



ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

A CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF FAITH



WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAMILY OF FAITH CALLED TO BE INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES, WHO SEEK TO CARRY ON CHRIST'S MISSION THROUGH WORD, SACRAMENT AND SERVICE

PARISH OFFICE
610.777.1697

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st.jbdls@verizon.net

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610.777.4468

PASTOR'S EMAIL
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**LA SALLE
ACADEMY**
610.777.7392

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Holy Days: *Please consult bulletin*

Daily: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 8AM
Thu: 7PM

JOIN SAINT JOHN'S

If you are new to the area, please register at the Parish Office. If you are moving, a call would be appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00PM-3:45PM

Sundays: 8:00AM-8:20AM

Anytime by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

No Baptisms will be scheduled during Advent or Lent. Pre-Baptism Instructions are necessary for parents. Please contact the parish office 3 months prior to the proposed date of your Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Diocesan regulations states that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of date chosen for weddings. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS participation is required.

Please call Father Essig at the parish office:
610.777.1697

HOSPITALIZED

Please notify the parish office when someone is admitted to the hospital. Thank you.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Contact Ms Wendy Krisak Kalamar
Direct Phone #: 800.791.9209

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Contact Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.
*Secretary, Youth Protection,
and Catholic Human Services*
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105
610.871.5200 x 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

PARISH SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Contact Bernadette Yohn
St. John Baptist de la Salle
610.777.1697

FOR THE LATEST PARISH NEWS & SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT,
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.STJOHNSFAMILYOFFAITH.COM



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+

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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, 8:00 a.m.	AUGUST 8 - St. Dominic Theresa Lessig
TUESDAY, 8:00 a.m.	AUGUST 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Ann Tartaglio
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 a.m.	AUGUST 10 - St. Lawrence Jack & Patricia Quinter
THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m.	AUGUST 11 - St. Clare Charlie Buechley
FRIDAY, 8:00 a.m.	AUGUST 12 / St. Jane Frances de Chantal Memorial Society Members

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 p.m.	AUGUST 13 Albert J. Bushinski
SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.	AUGUST 14 Teresa Boylan
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 - 4:00PM**Lector:** Cindy Trygar**Servers:** Teagan Rogers, Lily Yohn**EM:** Hedy Oldham, Kathy Burke, Bernadette Yohn**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - 8:30AM****Lector:** Ed Lawrence**Servers:** Zoey Kutzer, Baylor Kobularcik**EM:** Nick Bentz, Arlene Seeber, Luise Kellenberger,
Francine Claytor**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - 10:30AM****Lector:** Tom Cuba**Servers:** Michaela Maurer**EM:** Susan Artz, Kathy Mihalik, Lois Lombardo

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 7/31: \$6,113.50

Maintenance & Utilities for July: \$577.00

Thank you for your generosity!**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of August 7 - 13:**In celebration of Gillian Sullivan's 15th Birthday
(requested by her grandparents, Sharon & Cliff Brahmstadt)

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SundayWis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12;
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40**Monday**

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Wednesday, August 10

8:30 AM Church cleaning

7:00 PM Faith Sharing for Women

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. 7,	Rev. Msgr. David James
Aug. 8,	Rev. Richard James
Aug. 9,	Rev. Ronald Jankaitis
Aug. 10,	Rev. Dominik Kalata
Aug. 11,	Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ
Aug. 12,	Rev. Kiaieta Joseph Kaninea, MSC
Aug. 13,	Rev. Shaju Kanjiramparayil, OSFS

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Love Him totally who gave Himself totally for your love.
His beauty the sun and moon admire, and of His gifts
there is no limit in abundance, preciousness, and
magnitude.

Saint Clare of Assisi—Love Beyond Measure

No time to pray makes you easy prey.



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 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

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 8th. 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

PRIME TIMERS NEWS

Prime Timer's Mystery Trip - is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022. The bus will depart from St. John's at 8:45 AM and return approximately at 6:15 PM. Come join us for a fun-filled day on an exciting Mystery Tour! Cost: \$115 per person, includes Elite Coach transportation, attractions, and lunch. Deadline for registration and full payment due: August 11, 2022. For more information and to register contact **Mary Stadelmeyer at 484.955.9492**

More 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.

American Music Theater "Christmas Show": Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Lunch at Showboat. 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.**

Blood Drive sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry

Due to staffing shortages, the Miller Keystone Blood Center is unable to provide us with a blood mobile this year. Therefore, we have decided to adopt a week at their donor center on behalf of St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish. Save the dates of Sept. 19th-24th to help us make our annual blood drive a success. Please consider giving the GIFT only you can give. More info to follow.



Justice in Action Ministry Meeting August 17 at 6:30 pm

Are you curious to know more about Catholic Social Teaching? Would you like to feed the hungry and join in our parish outreach to the homeless men and women at Opportunity House? Do you have concerns about the effects of climate change on our environment and wonder what you can do? Consider coming to the next Justice in Action Ministry (JAM) meeting on Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm in the Father Lyons. Meet other parishioners who share these interests and brainstorm some ideas. 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 basis, 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.

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

1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"

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".

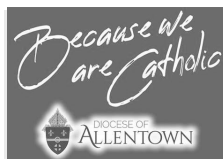
Please contact Kate Roche at 610.777.4792 with any questions or for information about volunteering to distribute.



Faith Sharing for Women - Faith Sharing for Women will next meet on the **Wednesday, August 10 instead of August 3** at 7:00 pm in

the Father Lyons Room. Come learn about the process of discernment and how to involve the grace of God in making important decisions. New members are most welcome to explore what this group can offer them. Attendance at previous sessions is not required. For more information contact Arlene Seeber (484.794.8027 or arleneseeber@icloud.com).

