



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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610.777.4468

PASTOR'S EMAIL
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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 28 Rev. Venantius Karobo, AJ
April 29 Rev. Gregory Karpyn
April 30 Rev. Martin Kern
May 1 His Holiness Pope Francis
May 2 Bishop Alfred Schlert
May 3 Rev. Simon Kimaryo, AJ
May 4 Rev. Odemary Kisaka, AJ

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Whoever belongs to God, hears every word God speaks (Jn. 8:47)

God still speaks to us today. His voice can be heard in all the events of life—not only the important ones but the insignificant ones as well. However, His voice is heard only by those who are aware of Divine things and have not become insensible through their worldly ties. Whom do I listen to?



Congratulations to the following students who received their First Communion on Saturday.

Desmond Cartin	Elliott Murphy
Charlotte Dixon	Elora Myotte
Emma Henneman	Grady Neishloss
Liliana Krick	John Romeo
Maria Ortega-Manning	Dustin Simcox
Mason Maurer	Sonya Stonaha
Griffin Morrissey	Lucas Zhingre-Kelly

PRIME TIMERS NEWS



PRIMETIMER GENERAL MEETING:

Our next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 7 at 11 am in the Fr. Lyons Room.** We'll be having our **Annual May Madness Auction!!** There

will be a fantastic assortment of items, and **EVERY ITEM WILL BE BRAND NEW**, so bring your extra dollars to bid on an item for yourself or as a gift for a family member and/or friend!! This is one of our most **FUN** events of the year, so along with all the Spring "goodies" on the table, you're guaranteed to have a most enjoyable time!! Hope to see you there!!

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.**

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!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** in our parish and throughout the Diocese. In 2024 the Appeal will provide support for evangelization, vocations, Catholic education, Catholic charities and care for our retired and infirmed priests.

I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. Our parish has been asked to raise \$32,675.00. Let's strive for 100% participation from our parish. Together, I believe we can make our goal.

We are stronger together! Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800.831.4443.

With gratitude,

Fr. Ed

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

1412: The essential signs of the Eucharistic sacrament are wheat bread and grape wine, on which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the priest pronounces the words of consecration spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "This is my body which will be given up for you. . . . This is the cup of my blood. . . ."



FAITH SHARING FOR WOMEN

Saturday, May 11- As we continue our journey through the Easter Season, come break open the sacred scriptures with other women in our parish. On Saturday, May 11 we will listen intently to the readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter and together, as descendants of the women of the Gospel, we will ponder our call to share God's love with others. Faith Sharing for Women meets on the second Saturday of each month in the Father Lyons Room from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. As always a warm welcome awaits returning or first time participants. If you plan to attend or want to seek further information ask Arlene Seeber in person or by phone (484-794-8027) or by email (arleneseeber@icloud.com).

The following Altar Servers attended a Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown on April 13th for all Diocesan Altar Servers. It was standing room only, what a beautiful sight to behold to see so many representing their parishes through out the Diocese.

Matthew Doxie, Kohen Draper, Quinn Manidis, Sonya Stonaha, Lily Yohn.

SAVE THE DATE 2024 PARISH PICNIC

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.

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. 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.



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



Please Take Note: Mass on Friday, May 3 is at 8:30 AM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 8:00 a.m. **APR. 29 - St. Catharine of Siena**
Philip & Vivian Keeley
TUESDAY, 8:00 a.m. **APR. 30 - St. Pius V**
Pastor's Intention
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 - St. Joseph the Worker
8:00 a.m. Anne Kakos
THURSDAY, MAY 2 - St. Athanasius
7:00 p.m. Claire Causa
FRIDAY, MAY 3 - Sts. Philip & James
8:30 a.m. Memorial Society Members

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 4
4:00 p.m. Julie Lombardo
SUNDAY, MAY 5
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Paul Namiotka

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 4:00PM

Lector: Sharon Brahmstadt
Servers: Alyssa Reali
EM: Renee Reali, Vince Sottosanti, Bernadette Yohn

SUNDAY, MAY 5 - 8:30AM

Lector: Ed Lawrence
Servers: Zoey Kutzer
EM: Lois Lombardo, Nick Bentz, Susan Artz, Dan Giesen

SUNDAY, MAY 5 - 10:30AM

Lector: Tom Cuba
Servers: Carson Frutchey
EM: Adam Krick, Mary Beth Kakos, Kathy Mihalik, Vicki Pinder, Kristen Kellenberger

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 4/21: \$10,462.00
Thank you for your generosity

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 28-May 4:

In loving memory of Kathleen Beisswanger
(requested by the Donna Satz)

Altar Bread for the month of April:

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

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26-2:3

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

First Friday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

First Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, April 28

6:00 PM Rel. Ed classes

Tuesday, April 30

1:00 PM Prime Timer's Board Meeting