



# 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](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

### 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](http://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](http://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 21 Rev. Stephan Isaac  
April 22 Rev. Msgr. David James  
April 23 Rev. Richard James  
April 24 Rev. Ronald Jankaitis  
April 25 Rev. Dominik Kalata  
April 26 Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ  
April 27 Rev. Shaju Kanjiramparayil, OSFS

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. (Lk. 6:37)

How often our conscience is lax in judging ourselves while our heart is strict in judging the failings of others! The opposite should be the case. Even if my reason can accuse, my kind heart must defend and Christian charity must be the judge. This will lead to a judgment of love, which will one day obtain for me a merciful judgement from God.



**BAPTISM: Welcome Venus Mallary Sharicata-Hernandez** to our parish family!

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. Come visit us today to learn more! [www.lsabear.com](http://www.lsabear.com)  
610.777.7392

### 2024 Parish Picnic SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date... A St John's Parish picnic will be held on Sunday September 15 2024 at the Mohnton Playground.

We need your help to make this a great day for all.

Anyone wishing to join the committee should call Bernadette at the church office at 610.777.1697 and give her name, phone number and email. The first meeting for the planning of the picnic will be held on Sunday May 5th at 11:30 AM in the Father Lyons room.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm. More information will follow. Give the gift only you can give!

## 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.**

**November 13, 2024** - "Joy to the World" at American Music Theatre. Cost: \$124.00, includes all-you-can-eat family style meal at Hershey Farm before celebrating the magic season with American Music theatre's all new holiday show. **Money DUE by October 7, 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](mailto:keroche13@gmail.com)

**St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus Annual Golf Outing:** Benefits in part- St. Francis Home for Hospice Care. Friday, May 17, 2024. Registration at 7:30 AM. Four Person Scramble - Shotgun Start at 8:45 AM. Outing will be held at Blackwood Golf in Douglassville. Registration Entries due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Please see the bulletin boards in church for registration forms and more information.

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

### VI. THE PASCHAL BANQUET

**1411:** Only validly ordained priests can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and the wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

### **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](http://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](mailto:DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG)

### **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](http://www.lsabear.com) school website. Send completed application and reference materials to the Principal, Mr. Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed.

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, APR. 22 - Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. Frank Lewalski, Sr.

**TUESDAY, APR. 23 - St. George, St. Adalbert**  
8:00 a.m. Margaret & Graham Berry

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 24 - St. Fidelis Sigmaringen**  
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Lins-Wisniewski

**THURSDAY, APR. 25 - St. Mark**  
7:00 p.m. Chester Skopek

**FRIDAY, APR. 26 - Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. Helen Zurko

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
4:00 p.m. Kathleen Beisswanger

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Felix Lombardo

### TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds the elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

### UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 4:00PM**

**Lector:** Bernadette Yohn

**Servers:** Teagan Rogers

**EM:** Kathy Burke, Betty Wells, Gina Manidis, Renee Premici,

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 8:30AM**

**Lector:** Paul Berthinet

**Servers:** Ben Mickulik

**EM:** Mary Ellen Symanski, Bob & Judy Peters, Billie & Mike Resch

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 10:30AM**

**Lector:** Brian Kobularcik

**Servers:** Kohen Draper

**EM:** Cindy Trygar, Chris & Keith Worley, Judy Stephan

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday**

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**Monday**

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday**

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday**

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday**

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

**Friday**

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday**

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Sunday, April 21**

6:00 PM

Rel. Ed classes

**Wednesday, April 24**

6:30 PM

Rehearsal for First Communion

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 4/14: \$6,934.00

EASTER: \$17,220.00

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 21-27:

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

### Altar Bread for the month of April:

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