.m.	The Chalout & Ouellette Families
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>AUGUST 25 - St. Louis, &amp; St. Joseph Calasanz</b>
7:00 p.m.	Ruth Mc Dowell
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>AUGUST 26 - Weekday</b>
8:00 a.m.	Carl Graczyk

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>AUGUST 27</b>
4:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>AUGUST 28</b>
8:30 a.m.	Patricia Quinter
10:30 a.m.	Karl Pfeiffenberger, Sr.

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 - 4:00PM****Lector:** Mike Caterina**Servers:** Quinn Manidis, Penny Cartin**EM:** Randy & Kate Stuber, Renee Premici, Gina Manidis, Bernadette Yohn**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 - 8:30AM****Lector:** Shayla Carey**Servers:** Teagan Rogers**EM:** Hedy Oldham, Susan Artz, Lois Lombardo, Chris Boland, Mary Stadelmeyer**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 - 10:30AM****Lector:** Craig Turnbaugh**Servers:** Alyssa & Sophia Reali**EM:** Tom Cuba, Tony Cannon, Adam Krick, Renee Reali, Vicki Pinder

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21**

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday**

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**Monday**

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday**

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday**

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

**Thursday**

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday**

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of August 21 - 27:**

In loving memory of the Volpiccini Family  
(requested by Palma Hafer)

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP****SUNDAY 8/14: \$9,651.50****Maintenance & Utilities for August: \$886.00****Mission Co-Op: \$370.00****Thank you for your generosity!**

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.

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Aug. 21,	Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, AJ
Aug. 22,	Rev. Msgr. Nevin Klinger
Aug. 23,	Rev. Jose Kochuparambil
Aug. 24,	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons
Aug. 25,	Rev. David Kosak
Aug. 26,	Rev. Msgr. Robert Kozel
Aug. 27,	Rev. Daniel Kravatz, Jr.

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.

Brother Lawrence—Love Beyond Measure

Man's way leads to a hopeless end. God's way leads to an endless hope.



### La Salle Academy is hiring for the 2022-2023 School Year :

1. Full-Time - Learning Support Teacher
2. P/T - Preschool Teacher
3. P/T - ART Teacher (2 Days per week)
4. P/T - Music Teacher (2 Days per week)
5. Long-Term Sub. F/T Teacher- October -February (K-3 Cert. Required)
6. P/T - Classroom Aides
7. Per Diem - Substitute Teachers
8. Aftercare Workers
9. Full Time- Main Office Administrative Assistant
10. P/T - Marketing Coordinator

Applications may be found on [www.LSABEAR.com](http://www.LSABEAR.com) under the EMPLOYMENT Tab . Teaching/Classroom Positions, Send completed Diocesan Teaching Application and documentation via email or by Mail. Admin Assistant and Marketing Positions, Send Cover Letter and Diocesan Employment Application via email or by Mail to

Mr. Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed., Principal  
440 Holland Street, Shillington, PA 19607  
or email: [MICKULIK@LSABEAR.COM](mailto:MICKULIK@LSABEAR.COM)

**WIN \$10,000 CASH!!** The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. For more information on Extravaganza, please contact Danielle Fowler at 610.374.1695 or e-mail [Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org](mailto:Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org)

## PRIME TIMERS NEWS

### Upcoming Trips with our Prime Timers:

**-Casino Trip to Wind Creek:** Thursday, October 13, 2002 - bus will leave St. John's parking lot at 9 AM and return approximately 6 PM. Cost: \$35.00 per person.

**-American Music Theater "Christmas Show":** Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Lunch at Showboat. Cost: To be determined at later date.

For more information on these trips please Call **Mary Stadelmeyer at 484-955-9492. Please continue to read the bulletin for updates on the trips.**

**You do not need to be a member of the Prime Timers to join them on their trips!**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Diocesan Policy states that two years of preparation are required before celebration of the sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist.

If you have a child entering First Grade and they will not be attending a parochial school they should be registered in a Religious Education Program. Thus, all students entering First Grade in September 2022 should register in a program. Please call the Parish Office (610.777.1697) to request a registration form. **Deadline to register is August 29, 2022.** Our Program serves children from First Grade - Eighth Grade. Classes are held on Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm.

### R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The R.C.I.A. is the way in which people explore the possibility of joining the Catholic Christian Community. It's a process of informal instruction, prayer and sharing - that leads to full membership in the Catholic Church.

**Who is this for?** Anyone who has never been baptized, those of another faith, those who have no affiliation with any church, or Catholics who have never completed full initiation (celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.) Please call Bernadette at the Parish Office for more information (610.777.1697)

**PA March for Life-** The PA Family Institute will be holding the second annual March for Life on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The rally will begin at 11:00 AM with the march to follow at 12:00 PM. Plans are also in the works to speak with our local representatives. Lifeline of Berks County and the Reading March for Life will be providing two buses for the event. The buses are open to anyone on a first come first served bases, but registration is required. More details will follow in your parish bulletin, or you can contact Stephanie Giles at 610.374.8545 or watch for registration information on the Lifeline website at [www.lifelineofberks.org](http://www.lifelineofberks.org).