Please note our earlier start time of 7:00 pm



Because We Are Catholic Appeal
Progress Report for St. John Baptist de La Salle

Parish Goal: \$32,675.00

Total Committed: \$24,099.00

Total Collected: \$22,219.00

Number of Donors: 101

Diocesan Overview

Total Diocesan Goal: \$3,500,00.00

Total Committed: 2,762,034.42

Total Collected: \$ 2,392,757.06

Number of Donors: 9,065

A Call from the Foundation For Children In Need

Dear Parishioners of St. John Baptist de La Salle,
Greetings and best wishes to you. We hope and pray that you are well. We have been thinking of you and praying for you in a special way during these difficult times due to the pandemic. Many thanks for your kindness and support to the missions. We are forever grateful to you.

Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization, working in the rural villages in India. We are happy to send a letter of support from Most Rev. Gail Bali, from India, a brochure and Catholic Directory listing.

Mission appeals are the primary financial assistance for our ministry. We humbly request you to help us with appeals in 2022. Your donation will be used to evangelize those who never had the opportunity to know Jesus, to help the rural village children with education, food, to take care of the elderly and to help village people with free medical care who often cannot afford to go to a hospital. Thousands have been helped during the pandemic. We have established four schools, five hostels, two homes for the elderly, two tailoring training centers for women and a community health center. In January 2019 we opened a Home for the Destitute near Hyderabad which will take care of 200 elderly, physically challenged and orphan children. It will be a great place of love, faith and charity prevails. In the past 7 years we have helped 1500 children born with \Cleft Lip with corrective surgeries that transformed their lives. Kindly take a moment to visit our website : www.fcn-usa.org. Your help means a world to us to serve the neediest.

We remember you and your intentions each day as we kneel before God. Thank you once again!
With Prayers and Much Gratitude,
Tom Chitta, Cofounder

The parish family of St. John will be taking up a collection for this organization on the weekend of Aug. 13-14. Please put your donation in a plain envelope with your name written on the front and place in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you to our Parish Gardeners

The public face of our Church has greatly improved thanks to the volunteers who have taken responsibility for giving tender loving care to the landscaped beds around our parish property. Gratitude and appreciation goes out to all those who came out on June 13, June 27 and July 11. Now the parish has a new ministry that not only improves the look of the parish property, but also offers the opportunity for regular churchgoers to meet and become friends. Future notices will call for additional group efforts for a fall clean up to get the beds ready for winter. In the meantime, the beds require ongoing maintenance to keep the weeds in check. Our pastor, Fr. Ed, has offered to maintain the beds around the rectory. Volunteers are welcome to keep an eye on the beds around the church building and the parish office and do what needs to be done on your own schedule of available time and energy. Your efforts will be much appreciated.

St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA is pleased to announce the return of our music festival, MagniFest, on Saturday August 13th from 12 noon - 10pm. Enjoy a day filled with music and praise, renewing the mind, heart and soul among the beautiful Chester County countryside. Food and beverages will be available, and you'll be able to browse religious merchandise from different vendors. At 5pm, join us for Mass celebrated by Father Steve DeLacy and Eucharistic Adoration. Questions? Contact magnifest@stmaryprov.org. Visit <https://stmaryprov.org/magnifest/> to buy tickets.

The Fatima Statue, also called the Traveling Madonna is available to parish families! If someone is going through a crisis, sick or celebrating something special, anything - and wanting to host her for a week or so, asking that the rosary be said at least once during day or evening for her intercession! Please call Joan Reedy at 610.678.5683 so we can make arrangements to make this happen.

A WORD FROM OUR PARISH NURSES MINISTRY

Is it Depression or Dementia?

As we and those around us age, it is natural and common for a person to not be as sharp as they once were. Often, these changes are attributed to aging and are frequently assumed to be dementia. Dementia is a broad term used when describing declines in intellectual functioning. However, along with dementia, depression is also common in older adults and often will share many of the same features. It can be easy to assume a person is getting dementia when actually, they are depressed.

Here are some common signs of depression and how they may differ from dementia. These signs may include decreased interest in activities that were once enjoyed and the slowing of responses. When a person is depressed, slowness often comes with a lack of interest in doing things. The person will withdraw from people and activities they once had. If depressed, a person may not show any interest in conversing, and when asked a question, they may respond by stating "I don't know" rather than trying to answer. Often this decline will happen quickly and will be noticeable right away.

When a person has slowness due to dementia, they will typically still attempt to participate in conversation and activities, but the decline in functioning will happen slowly. If a person has memory issues, they may still try to answer the questions and engage in conversation. At times they may make things up to fill in for memory gaps as dementia will often come with decreases in concentration and memory.

A decrease in concentration may also signify depression. Not being able to complete a task or stay on task can indicate depression. If a person with depression has memory issues, they will typically be aware of the memory loss, whereas those with dementia will have difficulty with short-term memory and may not notice the decline.

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.

The Class of 1962 C.C.H.S. 60th Class Reunion will be held on Sept. 10, 2022 at Anthony's - 900 Byron St., Pensside. Time: 12 pm - 3 pm. Cost: \$32.50 per person. For reservations please call George Dietner at 717.466.767.

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- HEART
- LAMPS
- BURGLAR
- STEWARD
- HOUSEHOLD
- HAPPY
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- LASH
- TRUST

