

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

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610.777.1697

PARISH EMAIL
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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. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF **RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00PM-3:45PM
Sundays: 7:50AM-8:20AM
9:50AM-10:20AM
Mondays: 4:00PM-5:00PM
Thursdays: 6:15PM-6:50PM

SACRAMENT OF **BAPTISM**

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Pre-Baptism Instructions are necessary for parents. Please contact the parish office 3 months prior to the proposed date of your Baptism.

HOSPITALIZED

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

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

ADORATION

Mondays: 4:00PM-5:00PM
Thursdays: 6:15PM-6:50PM

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

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

Director of Music

Andrew Angstadt: 610.451.5664

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

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: Bob Peters at 610.775.8965

Knights of Columbus

Contact: David Pray at 610.780.9431

Altar Society

Contact: Carol Bensing at 610.401.6561

CYO (Christian Youth Organization)

Contact: Tony Cannon at 215.872.0240

Parish Gardeners

Contact: David Pray at 610.780.9431

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at ReportBishopAbuse.org or by phone at 800.276.1562.

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 (stjohnmusicministry.weebly.com)

Contact: Andrew Angstadt at 610.451.5664 or
angstadtstjohnmusic@gmail.com

Cantors

Contact: Andrew Angstadt at 610.451.5664

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. John Petruzzelli, Principal: 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, 8:00 a.m. **MAR. 25 - Monday of Holy Week**
Intentions for the Snyder Family
TUESDAY, 8:00 a.m. **MAR. 26 - Tuesday of Holy Week**
Frank Randazzo
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 a.m. **MAR. 27 - Wednesday of Holy Week**
Alicia Roché
THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m. **MAR. 28 - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Pastor's Intention
FRIDAY, 3:00 p.m. **MAR. 29 - Good Friday - Passion of the Lord**
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

EASTER VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY

SATURDAY, 8:00 p.m. **MARCH 30**
Easter Flower Memorials
SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m. **MARCH 31**
People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Easter Flower Memorials

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAR. 30 - 8:00PM - EASTER VIGIL
Lector: David & Leslie Curran, Adam Krick, Craig Turnbaugh, Bernadette Yohn
Servers: Lily Yohn
EM: Francine Claytor, Alverda Turnbaugh,
SUNDAY, MAR. 31 - 8:30AM
Lector: Paul Berthinet
Servers: Quinn Manidis, Matthew Doxie
EM: Mary Ellen Symanski, Arlene Seeber, Billie & Mike Resch
SUNDAY, MAR. 31 - 10:30AM
Lector: Stephen Hetzel
Servers: Alyssa Realí
EM: Mary Beth Kakos, Betty Wells, Susan Artz, Renee Realí

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 3/17: \$9,664.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of March 24-30:

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

Altar Bread for the month of March:

In loving memory of **Nana Betty Krick**
(requested by Adam, Teresa, Liliana & Harrison Krick)

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14;
Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom
6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, Mar. 24

NO Rel. Ed classes (April 7)

Thursday, Mar. 28

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30 - 10 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in
the Fr. Lyons Room

Friday, Mar. 29

3:00 PM Good Friday Services
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

March 24 Rev. Angel Garcia-Almodovar
March 25 Rev. Andrew Gehringer
March 26 Rev. Robert George
March 27 Rev. John Gibbons
March 28 Rev. Joseph Gleixner, MSC
March 29 Rev. Msgr. William Glosser

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

If God is for us, who is against us? (Rom. 8:31)

If I am on God's side, then He is also on my side. I can stand with courage against the whole world. True devotion makes people brave and courageous, sure of their victory.

Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index! The Survey is LIVE and will be open until **March 27, 2024**. You can visit

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/l/aa3kaa>

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick it up after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the entrances of the church. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off in the Collection baskets. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office, 610.777.1697. We really need your help in making this a success, so please participate!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 25 - Monday of Holy Week

Confessions: 4-5:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

March 26 - Tuesday of Holy Week

Confessions: 6-7:30 PM

March 27 - Wednesday of Holy Week

Confessions: 4-5:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

SACRED TRIDUUM

March 28 - Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Mass

Adoration in the Fr. Lyons room 8:30 PM-10:00 PM

March 29 - Good Friday

3:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death
Church will remain open for veneration of the Cross

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

March 30 - HOLY SATURDAY

12:00 PM - Blessing of Food & Easter Baskets

(Please take note there are NO confessions today)

March 30-THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM

31 March -EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

PRIME TIMERS NEWS



PRIMETIMER GENERAL MEETING: Our next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11:00 am in the Fr. Lyons Room.** We will be entertained with heavenly and melodious tunes by the **John Paul II Center Bell Choir.** This is a Meeting you will not want to miss, so along with all the spectacular goodies, our fun-filled **Drop and Win Raffle**, come join us for a most delightful time and enjoy the John Paul II Center's students amazing performance!!

Prime Timers Upcoming Trips in 2024:

Please continue to read the bulletin for updates on these trips concerning cost and times of departure and return!!

