



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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610.777.4468

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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,
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: Denise Leininger at 570.814.4446

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.

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

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, 8:00 a.m.	OCT. 14 - St. Callistus I John Switay
TUESDAY, 8:00 a.m.	OCT. 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus Marion Kelly
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 a.m.	OCT. 16 - St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Rexford Lord
THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m.	OCT. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch Joan Reedy
FRIDAY, 8:00 a.m.	OCT. 18 - St. Luke Frank & Lee Mungo

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 p.m.	OCT. 19 Brian Grabus
SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.	OCT. 20 Meme Fronza Sabol
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCT. 19 - 4:00PM
Lector: Stephen Mickulik
Servers: Lily Yohn
EM: Kate & Randy Stuber, Bernadette Yohn
SUNDAY, OCT. 20 - 8:30AM
Lector: Britt Kobularcik
Servers: Zoey Kutzer
EM: Lois Lombardo, Mary Beth Kakos, Susan Artz
SUNDAY, OCT. 20 - 10:30AM
Lector: Shayla Carey
Servers: Carson & Charleston Frutchey
EM: Vince Sottosanti, Joe & Sheila Baddick, Kathy Mihalik

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 10/6: \$ 9,459.00
Thank you for your generosity

Altar Bread for the month of October:

In loving memory of "Nana" Ann Beaulieu
 (requested by Adam, Teresa, Liliana, Harrison Krick)

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God's perception of people is called "sharper than any two-edged sword." God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Saturday

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, Oct. 13

6:00 PM NO Rel Ed (classes resume 10/20)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

6:30 PM OCIA

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of October 13-19:

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

Please direct all bulletin and website inquiries to the Parish Communications Coordinator,
 Sarah Capato at 610.850.4978 or sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com.
 Bulletin submissions are due Thursday, ten days prior to the Sunday of publication.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

October 13 Rev. Eric Gruber
October 14 Rev. Francis Grundowski
October 15 Our deceased priests
October 16 Our sick and infirmed priests
October 17 Our seminarians
October 18 Rev. Kevin Gualano
October 19 Rev. Abraham Ha

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

We must desire our neighbor's good and rejoice when he obtains it. And on the other hand, we must be sorry for his misfortunes.

St. Alphonsus Liguori—The Bonds of Charity

Stack every bit of criticism between two layers of praise.



FAITH SHARING FOR WOMEN OCTOBER

19 Come join a circle of women in our parish and explore how Faith Sharing for Women

helps grow our faith. We meet once a month, on a Saturday afternoon in the newly renovated Father Lyons Room and wrap up in time to attend the 4:00 pm Mass. Through various forms of prayer, pondering the Scriptures and delving into our Catholic traditions together we deepen our understanding of our baptismal call and discover many ways to live our values in daily life. Come explore how participation might deepen your relationship with God, add clarity to your inner world, strengthen your ties with family and friends and fortify your place within the community of our parish. Come find out what Faith Sharing for Women can do for you. **We will meet in the Father Lyons Room on Saturday, October 19 beginning at 2:00 pm.** As always a warm welcome awaits returning or first time participants. If you plan to attend or want to seek further information get in touch with Arlene Seeber by phone (484.794.8027) or by email (arleneseeber@icloud.com).

La Salle Academy is looking for 2 or 3 Aftercare helpers. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 2:30-5:30 pm. If interested, please visit our website to complete the application at Isabear.com or contact the school at 610.777.7392. Pay is \$16-20/hour depending on experience.

**THE MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2025
IS NOW OPENED.**



POOR BOX DONATIONS SEPTEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 23

BENEFIT KENNEDY HOUSE Located at 532 Spruce Street Reading, Kennedy House, under the direction of the Poor Sister of Saint Joseph, has served