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

On Sunday June 19, 2022, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus) the Catholic Church in the United States began a 3-year Eucharistic Revival. The purpose is to refresh, renew, recommit, and rebuild our belief and understanding of The Most Holy Eucharist. During this time the Church will be encouraging a greater participation at Mass, including attendance at the daily Masses in our parishes, along with times set aside for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the annual celebration of parish 40 Hours.

Therefore, one thing I have chosen for the parish family of St. John's is to share with all of us as to what the Church teaches concerning the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Over the next two years we will be reading from the Catechism of the Catholic Church concerning this Gift from God Our Father - The Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity, of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. This food given to us for our salvation. I encourage all our parish families to take advantage of this opportunity to read these quick teachings from the Catechism so as to grow in our knowledge of the Holy Eucharist, and to share the beauty of this knowledge with others.

*The Peace of Jesus be yours!*  
*Fr. Ed*

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### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST** **The Eucharist—Source and Summit of Ecclesial Life**

**1325:** "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."

#### **Mifflin Community Food Ministry Update:**

Thanks to all who remember the food ministry with weekly food donations. Through your continued generosity, the food ministry is able to assist more than 100 families each month! Even though it seems that summer has just started, the Mifflin Community Food Ministry is already preparing to assist students when they return to classes in the fall. We are asking for donations of school supplies for distribution to students within the Governor Mifflin School District. **The distribution of food and school items will be on Saturday, August 20, 2022.**

Below is a wish list of the most needed items to help our youngsters get off to a good start. Collected school supplies will be needed by August 18th for distribution on August 20th. *Extra large back packs, Binders (Heavy Duty - 3 inch), Spiral notebooks, Pocket size tissue packs, Calculators, pencils and pens, Colored pencils, Markers, Sharpies, Crayons, Glue Sticks or bottles, Erasers (large pink ones and pencil toppers)* Donations may be left at the church entrances (where the food donations are dropped off) or dropped off at 54 Chestnut Street, Mohnton, from now through August 18th, 2022 for the next food pick up. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "school supplies".

Please contact Kate Roche at 610.777.4792 with any questions or for information about volunteering to distribute.

**The Polish American Heritage Association** will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, September 11, at the Lower Alsace Fire Company picnic grove, at 1:00PM. Good food, fun and music. Members \$10. Non-members \$15. Reservations are a must. Deadline: Monday, August 29th For more information or reservations call Nadine at 610.736.3035.

**Away from home?** Find a mass wherever you are by visiting [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**Did you know that the lack of English proficiency is holding back a significant number of potential workers from obtaining local jobs in the Reading area?** If you are concerned about the literacy issues affecting our community and would like to make a difference, the Mother Veronica Resource Center at 449 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Reading needs you! We are looking for individuals with teaching experience or a background in Education to volunteer to serve as ESL class instructors. Being bilingual in English and Spanish is a plus, but not necessary. If you have some time in the morning or evening and are passionate about teaching, the Mother Veronica Resource Center invites you to get in touch for more details. Please call Sister Cara at 484.516.2138 or email [mveronicacenter@gmail.com](mailto:mveronicacenter@gmail.com).



# CURSILLO

91<sup>ST</sup> MEN'S WEEKEND  
 SEPTEMBER 8 -SEPTEMBER 11 2022

91<sup>ST</sup> WOMEN'S WEEKEND  
 SEPTEMBER 15-SEPTEMBER 18 2022

Mariawald (Mary of the Woods) Renewal Center  
 Reading, PA.

A once in a lifetime opportunity for Catholics

Piety–Study–Action

Cursillo (pronounced cur-see-o) is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church dedicated to the renewal of the faith and Christian service to our communities. Cursillo has been active in the Allentown Diocese since 1970 and is open to all adult Catholics in good standing.

For more information contact  
 Lisa Ianni–610.223.2123–llianni@verizon.net  
 Or speak with your pastor or local priest

Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring your friend to Christ

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## Gospel Today

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 13:22-30

Our task on earth is to be true disciples of Christ. Jesus knows living His Word is not easy and takes great strength. He describes the entrance to the Kingdom as a narrow door or gate that only some will get through.

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*Draw more angels  
in Heaven to join  
the two here and  
give them names.*



## SWEET AS HONEY

J.D. every day I pray...  
Dear Jesus - Please give me strength  
to be good today, please guide me in my  
work and play. Please give me strength  
when life's no more, please guide me  
through the narrow door. Amen

Me  
too!

That's a very  
nice prayer,  
Honey.



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