- May 9, 2024 - Ryan & Friends! Includes buffet lunch at Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant, then enjoy "Ryan & Friends" on the Bird-In-Hand stage. You can expect a flawlessly clean show and side-splitting comedy! **Cost: \$115.00. There is a \$20.00 non-refundable deposit.**

- September 18, 2024 - Mystery Tour! It's a mystery! Will we go north, south, east, or west? Will we visit the country or the city? Sit back, relax, and try to figure out where we are going! **There is a \$20.00 non-refundable deposit.**

La Salle Academy Enrollment is now OPEN for the 2024-2025 school year

grades Pre K through 8th. If you are a parishioner with a school aged student and are interested in touring or learning more about La Salle, give us a call or visit our website! Parishioners with St. John and St. Benedicts receive priority seating for classrooms AND are eligible to receive a \$1000 transfer credit for their first year in grades K through 8th. Come visit us today to learn more! www.lsabear.com
610.777.7392

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING-

2024 Season Registration is now open - This year you can register online by going to -- <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/419740>. This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY AND COST: Go to WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC. You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond. For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610.374.1695 or email DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG



Please make note , the church office email has changed
st.johnbdls@gmail.com

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

VI. THE PASCHAL BANQUET

1408: The Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord's body and blood. These elements constitute one single act of worship.

Presenting La Salle's Pop Up Dinner PTO Fundraisers!

Back by popular demand!

Here's how it works:

- Order dinner from our links below
- Pick it up at the time and location designated.
- All proceeds go to La Salle PTO!

It's that easy!

- **TUES FEB 20TH: SALUTE**
- **THURS MAR 14TH: MIMMOS**
- **THURS APR 18TH: CRAVE**
- **THURS MAY 16TH: KLINGERS**

PICK UP WILL BE FROM 5:30-5:45 IN LOT 2

PLEASE CONTACT LISA-MARIE WITH QUESTIONS:

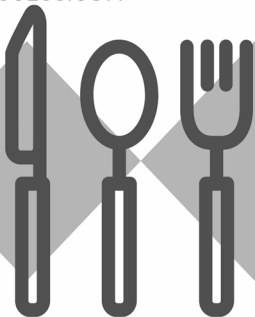
LISAMARIE@LMSFORSUCCESS.COM

Check out this link for more
information:

<https://www.mealpopup.com/>



LA SALLE ACADEMY



Save the date! The Parish Nurse Ministry in coordination with Miller-Keystone Blood Centre is sponsoring a blood drive at our Parish on Wednesday May 29th 9am-2pm. More information will follow. Give the gift only you can give!

La Salle Academy has immediate openings for Teachers this year and next school year:

Needed Immediately:

- Long-Term Substitute Teacher from February through June, Certified, Full-Time Middle School Teacher, English Specialization.
- Part-Time Gym Teacher, 2 days per week
- Aftercare Aides, Part Time, M-F 2:30pm-5:30pm
- Classroom Aides, Part-Time, During the School Day

Looking Ahead:

- Part-Time Pre-Kindergarten teacher applications being accepted for the 2024-2025 school year.

Jobs are open until filled. Application for teaching can be found on the www.lsabear.com school website. Send completed application and reference materials to the Principal, Mr. Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed.

Looking ahead to April

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry's next food distribution will be on Saturday, April 20, 2024 between 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. A request for the following items would be greatly appreciated: canned chicken breast, spam, rice a roni, pasta sauce, peanut butter, instant potatoes, canned pie filling, 100% juice, canned salmon, tuna, instant potatoes; Canned fruit: canned pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears fruit cocktail, & peaches. **Your donated items are very much appreciated.** Please place 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

Any concerns, contact Kate Roche' at

keroche13@gmail.com

St. John Baptist de La Salle Feast Day

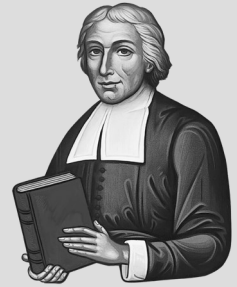
Please join us in celebrating the feast day of our church's patron saint on Sunday April 7th after the 10:30 AM mass in the Father Lyons room. Soup, sandwiches and finger desserts will be served. A free will donation will be appreciated.

Please complete the RSVP form below and drop it in the collection basket by March 31st or call the church office by April 2nd.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

NAME _____

_____ ADULTS _____ CHILDREN



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

What does it mean to be a Knight?

Michael Joseph McGivney was the first of 12 children born into an Irish immigrant's home in Westbury CT. Michael left school at 13 to work alongside his father and help support the family. At 16 he decided to enter the seminary in Quebec Canada until he was called home to again support the family upon the death of his father. Michael eventually returned to his studies at St. Mary's seminary in Baltimore and was ordained into the diocese of Hartford CT. in 1877.

His first assignment was St. Mary's in Hartford where he became quite active in the community. He volunteered to foster a child whose father has passed away just like his own circumstance. It was this experience that gave him the vision where Catholic men could provide financial security to families in need. At that time in the U.S. Catholics were often discriminated against and denied entrance into labor unions where the better paying jobs could be secured. He then started a committee of men in his home parish. He also designed a fraternal financial program so Catholics could help other Catholic families in need. On February 6, 1882, Father McGivney and his men launched the Knights of Columbus whose principles were charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Knights grew rapidly and today there are over 16,000 parish councils with a worldwide membership of 2,000,000 men who volunteer millions of hours doing charitable works for those in need in addition to raising funds for a wide variety of organizations and causes. Locally we support Lifeline, The Kennedy House soup kitchen, March for Life, programs at La Salle academy, Mary's shelter, Berks Catholic sports, The John Paul II center, as well as our own parish.

What does it mean to be a Knight?

It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. Join 2 million Catholic men on a mission.

In 2008 Father McGivney was beatified by Pope Benedict. His insights have brought comfort to thousands and thousands over the years and with God grace countless thousands will be served in the future.

Blessed Michael McGivney Apostle to the young, Protector of Christian Family Life and Founder of the Knights of Columbus intercede for us.

For more information on the Knights reach out to any parish brother Knight or go to kofc.org

The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



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