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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 18TH**

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 - *Passion of St. John the Baptist*

8:00 a.m. Margaret & Graham Berry

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 - *Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Mary B. Petricoin

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 - *Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Theresa Lessig

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - *Weekday*

7:00 p.m. Richard Biancone

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - *Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Memorial Society Members

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**SATURDAY, SEPT. 3**

4:00 p.m. Walter Singley

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Karl Pfeiffenberger, Jr.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 - 4:00PM**Lector:** Bernadette Yohn**Servers:** Lily Yohn,**EM:** Kathy Burke, Vince Sottosanti, Renee Premici,**SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 - 8:30AM****Lector:** Amy Dodrer**Servers:** Quinn Manidis, Catherine Weisman**EM:** Nick Bentz, Mary Beth Kakos, Gina Manidis, Judy & Bob Peters**SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 - 10:30AM****Lector:** Adam Krick**Servers:** Tenley Capato, Grant Kellenberger**EM:** Joe & Shelia Baddick, Kathy Mihalik, Cindy Trygar, Susan Artz**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of Aug 28 -Sept. 3:**In loving memory of George Hlodash, Sr.
(requested by Shirley & Linda Hlodash)

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday, August 30

1:00 PM Prime Timers Board Meeting

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 8/21: \$6,682.50

Maintenance & Utilities for August: \$160.00

Mission Co-Op: \$500.00

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. 28, Rev. Dr. John Krivak
Aug. 29, Rev. Thomas Kuller, SJ
Aug. 30, Rev. Joseph Kweder
Aug. 31, Rev. Patrick Lamb
Sept. 1, His Holiness Pope Francis
Sept. 2, Bishop Alfred Schlert
Sept. 3, Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Good Jesus, the chalice you drank, the price of our redemption, makes me love you more than all the rest. This alone would be enough to claim our love. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux—Love Beyond Measure

Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait.

Picnic Note: Desserts are a favorite delight of picnic goers. The picnic committee welcomes desserts. Please cut/slice into individual ready to serve portions. THANK YOU!

Nights of Columbus - Installation of Officers

Holy Name Council 7179 from St. John's will be holding their Installation of Officers in church on Thursday, September 15th after the 7:00 PM Mass. All people of the parish are encouraged to attend to help send these Officers out with the backing of Jesus and our entire parish family. Refreshments will be served in the Father Lyon's Room after the ceremony.

Nocturnal Adoration will be held at St. Catharine of Siena Chapel on Perkiomen Ave., in Mt. Penn on First Friday, Sept. 2nd from 4-5 PM. All are welcome.

PA March for Life- The PA Family Institute will be holding the second annual March for Life on September 19th. 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.

Away from home? Find a mass wherever you are by visiting www.masstimes.org

PRIME TIMERS NEWS



PRIMETIMER NEWS: Our first **General Meeting** of the **2022-2023 Season** will be held in the **Fr. Lyons Room** on **Tues. September 6** at **11:30 am**. We will be celebrating **Everybody's Birthday** while enjoying delicious cake and ice

cream!! **Everyone 50 years of age and older** is welcome to come and see what we are all about. This is going to be an exciting Season as many great trips and adventures are planned, and we will be celebrating the **Primetimers 25th Silver Anniversary** on November 1st at our "**Covered Dish**" General Meeting. Please remember to bring your **\$5 Membership Dues** which are good from **September 2022 through August 2023**. We look forward to seeing you!!! For more Membership information, please call Judy Peters at 610.775.8965

Upcoming Trips with our Prime Timers:

-Casino Trip to Wind Creek: Thursday, October 13, 2022 - 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.

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)

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*

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

1326: Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

1 Cor 15:28—And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all

The Mifflin Food Ministry continues to remain essential.

The next food distribution will be on Saturday, September 17th, 2022 between 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. A request for the following items would be greatly appreciated: peanut butter, 100% juice, gatorade, elbow pasta, spaghetti noodles, canned chicken breast, facial tissue, bathroom tissue, shampoo, body wash, dish liquid, new wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and dish scrubbies to do dishes, band aids, Qtips, mouth-wash, men's deodorant, dish washing liquid, hand soap, large ziploc gallon bags. Your donated items are very much appreciated. Please drop off donations in the baskets at church entrances. The Mifflin Community Food Ministry is also accepting donations of food on the porch of 54 Chestnut Street, Mohnton, Pa. 19540. There is no contact, just a drop off. For those writing a check, please make check out to **Mifflin Community Food Ministry**

Please mail checks to:
Zion Evangelical Church
57 Church St.
Mohnton, Pa 19540

Thank you once again for your continued generosity! Stay safe! If you have any questions or concerns please let me know -Kate Roche' keroche13@gmail.com 610.777.4792

Dear Members of St. John the Baptist's Parish:

Thank you for your very generous donations of food items, book bags and school supplies plus \$20 toward school supplies for the benefit of the clients of the Mifflin Community Food Ministry. As you know our summer special event will be the give away of school book bags and school supplies at our pantry day this Saturday, August 20th. We are very grateful for your large part in making this a successful event that will include the normal availability of food items and paper products as well. No goods or services were received in return for this gift.

