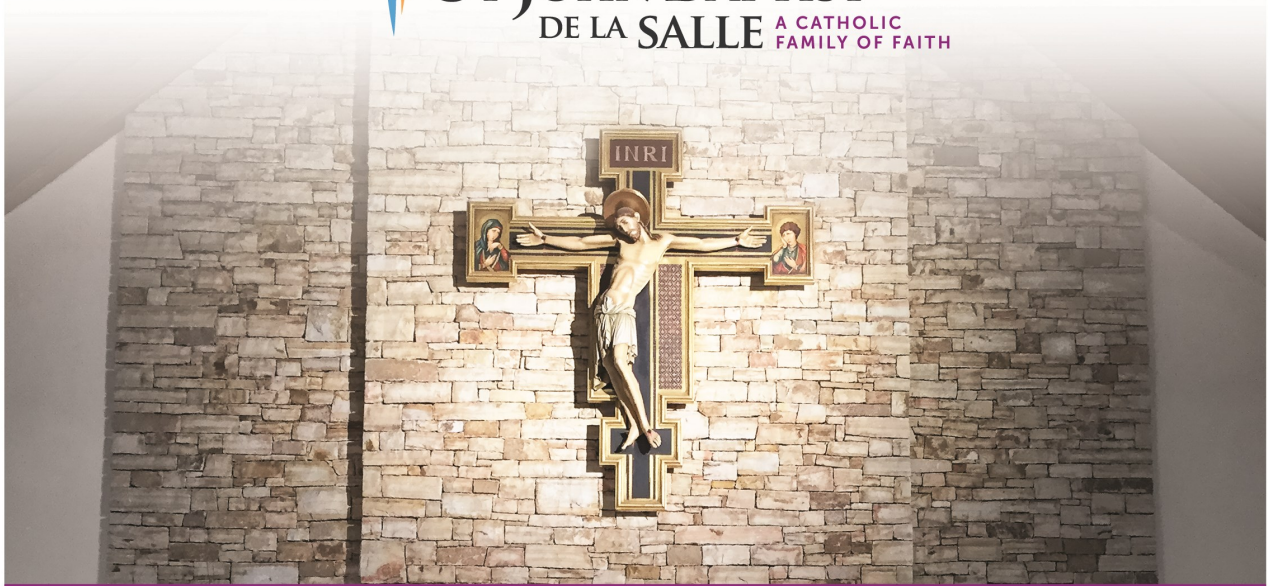




# ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE A CATHOLIC FAMILY OF FAITH



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

**PARISH EMAIL**  
st.jbdls@verizon.net

**PARISH OFFICE  
FAX**  
610.777.4468

**PASTOR'S EMAIL**  
pastor.essig@aol.com

**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](http://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+

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

**Please take note: Mass on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> is at 8:30 AM**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>SEPT. 12 /Most Holy Name of Mary</b> Jack Causa
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>SEPT. 13/St. John Chrysostom</b> Louisa Loeper
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>SEPT. 14 /The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Christopher Bausher
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>SEPT. 15 /Our Lady of Sorrows</b> John Wells
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>SEPT. 16 / Sts. Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</b> Ed Welch

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>SEPT. 17</b> Eileen & Joseph Fleming
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>SEPT. 18</b> Donald & Julia Mourar
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

### UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 - 4:00PM

**Lector:** Maria Biancone

**Servers:** Alyssa & Sophia Reali

**EM:** Renee Reali, Kathy Burke, Bernadette Yohn

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 - 8:30AM

**Lector:** Paul Berthinet

**Servers:** Catherine Weisman

**EM:** Judy Stephan, Mary Beth Kakos, Mike & Billie Resch, Mary Stadelmeyer

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 - 10:30AM

**Lector:** Britt Kobularcik

**Servers:** Tenley Capato

**EM:** Tony Cannon, Tom Cuba, Vince Sottosanti, Adam Krick

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

**SUNDAY 9/4: \$8,053.50**

**Maintenance & Utilities for September: \$3,262.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

### TODAYS READINGS

#### First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

God became very angry with the Israelites for worshipping a molten calf and making sacrifices to it. The people had so quickly violated his commandments that he planned to destroy them. But Moses pleaded with God for mercy and God relented.

#### Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul considered himself a former blasphemer and persecutor, and expressed his gratitude for the mercy Jesus showed him. Paul felt that he was a perfect example of Jesus' patience toward sinners and his desire to reconcile them with God.

#### Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The Pharisees grew angry because of the Jesus' compassion toward sinners. In response, Jesus tells of a son who squandered his inheritance, then returned to his father and asked to be treated as a hired hand. The father rejoiced, angering his older and more obedient son. The father explained that everything he owned belonged to his older son; but he had to rejoice for the son who was lost and had been found.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

#### Monday

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

#### Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

#### Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

#### Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### Wednesday, September 14

8:30 AM Church cleaning  
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Please direct all bulletin and website inquiries to the Parish Communications Coordinator, Sarah Capato at 610.850.4978 or [sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com](mailto:sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com).  
Bulletin submissions are due Thursday, ten days prior to the Sunday of publication.**

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sept. 11 Rev. Philip Maas  
Sept. 12 Rev. Stephen Maco  
Sept. 13 Rev. Leo Maletz  
Sept. 14 Rev. John Maria  
Sept. 15 Deceased priests of Allentown  
Sept. 16 Sick and infirmed priests  
Sept. 17 Our Seminarians

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

The beginnings of sanctity lies in my total abandonment to the Lord's holy will, even in the little things.  
Blessed John XXIII—Thy Will Be Done

Forgiveness does not erase the past, but it sketches a brighter future.

**Religious Education News:** Students in **Grades 1-7** who have enrolled for the upcoming School Year 2022-2023 classes will begin this Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 6:00 PM-7:15 PM. There is a **Parent Meeting at 6:15 PM in the Cafeteria, Fr. Ed will be present for the meeting. Grade 8 students' class will be on September 25, 2022 at 6 PM in the Cafeteria.**

### A WORD FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

As Summer comes to a close - vacations are over, fields are ready for harvest, and our parish's Adult Choir will be joining to make music together once again. I am excited to begin my sixth year as your Organist/Choir Director and continue leading the music ministry at St Johns Baptist de la Salle. From now until the end of the liturgical year (Christ the King), that ministry will include preludes and meditations by our own Adult Choir as well as by guest choral ensembles and instrumental soloists. The special music will include pieces written by Handel, Mozart, Lotti, Brahms, Mendelssohn, and a few modern composers.

Saint Augustine once said, "To sing is to pray twice." I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to "pray twice" and join the music ministry at St. Johns. Whether you sing or play an instrument, please stop by the organ and let me know that you are interested in making music for Mass. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in singing with the Adult Choir, rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:30 - 6:30pm in the choir loft by the organ

One last thing, if you enjoy the music at Mass, please do not hesitate to express that appreciation to our cantors, choral singers, and instrumentalists. Your support gives us strength to continue our important ministry.

"Sing to the Lord a new song!" - Psalm 96:1

*Christopher Hoster*

## PRIME TIMERS NEWS

### 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. Cost: \$35.00 per person  
**American Music Theater "Christmas Show":** Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Lunch at Showboat. Cost: \$115 per person. 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. All trips sponsored by the Prime Timers are open to those 50 years old and up!**



### Justice in Action Ministry Meeting Sept. 21 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, September 21 at 6:30 pm** in the Father Lyons Room. Join with other parishioners who share these interests and brainstorm some ideas. All are welcome.

**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!

### 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)

### 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.

## 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** **II. WHAT IS THIS SACREMENT CALLED**

**1328:** The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein*<sup>139</sup> and *eulogein*<sup>140</sup> recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.

<sup>139</sup>: Luke 22:19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ; 1Cor. 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me

<sup>140</sup>: Mt 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body ; Mk 14:22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

**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, mouthwash, 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



**Justice in Action Ministry Meeting—  
September 21 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, September 21 at 6:30 pm** in the Father Lyons. Meet other parishioners who share these interests and brainstorm some ideas. All are welcome.

