



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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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
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PARISH SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Contact Bernadette Yohn
St. John Baptist de la Salle
610.777.1697

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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, NOV. 4 - St. Charles Borromeo
8:00 a.m. Charles & Lorraine Beatty

TUESDAY, NOV. 5 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. Angie Mingari

THURSDAY, NOV. 7 - Weekday
7:00 p.m. Richard & Fran Rhode

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 - Weekday
8:00 a.m. William Koch

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, NOV. 9
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOV. 10
8:30 a.m. John & Eleanor Mihalik
10:30 a.m. Father Patrick Tobin

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SAUTRDAY, NOV. 9 - 4:00PM
Lector: Leslie Curran
Servers: Teagan Rogers
EM: Randy & Kate Stuber, Renee Premici, Bernadette Yohn

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 - 8:30AM
Lector: Paul Berthinet
Servers: Catherine Weisman
EM: Arlene Seeber, Judy & Bob Peters, Dan Giesen

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 - 10:30AM
Lector: Tom Cuba
Servers: Tenley Capato
EM: Chris & Keith Worley, Kathy Burke, Judy Stephan

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of Nov. 3-9:

In celebration of Arien Brahmstadt's 22nd birthday
(requested by her grandparents, Cliff & Sharon Brahmstadt)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 10/27: \$ 8,830.96
Thank you for your generosity

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses commands the people to love and fear God, and always keep the commandments that they were given. He tells them to observe all statutes so that they will continue to grow and prosper, and tells them that they must love God with all their soul and strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Under the old covenant there were many priests, but Jesus will now remain high priest forever because he will live forever, and always be available to those who want to be saved. He does not need to offer sacrifice every day for the sins of his people, because he offered himself up in payment for their sins.

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus which commandment is the first, and he replied that the first is to love and honor the Lord and no one else. Jesus explained that they must love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor. The scribe agreed that loving God completely and loving one's neighbor is better than any sacrifice they could make.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Monday

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, Nov. 3

6:00 PM Rel Ed

Monday, Nov. 4

6:30 PMParent Meeting for 7th grade Confirmation

Tuesday, Nov. 5

11:00 AM Prime Timers General Mtg.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

6:30 PMOCIA

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

November 3 Rev. Ronald Jankaitis
November 4 Rev. Dominik Kalata
November 5 Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ
November 6 Rev. Shaju Kanjiramparayil, OSFS
November 7 Rev. Venantius Karobo, AJ
November 8 Rev. Gregory Karpyn
November 9 Rev. Martin Kern

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

My Lord and my God, take from me all that separates me from you! My Lord and my God, give me everything that will bring me closer to you! My Lord and my God, protect me from myself and grant that I may belong entirely to you!

St. Nicholas of Flue- Abiding in God

Don't lessen the lesson.

A request for the following food items would be greatly appreciated:

Yams, peanut butter, 100% juice, canned chicken breast, spam, canned salmon, tuna, instant potatoes and macaroni & cheese. Your donated items are very much appreciated. Please place donations in the baskets at church entrances. The Sisters of the Precious Blood Convent will be picking up the food for these weeks for the Kennedy House. Any concerns, contact Kate Roche at keroche13@gmail.com 610.777.4792 Thank you for your continued generosity!

We strongly urge all parishioners to become informed on key issues and to vote: The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

Attention Men of our Parish: why not join a group of parish men who make an annual retreat to St. Joseph's in the Hills Retreat House, Malvern, PA. This coming year on the weekend of January 17, 18, 19, 2025. Step aside relax, and look at your life...Want to strengthen, renew, and discover a personal relationship with GOD? I urge you to avail yourself for this truly rewarding experience. Please contact **Bob Peters at 484.332.3183 or Nick Bentz at 610.781.7774** for more information or to sign up.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & FLEA MARKET at SS. Cyril & Methodious Church, 6th & Laurel Streets, Reading on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Large Jewelry selection at good prices. Wreaths, Trees, Lights, Bedding, Household items, toys and much more. Take-out food available.

PRIME TIMERS NEWS



PRIMETIMER GENERAL MEETING:

Our next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 11:00 am** in the **Fr. Lyons Room**.

This will be our **Annual Covered Dish Social**, so bring your favorite **Potluck Dish**, homemade or store bought, large amount or small, to share with our Primetimer Group. Join us in celebrating our friendships along with enjoying a variety of dishes that will delight your palate!! We look forward to seeing you there!!

