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» — 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

Please take note: Monday's Mass will be at 9 AM.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 9:00 a.m.	SEPT. 5 / Weekday - Labor Day Marie Leshner
TUESDAY, 8:00 a.m.	SEPT. 6 / Weekday Celebration of Elaine & Terry Daly 50 th Wedding Anniversary
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 a.m.	SEPT. 7 / Weekday Clevr Artz
THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m.	SEPT. 8 / Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Philip Keeley
FRIDAY, 8:00 a.m.	SEPT. 9 / St. Peter Claver Anna Rosario Rodriguez
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
SATURDAY, 4:00 p.m.	SEPT. 10 George & Virginia Arentz
SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.	SEPT. 11 Dominic Ray
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 - 4:00PM

Lector: Sharon Brahmstadt

Servers: Penny Cartin

EM: Craig & Alverda Turnbaugh, Mary Ellen Symanski, Hedy Oldham

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 - 8:30AM

Lector: Chris Boland

Servers: Zoey Kutzer

EM: Deneen & Dan Giesen, Louise Kellenberger, Francine Claytor

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 - 10:30AM

Lector: Steve Hetzel

Servers: Teagan Rogers

EM: Chris & Keith Worley, Kristen Kellenberger, Lois Lombardo

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of September 4-10:

In loving memory of George Hlodash, Sr.
(requested by Shirley & Linda Hlodash)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 8/28: \$7,002.50

Maintenance & Utilities for August: \$187.00

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, September 5

Parish Office will be CLOSED will reopen on Tuesday 9/6

Tuesday, September 6

11:30 AM Prime Timers General Meeting

Wednesday, September 7

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Faith Sharing

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

Sept. 4 Rev. Daniel Lannen, OSFS
Sept. 5 Rev. Brendon Laroche
Sept. 6 Rev. Keith Laskowski
Sept. 7 Rev. William Linkchorst
Sept. 8 Rev. John Little
Sept. 9 Rev. David Loeper
Sept. 10 Rev. James Lofton

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

To love Jesus is a wondrous thing...There is nothing sweeter than love, nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing wider, nothing fuller, nothing better in Heaven or on earth; for love is born of God, and only in God, above all that He has created, can it find rest.
Thomas a Kempis—Love Beyond Measure

No matter how far you have gone on the wrong road, you can always turn back.

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!

A WORD FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

As Summer comes to a close - vacations are over, fields are ready for harvest, kids are preparing to return to school, 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. **Our first Adult Choir rehearsal will be Wed, September 4.**

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



PRIMETIMER NEWS: Our first **General Meeting** of the **2022-2023 Season** will be held in the **Fr. Lyons Room** on **Tuesday, September 6** at **11:30 am**. Along with **Father Ed** giving a talk on the **"State of the Parish"**, **we will also 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:

Religious Education News: Students in **Grades 1-7** who have enrolled for the upcoming School Year 2022-2023 classes will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 6:00 PM-7:15 PM. **Grade 8 students first class will be on September 25, 2022.**

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

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

1327: In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

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 610.777.4792



Faith Sharing for Women Faith Sharing for Women will meet on the **Wednesday, September 7 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



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.

A WORD FROM OUR PARISH NURSES MINISTRY

Donating Blood: A Special Gift

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. People who need blood include accident victims, cancer patients, premature newborn infants, people with sickle cell disease and many others. Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S. A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

In the past there were a greater number of reasons people were disqualified from giving blood. Today, in most cases, medications will not disqualify you as a blood donor. Your eligibility will be based on the reason that the medication was prescribed. If the condition is under control and you are healthy, blood donation is usually permitted. Young people can give blood beginning at age 16 (with a parent's consent), and there is no upper age limit if the donor is in good health.

When you go to donate blood at a blood drive or donation center, you will be asked questions about your health, medications and travel. The staff member follows guidelines to determine if you are able to donate blood.

Heavenly Father, I bring before you Fr. Edward Essig. I ask that you bless him and protect him. Give him the graces he needs to be a holy man and priest. I ask this in Jesus name through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Amen.

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 to register by Sept. 28th.

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

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 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.



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 Wachtel 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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September 19th - September 24th

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