**Healing Mass**-Join Father George Winne for a Healing Mass at Saint Columbkil Parish, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown, PA on Sunday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM. Praise and worship music begins at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

**La Salle Academy** is currently seeking a part-time music teacher. If interested please submit the teacher's application, which can be found under the employment tab at [www.lsabear.com](http://www.lsabear.com). The position will remain open until filled.



**Parish Gardeners Needed**—Much thanks goes to the parishioners who have assumed responsibility for maintaining individual sections of the parish property, but some areas remain “orphaned.” All our gardens need a bit of tender loving care to maintain our look as the welcoming and thriving community of faith that we aim to be. Feel free to volunteer on your own convenient schedule. If you would like to adopt one of the areas listed below, get in touch with **Dave Pray 610.780.9431 or [davpra@comcast.net](mailto:davpra@comcast.net)**.

**Areas In Need of Adoption**

The left of the front entrance as you face the Church  
 The Respect Life Cross above the parking lot  
 The right front of the Parish Office facing Holland St.  
 The left front of the Parish Office facing Holland St.  
 The right side of the Parish Office and toward the back of the building  
 The left side of the Parish office and any remaining area in the back  
 You will find a box of trash bags in the garage as well as tools in a little cart and other tools on the back wall of the garage. If you choose to garden on Monday or Thursday, you can put the trash bags by curb at the rectory end of the driveway for the Tuesday or Friday morning trash collection. Otherwise, please take the trash with you for your home collection day. Thank you!

**Ecumenical Bereavement Program** - Starting Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 1:00PM. This is a six week program designed to help people better understand the process of grief and how to live through it in a way that is healing. Sisters that are certified as NACC Chaplains will facilitate this program. This is an outreach program of Mariawald Renewal Center in Shillington. Call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610.777.0135 or email to: [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com) to register by Sept. 28th.

**Free Bus to the PA March for LIFE**

Lifeline of Berks County and the Reading March for LIFE are teaming up to provide free bus transportation to the PA March for LIFE in Harrisburg on September 19, 2022. The bus will be leaving from St. Benedict's picnic grounds (parking at the picnic grounds-not the church) at 8:30 AM and should return no later than 4:30 PM. The bus is FREE but registration is required. Please visit Lifeline's website at [www.lifelineofberks.org](http://www.lifelineofberks.org) and click on the Get Connected page to register. Roe is overturned, but that means that the real work of protecting women from the devastation of abortion is just beginning.

**Nature Spirituality** - a three-week program - October 11,18,25 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Sr. Jacinta Kioko is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She is currently the Program Director at Mariawald Renewal Center. Her area of expertise is in Christian Theology and Spirituality. In this program, Sr. Jacinta will lead you in exploring both the spiritual and social implications for humanity's interaction and relationship with the natural world. This is an outreach program of Mariawald Renewal Center, Shillington. Register before 10/4/22. Call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610.777.0135 or email: [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com)



**Please join LaSalle CYO at Victor Emmanuel's  
 Wednesday, September 28, 2022  
 4:30pm to 7:00pm**

\$12 donation includes salad, spaghetti & two meatballs, bread & butter  
 Bake sale available in lobby and pizza available for \$1.30 a slice  
 Tickets available at the door \*EAT IN or TAKE OUT\*

***Tickets will not be sent home. A list with number of tickets purchased will be at the door the night of dinner.***

Please return order form and checks made payable to LaSalle CYO to  
 St. John's Church Office, marked CYO Spaghetti Dinner or mail to  
 St. Benedict's, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, PA 19540  
 no later than Monday, September 26, 2022

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

#of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# BLOOD DONORS SAVE LIVES

**St. John Baptist De La Salle** is hosting a special blood drive to save lives. Our only source of blood is from blood donors like you.

**JOIN US**

**September 19th - September 24th**

**MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER  
2745A Leiszcz's Bridge Road, Reading  
(for GPS, use 1047 Old Bernville Road)**

Schedule your appointment by calling **800-223-6667** and mention **Group ID 3170**, visit **[GIVEaPINT.org](http://GIVEaPINT.org)**, or scan the QR code below.

Please include **Group ID 3170** in the notes section of the form.



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