



# ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

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## 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

## 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

**Saturdays:** 3:00PM-3:50PM

## 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,  
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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105  
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## PARISH SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Contact Bernadette Yohn  
St. John Baptist de la Salle  
610.777.1697

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## 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](mailto: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**

Please take Note: Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass is at 4 pm on 5/8 and Masses for Ascension Day 5/9 are at 9 am & 7 pm.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>MAY 6 - Easter Weekday</b> Ann Tartaglia
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>MAY 7 - Easter Weekday</b> Joan Reedy
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>MAY 8 - Easter Weekday</b> Jack Fosnocht
4:00 p.m.	Aloysius & Ann Fleming
<b>THURSDAY,</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MAY 9 - ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b> Intentions for Rose Madonna (100 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
7:00 p.m.	Dominic Ray
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>MAY 10 - St. John of Avila &amp; St. Damien de Veuster</b> John Shirk, Jr.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>MAY 11</b> Mother's Day Memorials
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>MAY 12</b> People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Memorials

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SATURDAY, MAY 11 - 4:00PM

**Lector:** Stephen Mickulik

**Servers:** Lily Yohn

**EM:** Craig & Alverda Turnbaugh, Renee Premici, Kathy Burke

### SUNDAY, MAY 12 - 8:30AM

**Lector:** Britt Kobularcik

**Servers:** Matthew Doxie

**EM:** Arlene Seeber, Bob & Judy Peters, Gina Manidis

### SUNDAY, MAY 12 - 10:30AM

**Lector:** Cindy Trygar

**Servers:** Penny Cartin

**EM:** Tom Cuba, Sheila & Joe Baddick, Tony Cannon

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 4/28: \$5,990.00

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of May 5 - 11:**  
For Special Intentions

## TODAYS READINGS

### First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

### Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

### Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

### Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

### Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Sunday, May 5

11:30 AM Parish Picnic Meeting

### Monday, May 6

7:30 PM Knights of Columbus General Mtg.

### Tuesday, May 7

11:00 AM Prime Timer's General Meeting

### Wednesday, May 8

8:30 AM Church Cleaning

### Saturday, May 11

2:00 PM Faith Sharing for Women

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

May 5 Rev. Msgr. Nevin Klinger  
May 6 Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil  
May 7 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons  
May 8 Rev. David Kozak  
May 9 Rev. Msgr. Robert Kozel  
May 10 Rev. Daniel Kravatz  
May 11 Rev. Dr. John Krivak

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

In all things we suffer tribulation, but we are not crushed; we are perplexed, but we never despair. (2 Cor. 4:8)

This scripture passage contains a wonderful and victorious "but", with which the Apostle conquers all the difficulties of life. In spite of his weakness, he feels strong; in spite of his poverty, rich; in spite of his frailty, victorious. Why? Because God is with him. Those who have God have everything.



### 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 (arlenesieber@icloud.com).

### A Message from the Music Director:

I would like to thank all of the Parishioners for all the prayers, Masses, and support for my fathers passing. What an amazing feeling to, in just a short time, feel a part of a family. You have welcomed me with open arms and made me feel as if I have been with you all for years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Please continue to keep me in your prayers and please know that you are all in my prayers as well! God bless all of you! ~Andrew Angstadt

## 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.

## 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:

- **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. Bus leaves St. John's at 7:45 am with an approximate return of 6:30 pm.**
- **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. Bus leaves St. John's at 11:00 am with an approximate return of 6:30 pm.**

**Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal.** The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift today at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). Thank You!

**Mariawald Renewal Center**, 1094 Welsh Road, Reading PA 19607, Eight- Day Preached Retreat for Women Religious/Sisters & Lay Women - August 2 - August 9/2024

**Facilitator:** Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB (Congregation of St. Basil - Basilian Fathers)

**Theme:** Godly Women of the Old and New Testaments: How Can We Imitate Their Boldness, Courage, Fidelity, and Love?

**Arrival Time:** 3-4:30pm **Departure Time:** 2:00pm  
For More Information/To Register, Call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email [mariawald-center@gmail.com](mailto:mariawald-center@gmail.com)

Register Before July 15, 2024

## 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

**1413:** By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1640; 1651).

### **La Salle Exciting School Announcements:**

Montessori at La Salle Academy

La Salle Academy is switching to the Montessori Model Prekindergarten, for the 3 and 4-year-old programs, for the 2024-2025 school year at virtually the same price as current LSA Tuition. Seating for this new program is limited to 18 students per class but priority registration is offered to St. John and St. Benedict parish families until **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Students must have reached their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by September 1 to be eligible to enter the Prekindergarten program. Pre-reservations for all grades for the 2025-2026 school year begin August 1. 5<sup>th</sup> grade registration has gone to a waitlist for the 2024-2025 school year.

### **A few great Attributes about the LSA Bear Den.**

La Salle Academy now offers Spanish from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. La Salle Academy offers STEM classes from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in addition to STEM integration across the curriculum. La Salle Academy teaches Penmanship and Spelling at every level.

