



# 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

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610.777.1697

**PARISH EMAIL**  
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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

## 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.

## **ADORATION**

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

## **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

## **CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE SERVICE**

*If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop abuse reporting service at:*

ReportBishopAbuse.org  
800.276.1562

## 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

### 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 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: David Pray at 610.780.9431

**Knights of Columbus**

Contact: Craig Turnbaugh at 717.519.9516

**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

### 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+

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### CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING

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### 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

June 29 Rev. Keith Mathur  
June 30 Rev. John McCann  
July 1 His Holiness Pope Leo  
July 2 Bishop Alfred Schlert  
July 3 Rev. Robert McConaghy  
July 4 Very Rev. Brian Miller  
July 5 Very Rev. Michael Miller, MSC

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.

Saint Therese of Lisieux—The Bread of Life

Eternity is a long time to think about what you should have done.

### ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

We have been notified by the Bishop's Office that Confirmation for our Eighth Graders will take place at St. Benedict's Parish on **Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM.** Please inform the sponsors of this date. More information will be sent home concerning rehearsal time and day at a later date. If you have any questions please contact Bernadette at 610.777.1697 or email at [st.johnbdls@gmail.com](mailto:st.johnbdls@gmail.com)

**The Mifflin Community Food Ministry's next food distribution** will be on Saturday, July 19th between 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. A request for the following items would be greatly appreciated: pasta sauce, peanut butter, instant potatoes, black beans, kidney beans, peanut butter, kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, 100 % juice, canned salmon, tuna, & canned fruit. **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, Mohnnton, Pa. 19540. There is no contact, just a drop off. Our next big collection for **back to school supplies will begin July 19th** and will be given away at the **August food distribution.** All help with this project is appreciated. For those writing a check, please make check out to **Mifflin Community Food Ministry.**

Please mail checks to:  
Zion Evangelical Church  
57 Church St.  
Mohnnton, Pa 19540

Any concerns, contact Kate Roche' at [keroche13@gmail.com](mailto:keroche13@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual blood drive. We collected 25 units of blood!**

## PRIME TIMERS NEWS

**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.**

### SAVE THE DATE!

**On Tuesday, October 7th,** Bishop Schlert will be leading the people of the Diocese on pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. as part of the church's ongoing celebration of Jubilee 2025. Our parish will be sponsoring a bus trip to join in with this great event. More information will be forthcoming as the time grows closer. Reservations for seats can be made at this time. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve.

**WIN \$10,000 CASH!!** The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on FRIDAY, October 3rd during the Extravaganza 2025 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695 or e-mail at [Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org](mailto:Extravaganza@BerksCatholic.org)

**St. Benedict's Prime Timers are organizing a bus trip to the Connecticut River Valley** featuring the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat historic attractions for September 17-19, 2025, three days and two nights, \$550 double occupancy. Contact mark Schrum 484.706.2215 or [mark.schrum@gmail.com](mailto:mark.schrum@gmail.com) for details.

## POOR BOX DONATIONS SUMMER SEASON BENEFIT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services, founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve WWII survivors in Europe, has expanded its mission to become the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Today CRS annually assists more than 210 million of the world's poorest, most vulnerable people in 121 countries, including Africa, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America and the Caribbean. Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, CRS is governed by a board of directors comprised of clergy, most of them bishops elected by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as religious, and Catholic lay men and women. CRS proudly maintains strict standards of efficiency, accountability, and transparency with 93% of expenditures going directly to programs.

### CRS Mission Statement

*Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to: Promote Human Development by responding to major emergencies fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and Serve Catholics in the United States as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world. As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race, or nationality.*

For more than 80 years CRS has managed complex, multi-sector and multi-year relief, rehabilitation, and development projects, under bilateral and multilateral program agreements. Unfortunately, the recent and anticipated future cuts in federal funding for overseas aid has placed serious limitations on many CRS projects. CRS has become one of the most respected and influential international relief and development agencies in the world and holds the highest financial and trust rankings from governments, institutions, foundations and other donors.

The people served by Catholic Relief Services will greatly benefit from and appreciate your generous donations placed in our parish Poor Box through these summer months.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Simon	Son	Church
Saul	Living	Kingdom
Peter	God	Heaven
Paul	Rock	Revealed
Jesus	Foundation	Blessed
Messiah	Build	

**LORD**  
**IS MY ROCK**

R	E	S	L	I	V	I	N	G	T	M
F	O	U	N	D	A	T	I	O	N	E
N	M	C	U	O	I	B	E	D	E	S
L	E	B	K	L	S	J	E	S	U	S
I	S	V	D	T	H	S	S	K	O	M
V	S	E	A	C	S	N	E	S	P	O
R	I	D	R	E	V	E	A	L	E	D
S	A	U	L	S	H	V	K	L	T	G
G	H	B	S	I	M	O	N	K	E	N
C	U	Y	P	A	U	L	I	F	R	I
H	E	F	N	O	D	B	R	W	A	K

**Please Take Note: Mass on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> is at 9 AM**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JUNE 30 - *The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church***

8:00 a.m. Tom & Doreen Cuba  
(52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniv.)

**TUESDAY, JULY 1 - *St. Junipero Serra***

8:00 a.m. Charlie Rickert

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 - *Weekday***

8:00 a.m. Kurt Snyder

**THURSDAY, JULY 3 - *St. Thomas***

7:00 p.m. Joseph Sottosanti

**FRIDAY, JULY 4 - *Weekday***

9:00 a.m. Memorial Society Members

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY, JULY 5**

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JULY 6**

8:30 a.m. George Hlodash, Sr.

10:30 a.m. Jennie Lombardo

### UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28 - 4:00PM**

**Lector:** Mike Caterina

**Servers:** Alyssa Realì

**EM:** Francine Claytor, Alverda & Craig Turnbaugh

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - 8:30AM**

**Lector:** Shayla Carey

**Servers:** Matthew Doxie

**EM:** Susan Artz, Mary Ellen Symanski, Arlene Seeber

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - 10:30AM**

**Lector:** Sharon Brahmstadt

**Servers:** Teagan Rogers

**EM:** Kristen Kellenberger, Chris & Keith Worley

### TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading: Acts 12: 1-11**

King Herod began to harass some of the members of the Church. James, brother of John, was beheaded. Peter was arrested and imprisoned. Through the power of an angel, light shown in the cell and Peter's chains fell from his wrists. Peter followed the angel to safety and was convinced that the angel was sent by God to save him from Herod.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith," Timothy writes. We hear in this reading the longing for the day of God's reign and how salvation is near. God will continue to rescue us and keep us from harm.

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19**

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock upon which he will build his Church" promising Peter the power "to bind" and "to loose".

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday**

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Monday**

Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday**

Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday**

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday**

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

**First Friday**

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

**First Saturday**

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

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



**PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Please direct all bulletin and website inquiries to the Parish Communications Coordinator, Sarah Capato at 610.850.4978 or [sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com](mailto:sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com).  
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