



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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610.777.7392

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

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, 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

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 484.824.1577

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

OCIA (Order of Christian 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

ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Timers

Contact: Bob Peters at 610.775.8965

Knights of Columbus

Contact: David Pray at 610.780.9431

Church Cleaners

Contact: Carol Bensing at 610.401.6561

CYO (Christian Youth Organization)

Contact: Cassandra Jones at 814.441.3557

Lyndsey Gable at 484.256.3464

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.

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

OCIA: 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

May 11	Rev. Allen Hoffa
May 12	Rev. John Hutta
May 13	Very Rev. Augustine Idra, AJ
May 14	Rev. Francis Iroot, AJ
May 15	Our deceased priests
May 16	Our sick and infirmed priests
May 17	Our seminarians

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Mary would not have been blessed, though she had borne Jesus in the body, had she not heard the word of God and kept it.

Saint John Chrysostom—Mary, Full of Grace

The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.

Dear Parish Family,

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 is truly 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 those who helped me stuff my refrigerator with all the treats of Easter.

You know you have your ticket for Heaven!

Father Ed.



FAITH SHARING FOR WOMEN – May 2025

The May Faith Sharing for Women meeting, originally scheduled for Saturday May 24, will not take place. Faith Sharing will resume in June with a regularly scheduled session on Saturday, June 28. Look for details in the June 15 and 22 weekend parish bulletin. If you would like more information get in touch with Arlene Seeber by phone (484.794.8027) or by email (arleneseeber@icloud.com).

Blood Drive – The Parish Nurse Ministry with Miller Key-stone Blood Bank are sponsoring a blood drive at St. John's on Wednesday June 4th 9am-2pm. Sign up after all Masses in the Father Lyons room on May 17th & 18th, May 24th & 25th, and May 31st & June 1st. Give a GIFT only you can give!

SAVE THE DATE - Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday September 14, 2025 at the Mohnton Playground. Please watch future bulletins for more details. Anyone who wishes to join the picnic committee, please call the church office at 610.777.1697 and give Bernadette your contact information. Thank you.

PRIME TIMERS NEWS



Flyers for the JUNE 10th **PRIME-TIMERS PICNIC** will be available at the MAY 6th GENERAL MEETING, and on the tables by the Church outer doors, and Church Office as of MAY 3rd -MAY 25th. For more information, call Judy Peters at 610.775.8965

September 10, 2025: Join us for a fun-filled day on an exciting Mystery Tour! We will keep you guessing from start to finish. Sit back, relax, enjoy the scenery and let the day unfold. We can't tell you where you're going but we're sure you'll have a great time!! Cost per person: \$155.00, this includes all the Attractions, Lunch, Motor Coach Transportation, Driver's Gratuity & All Applicable Taxes. The Bus will depart from St. John's parking lot at 8:15 AM with an approximate return of 5:00 PM. **Deadline for Payment and Registration is August 5, 2025. Please Note:** Please have cash on hand if you are planning to purchase souvenirs. Several Vendors on this Tour only accept cash in their Gift shops.

November 12, 2025: "Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn" at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Cost per person: \$135.00. Before the show enjoy their full-service salad bar, classic American favorite entrees, potato and vegetable side dishes, and their favorite delectable dessert buffet! Package includes Motor Coach Transportation, Lunch, and Show, and Driver Gratuity. Bus will depart from St. John's parking lot at 10:30 AM with an approximate return of 4:45 PM. **Deadline for Payment and Registration is September 24, 2025.** For more information and registration please contact **Mary Stadelmeyer at 484.955.9492.**

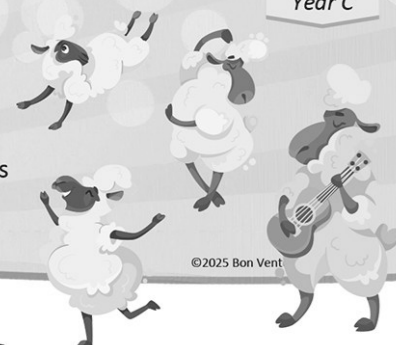
Mifflin Community Food Ministry Update: Thanks to all who remember the food ministry with weekly food donations. Through your continued generosity, the food ministry is able to assist more than 100 families each month in the Mifflin area! The Mifflin Community Food Ministry's next food distribution will be on Saturday, May 17th, 2025, between 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. **A request for the following food items would be greatly appreciated:** Instant potatoes, canned pasta (ravioli), canned chicken breast, canned tuna fish, canned peaches, canned pineapple, 100% juice, peanut butter and toilet paper. 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. Thank you for your continued generosity! Any concerns, please contact Kate Roché @ keroche13@gmail.com

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:27-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His little sheep - loved, guided and cared for. Following His voice leads us to eternal life, with God.



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Jesus says, "The Father
and I are one."

JOHN 10:30

We are all Jesus' little sheep.

Give the sheep names using
people you know.

Don't forget yourself!



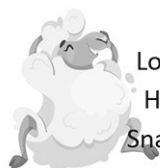
BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.



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Voice
People
Guided
Given
Eternal
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY,	MAY 12 - Sts. Nereus & Achilleus & Pancras
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Peter Keenan
TUESDAY,	MAY 13 - Our Lady of Fatima
8:00 a.m.	Florence "Babe" Fosnocht
WEDNESDAY,	MAY 14 - St. Matthias
8:00 a.m.	John Stevenson
THURSDAY,	MAY 15 - St. Isidore
7:00 p.m.	Helen Singley
FRIDAY,	MAY 16 - Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m.	Rose Marie Kobularcik

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY,	MAY 17
4:00 p.m.	David Strick, Sr.
SUNDAY,	MAY 18
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Jennie Lombardo

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 17 - 4:00PM

Lector: Stephen Mickulik**Servers:** Tenley Capato**EM:** Vince Sottosanti, Gina Mandis, Bernadette Yohn

SUNDAY, MAY 18 - 8:30AM

Lector: Ed Lawrence**Servers:** Carson & Charleston Frutchey**EM:** Francine Claytor, Mary Beth Kakos, Judy Stephan

MONDAY, MAY 18 - 10:30AM

Lector: Shayla Carey**Servers:** Michaela Maurer & Anna Murphy**EM:** Tony Cannon, Alverda & Craig Turnbaugh

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 5/4: \$8,717.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of May 11-17
will burn in loving memory of George Hlodash, Sr.
(requested by Shirley & Linda Hlodash)

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

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

Saturday

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Wednesday, May 14

8:30 AM Church Cleaning

10:30 AM Prime Timers Bus Trip

Please direct all bulletin and website inquiries to the Parish Communications Coordinator,
Sarah Capato at 610.850.4978 or sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com.
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