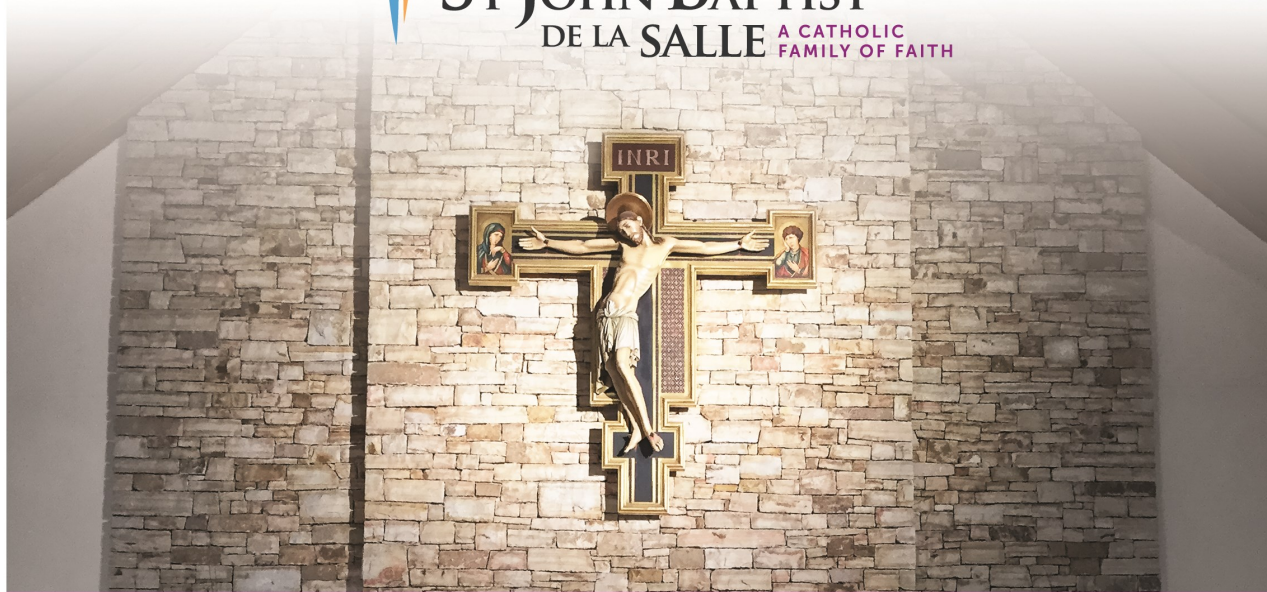




ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE A CATHOLIC FAMILY OF FAITH



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.johnbdls@gmail.com

**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. 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

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

April 14 Rev. John Dutta
April 15 Our deceased priests
April 16 Our sick and infirmed priests
April 17 Our seminarians
April 18 Very Rev. Augustine Idra, AJ
April 19 Rev. Francis Iroot, AJ
April 20 Rev. Guency Isaac, MSCM

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (Mt. 18:3)

God reveals himself as a Father only to those who are like children. Children are free and joyous, innocent and without cares, humble and simple, faithful and trusting. To become like children, a complete transformation is necessary., one that is able to root out the least selfishness. Do I see in this the principal task of my life?



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

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

Easter Thanks!

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to all those who helped to make our liturgical celebrations of Holy Week and Easter so special and meaningful: our choir director, choir and musicians, our lectors, cantors, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, altar servers, church decorators, and our church gardeners. And above all, to our families and visitors who joined in the celebrations. It was a great joy to see so many of you. The Mass truly is a wonderful celebration to be a part of, especially when we all come together as the People of God.

Blessings of the Lord on all of you!

Many thanks as well to all those who helped me stuff my refrigerator and freezer with all the treats of Easter. You now have your ticket for Heaven!

Father Ed

PRIME TIMERS NEWS

St. John's Prime Timers Bus Trip:

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

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! **Cost: \$138.00, money DUE by July 22, 2024. There is a \$20.00 non-refundable deposit.**

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

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

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!

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

1410: It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

APRIL NOVENA

Two groups of men are in their final stages of preparation to be ordained priests and deacons. 5 Transitional deacons will be ordained in early June to the priesthood. One young man will be ordained a transitional deacon.

In September several men will be ordained as permanent deacons. We need to pray for all these men because they are the future of our church. They all have studied many years to get to this point. They will need our support and prayers as they take on their new roles in the pastoral guidance of their flocks. This Novena will begin on April 15 and end on April 23.

The opening prayer will be:

Everlasting Creator, in humble devotion, we approach You, seeking Your guidance and blessings as our beloved brethren complete their studies for the priesthood and diaconate. Inspired by Your Word in Acts 6:4, we pray they "will give their utmost attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." May they be steadfast in their faith, always eager to serve and care for Your flock with unwavering dedication. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Pray the rosary.

Then the ending prayer will be:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servant(s) now called to be priests and deacons and maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APR. 15 / Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Joan Reedy
TUESDAY, APR. 16 / Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Amiee Hatleye
WEDNESDAY, APR. 17 / Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Wisniewski
THURSDAY, APR. 18 / Easter Weekday
7:00 p.m. Dominic Ray
FRIDAY, APR. 19 / Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. David Strick, Sr.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, APR. 20
4:00 p.m. The Servidea Family
SUNDAY, APR. 21
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Eugene Pieja

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 - 4:00PM

Lector: David Curran

Servers: Sonya Stonaha

EM: Mary Ellen Symanski, Randy & Kate Stuber,

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 8:30AM

Lector: Stephen Mickulik

Servers: Catherine Weisman

EM: Mary Beth Kakos, Francine Claytor, Dan & Deneen Giesen, Arlene Seeber

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 10:30AM

Lector: Craig Turnbaugh

Servers: Tenley Capato

EM: Tony Cannon, Susan Artz, Alverda, Sheila & Joe Baddick

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, April 14

6:00 PM Rel. Ed classes

Monday, April 15

7:30 PM Knights of Columbus, Business Mtg.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 4/7: \$9,241.00

EASTER: \$17,144.00

RICE BOWL: \$481.00

Thank you for your generosity

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 14-20:

In loving memory of Jardell Yohn, Sr.
(requested by the Yohn Family)

Altar Bread for the month of April:

In loving memory of **Nonno Giovanni Rampulla**
(requested by Adam, Teresa, Liliana & Harrison Krick)