the poor and hungry of the area for over 50 years. The soup kitchen serves meals to between 85 and 200 or more people each Saturday and Sunday, and on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter from 11:30 am to 12:30pm. In addition a food bank, open on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 11:30 am, supplies food to meet basic nutritional needs to low-income residents in Berks County. According to an August 2019 edition of the Reading Eagle, Kennedy House grew from the work of Monsignor Dennis Rigney, who was assigned to Saint Peter Church in Reading in 1966 to work with the Spanish speaking population. A printed history of the organization includes a quote from Monsignor Rigney stating: "It soon became apparent that in addition to the need for church services, many social programs were needed to help alleviate some of the problems of intercity residents and migrant workers, especially among the Spanish speaking." The Eagle report continued to explain: "He formed a clothing and home-goods donation center, Casa Monserrate, Casa is Spanish for house and Monserrate was for Our Lady of Monserrate, sometimes called the Black Madonna. The name was a way to let black and Spanish-speaking people know they were welcome." Quickly the need outgrew the space and in 1968 an abandoned store, now the Spruce Street property, was purchased, renovate and renamed the Kennedy House to honor the lives of John F. and Bobby Kennedy

DONATIONS TO OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

The summer month's donations to benefit Opportunity house totaled \$2,091.00. . Such parish generosity testifies to our sensitivity to the homeless in our community. Opportunity House will use well such generous support. Thank You!

Special Diocesan Collection to aid in the recovery efforts for the victims of Hurricane Helene will take place the weekend of **October 19 & 20**. As in the past with special collections if you wish credit for your donation please place the donation in a separate envelope and mark it **Hurricane Helene. DO NOT USE your regular church envelope for this collection!**

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Reservations are now open for the **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy** with Bishop Schlert and Fr. Hoffa, **Tuesday, March 25, 2025-Saturday, April 3, 2025**. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact **Father Allen Hoffa directly at ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205**

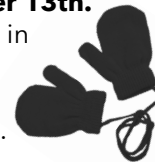
Mifflin Community Food Ministry Update: Thanks to all who remember the food ministry with weekly food donations. Through your continued generosity, the food ministry is able to assist more than 100 families each month! The Mifflin Community Food Ministry's next food distribution will be on Saturday, October 19th, 2024 between 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. A request for the following food items would be greatly appreciated: These items are in short supply and very much needed: Canned chicken breast, spam, canned salmon, tuna, peanut butter, 100% juice and instant potatoes and macaroni & cheese. 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 or 610.777.4792



**WARM HEARTS–WARM FEET–
WARM HANDS** We're asking our generous parishioners to show their loving hearts again and donate just one pair of NEW socks or mittens (or a pack if you so desire) for either babies, girls, women, boys, or men. Winter is on its

way and we want all of our friends to have "warm feet and hands". All donations will be shared amongst Mary's Shelter, Opportunity House, Kennedy House, Mifflin Food Pantry, Hope Rescue Mission, Bethany Children's Home, and The Children's Home in Reading. If there is a need from some of our own parishioners, that is welcome as well. Collections will go for two weekends **beginning now through Sunday, October 13th.**

Donations can be put in the marked boxes in the Father Lyons Room or at the entrances of the church. Any questions can be directed to Cindy Trygar at 610.401.8594 . Thank you for your continued generosity!



Away from home? Find a mass wherever you are by visiting www.masstimes.org

OCTOBER NOVENA

In just a few weeks the election for the next president of the United States will take place so there is time to gather information so your vote can be placed after wise contemplation. The country is divided so we need to elect the candidate who can bring it together and who has the patience to work with the congress and senate to legislate fairly and justly. This novena will begin Monday October 14 on the feast day of St. Callistus and ends on October 22 on the feast day of St. John Paul II. Both Popes worked tirelessly to treat all with mercy, understanding and compassion. That is the kind of president that is needed right now to lead us the next four years. May God watch over us during this time.

The beginning prayer will be:

Almighty Father, the foundation of your throne is justice and righteousness, therefore, let justice prevail during the election exercise we are in. Let the will of the people prevail as we turn out in numbers to cast our votes. Let the candidates accept the outcome of the elections without creating tension. Give us leaders who will care about the common citizen. We advocate for equality for all including the unborn. Give us the desires of our hearts so peace will exist in the country and in the world. Amen.

Pray the rosary.

The closing prayer will be:

God, forgive us for the times we've failed to treat each other as Your creation. Raise our leaders and political candidates to a new level of respect and civility. Remind them that You are sovereign and that the wisest choice we can make is to serve You and serve others. May there be a new movement of collaboration and respect in our nation's capital and throughout the country. Give them and us the strength to lead by example with world-changing love and peace. Amen