La Salle Academy is part of only a handful of schools where participation in CYO Declamation, (precursor to High School Level-Speech and Debate), is required as part of the Language Arts curriculum. LSA students then compete at the regional and Diocesan Level competition.

### **Interesting Facts about the costs of things:**

It is estimated that the total average daily cost to stay at Disney World this year is \$233.00 per person, per day. Before Flights, that means 7 days for a family of four comes out to roughly \$ 6,524. Local Montessori 5-day full tuition for 2024-2025 - \$9,245

LSA K-8 Tuition for 2024-2025- \$5,764

Scholarships available at LSA - \$1,000 Public School Transfer Grant, Parishioner Support, EITC, OSTC Scholarships.

**The Mifflin Community Food Ministry's next food distribution** will be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, between 9:00-11:00 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

### **La Salle Academy needs to add more educators to the Faculty for the 2024-2025 School year.**

#### Full-Time Teaching:

- PA Certified K-6 Teacher
- PA Certified Middle-School ELA Teacher

#### Part-Time Teaching:

- Part-Time Gym Teacher
- Part-Time Music Teacher
- PT Montessori-Experienced Classroom Aids P-3
- Substitute teachers



**Parish sponsored blood drive at St. John's Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm.**  
**Sign up after all Masses the weekends of May 18<sup>th</sup>& 19<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>& 26**

## **A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH NURSES MINISTRY**

### **"Saving Lives: Why Blood Donation Matters"**

In a world that often feels divided, there's one thing that unites us all: the desire to help others. By donating blood, we have a unique opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.

Blood donation is one of the most impactful ways to give back to our community. Every day, countless individuals rely on donated blood to survive, whether they're undergoing surgery, battling cancer, or recovering from an accident. Your donation could quite literally save a life.

Donating blood is a voluntary act where a person gives a portion of their blood for medical use. Blood donation is typically done through blood donation centers, hospitals, or mobile blood drives organized by various organizations. The process involves a trained medical professional drawing blood from a donor's arm. After donation, the blood is processed and tested then transfused to patients in need.

### **What are Blood Products?**

Blood products refer to the different components of blood that are separated after donation for specific medical purposes. Each blood product serves a unique purpose and can be used to treat a variety of medical conditions. The availability of safe and reliable blood products is essential for modern healthcare, as it enables healthcare providers to perform life-saving treatments and procedures.

### **The Components of Blood include the following:**

**Red Blood Cells (RBCs)** are responsible for carrying oxygen from the lungs to the body's tissues and removing carbon dioxide. They are commonly transfused to patients who have undergone surgery, suffered trauma or blood loss, or have medical conditions such as anemia.

**Platelets** are tiny cells in the blood that help with clotting, preventing excessive bleeding. Platelet transfusions are often given to patients with low platelet counts due to cancer treatment, surgery, or certain medical conditions.

**Plasma** is the liquid component of blood that contains water, electrolytes, proteins, hormones, and waste products. It plays a vital role in maintaining blood pressure and supplying critical proteins for blood clotting, immune function, and transportation of nutrients and waste.

**White Blood Cells (WBCs)** are part of the body's immune system and help fight infection and disease. While whole blood transfusions containing white blood cells are rare, specific white blood cell components may be transfused in certain medical situations, such as severe infections or immunodeficiency disorders.

**Where you donate blood makes a difference.** For example, Miller-Keystone Blood Center with mobile blood drives, serves 35 local hospitals in our region. That means your blood can save the lives of family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others in the area that may need your help. On an annual basis, Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs over 100,000 units of blood to help save patients in our local hospitals - that's 350 donors every day. <https://www.giveapint.org/> (Miller-Keystone website)

### **Here Are A Few Examples of Blood Use and Conditions Requiring Blood**

**Heart surgery patients:** At least 3-8 units of Red Cells, 1-10 units of Platelets and 2-5 units of Plasma

**Premature infants:** At least 1-4 units of Red Cells

**Accident victims:** 5-100 units of Red Cells

**Cancer patients:** At least 3-10 units of Red Cells and 10-30 units of Platelets

To help your blood donation go smoothly, drink an extra 16 oz. of water (or other nonalcoholic drink) before your appointment and eat a healthy meal, avoiding fatty foods like hamburgers, fries, or ice cream.

When we come together as a parish to support causes like blood donation, we strengthen our sense of community and solidarity. Knowing that we're all working towards a common goal - to help our neighbors in their time of need - can be incredibly uplifting.

# Because we are Catholic



Funds raised through the **Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal** are directed to Community Services, Education, Vocations, and Parish Life programs and activities throughout the Diocese.

The distribution of dollars, which are held in a Trust that is restricted for these purposes, is monitored by a group of volunteer Trust Advisors who represent parish communities in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Counseling services and pregnancy support for expectant mothers.
- Food assistance programs in Allentown, Reading, and Pottsville.
- Affordable Housing Services throughout the Diocese of Allentown.
- Senior living programs and support including care for our retired priests.



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