VETERANS APPRECIATION AT ST. JOHN'S

Please join the Breaking Bread social group and the Knights of Columbus Council 7179 in showing our THANKS to all Veterans for their service with a Pancake and Sausage breakfast on **Sunday November 10 after both the 8:30 and 10:30 AM masses**. All are welcome. Come over to the Father Lyons room to show your appreciation. A free will donation will be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there!



La Salle Academy has immediate openings to hire educators:

- Full-time, Prekindergarten Teacher.**
- Maternity Leave, Part-Time, Art Teacher. (November -January)**
- Classroom Aids and Aftercare Helpers.**

Interested? The Diocesan Teaching Application can be found on the LSABEAR.COM website. Send Resume and Cover Letter and requested credentials to Mr. Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed., Principal by mail, or email mickulik@lsabear.com.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County warmly invites you to the annual Mass that will be said for all living & deceased members of the club on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Saint Ignatius Church. Following the Mass at 8 o'clock there will be a November meeting, a "Welcome" acknowledgement of guests and a free light breakfast. The club has been in existence since 1921 with the objective to unite all Catholic women in the county to develop the educational, civic and social interest of its members and to promote Catholic action in the community. Please come to morning Mass, have breakfast and hear what we are about in 2024. Contact Carol Ann with questions at 610-451-1344



The **Knights of Columbus**, with the help of Breaking Bread, will sponsor a **HOLIDAY BINGO** to be held on **Saturday, December 7 after the 4:00 Mass**. There will be BINGO along with food and beverages. More details to follow but please "Save The Date" on your calendars.

NOVEMBER NOVENA

On Friday November 1st, we commemorated the Saints in heaven. Our faith tells us a saint is someone who is in heaven. While "saint" as a title is reserved to those whose lives the church has thoroughly investigated and named them a saint, the term applies to anyone in heaven. We should pray to these saints to intercede for us here on earth as well as those in purgatory. On November 2nd we commemorated All Souls Day, and, on that day, we prayed for all the faithful departed, those baptized Christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in heaven, and the day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance. This novena will continue those 2 days of special prayers. The Novena will begin on November 3rd with this prayer:

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for the countless saints who have gone before us and are in heaven with You. We pray through their intercession that we may imitate their lives and give You glory. They showed us great examples of faith. Through them we ask for Your guidance and pray one day we too may see your holy Countenance in eternal life. Amen

Say the rosary.

The ending day will end on November 11th with this prayer:

O Lord God Almighty, we pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy Divine Son Jesus shed in His cruel scourging, deliver the souls in Purgatory - and those souls especially amongst them all which is nearest to its entrance into Thy glory; that so they may begin to praise and bless Thee forever. Amen

HOLY SOULS

The church has set aside the month of November to remember the Holy Souls: the great company of the Saints in Heaven as well as the poor suffering souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is still a wondrous teaching of the church. As found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 1030) "From the beginning, the church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all, the Eucharistic sacrifice. So that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead" We will place our All Souls envelopes on our altar throughout this entire month. At every Mass, we shall remember these deceased loved ones and commend them to God's mercy, peace and glory.

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated here at St. Johns on Sunday, November 10th @ 8:30am. During this Mass, we remember, in a special way, all the beloved of our parish who have passed away during the year. All are welcome to attend as we commend our recently departed Brothers and Sisters to the mercy and peace of God.

<i>Richard Polgar</i>	<i>Diane Woodland</i>
<i>Richard Reitz</i>	<i>Kevin Quigley</i>
<i>John "Jack" Rule</i>	<i>Gerald Sarge</i>
<i>Leona Mayernick</i>	<i>Anne Plaskonos</i>
<i>Doris Moszcynski</i>	<i>Janice Quattroch</i>
<i>Larry Haas</i>	<i>Sandra Tobolski</i>
<i>Theresa Arentz</i>	<i>Joan "Jennie" Lombardo</i>
<i>Eleonore Bocian</i>	<i>Leon Mc Devitt, Jr.</i>
<i>Wilma Drabinski</i>	<i>Blanche Hayick</i>
<i>Emily Wickel</i>	<i>Silvia Hendershott</i>
<i>Christopher Czarnecki</i>	<i>Pasquale Gino</i>
<i>Barbara Sarnoski</i>	<i>Nancy Michalowski</i>
<i>Ingelore Bruno</i>	<i>Stanley Puwaliski</i>
<i>Dorothy Lins-Wisniewski</i>	<i>Helen Singley</i>
<i>Violet Miller</i>	<i>Salvatore Cerniglia</i>
<i>Michael Sachenik</i>	<i>Kathleen Hause</i>
<i>John "Jack" Fosnocht</i>	<i>Barry Shay</i>
<i>Richard Kaufmann</i>	