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry is not affiliated with Helping Harvest (formerly Greater Berks Food Bank), therefore, we are especially grateful for any gift. We use all gifts of time, money, food, paper products, and other types of donations to serve God and the families in need in our area through this ministry. The Food Ministry is open the third Saturday of every month at Zion EC Church, 57 N. Church St., Mohnton, from 9-11 a.m.

Sincerely yours,

Janet C. Reese, Secretary

CURSILLO

91ST MEN'S WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 8 -SEPTEMBER 11 2022

91ST WOMEN'S WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 15-SEPTEMBER 18 2022

Mariawald (Mary of the Woods) Renewal Center
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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



Knights of Columbus - Council 7179

On September 11th Holy Name Council 7179 will be holding a joint **Meet & Greet** for men of the parishes in Berks County that are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus.

As Knights, our Council here at St. John's contributes our time and talents to members of the Parish and our local community. Some of those activities include help for our veterans at the VA Hospital, feeding the needy at the Kennedy Soup Kitchen, and providing scholarships to children entering Berks Catholic. We also get together as families to pray the rosary, have social get togethers and much more.

This Membership Information Meeting will be held in Sacred Heart's Parish Center, in the Wachetr Room at 2PM on Sunday, September 11th. As with many Knight activities, refreshments will be served.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights in general and our Council in particular, please call, text or email me or contact another Knight that you may know.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining our Knights and their families who are committed to our parish and the community around us.

Bill Griffith
484.797.0669
wrgriffith@hotmail.com

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Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 14:1, 7-14

We are encouraged by Jesus to help others, especially the poor, not expecting anything in return.

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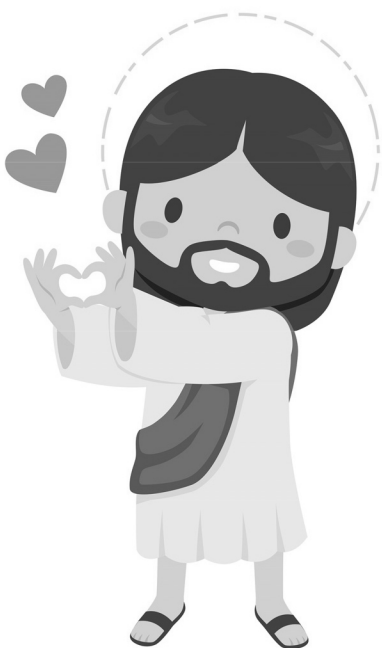
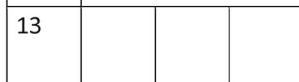
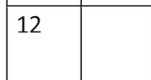
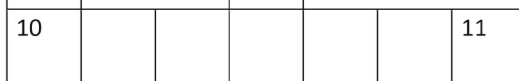
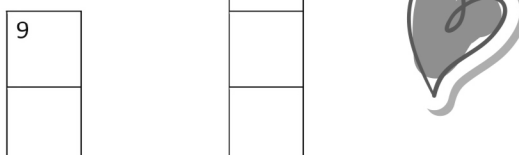
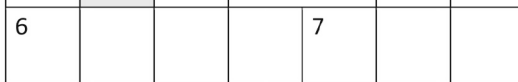
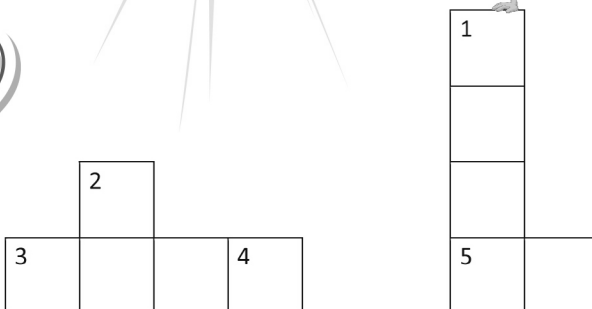
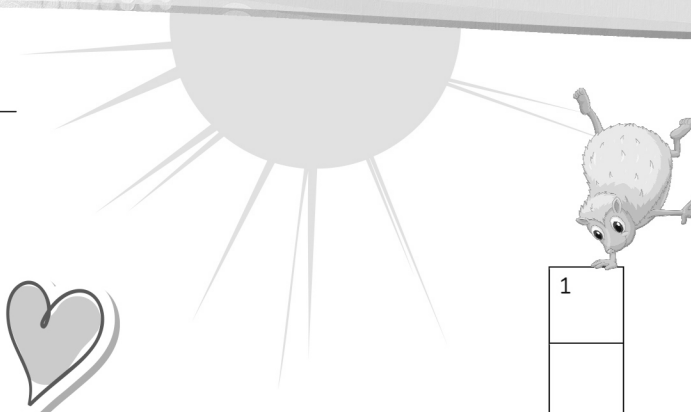
- 1 Courteously respectful
- 2 Present or bestow
- 4 Feeling, spirit, central organ
- 7 By way of
- 9 A desire to have
- 11 Unmerited favor & love of God

ACROSS

- 3 Accompanied by
- 5 To exist or live
- 6 Elevated in honor
- 8 Bring or give back
- 10 Not anything
- 12 Opposite of out
- 13 Supreme Being (plural)

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

LUKE 14:11



Give with humble heart, wanting nothing in return, be exalted through God's grace. (answers to crossword)