



# 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

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FAX**  
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.

## 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](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

## 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](http://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

### 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

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Jan. 12 Rev. Aaron Scheidel  
Jan. 13 Rev. Msgr. Francis Schoenauer  
Jan. 14 Rev. Mark Searles  
Jan. 15 Our deceased priests  
Jan. 16 Our sick and infirmed priests  
Jan. 17 Our seminarians  
Jan. 18 Rev. Adam Sedar

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

There is great reason you should distrust yourself, but there is much greater reason that you should trust yourself entirely to your divine Savior.

Saint Vincent de Paul—Confidence in God

Religion is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.

**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, January 18th, 2025** between 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. A request for the following food items would be greatly appreciated: **These items are needed:** spam, instant potatoes, rice, canned pasta (ravioli) canned fruit, canned chicken breast, canned salmon, tuna macaroni and cheese, facial tissues, and paper towels. **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

**Thank you so very much for your continued support of the LIFE AD** that is printed in the Reading Eagle on the annual anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision regarding abortion. The ad appears in the Reading Eagle on Wednesday January 22, 2025. Any monies left over from the costs of the Reading Eagle ad will be given to Lifeline of Berks County, now known as NorthStar Women's Center. Due to your abundant generosity, NorthStar Women's Center has the financial means to support mothers and their babies. By our names written in the LIFE AD, we bring attention to the most critical human rights issue of our time. Thank you!

## PRIME TIMERS NEWS

### **PRIME TIMER'S TRIPS FOR 2025!!**

**March 20, 2025:** "Murder at Mount Hope" Join us for a fun-filled day at the Mansion at Mount Hope Estate & Winery. Cost per person: \$127.00, package includes a Four Course Meal, Motor coach transportation, Murder Mystery Show. Bus will depart from St. John's parking lot at 10:15 AM with an approximate return od 5:15 PM.

**Deadline for Registration and payment is January 30, 2025.**

**May 14, 2025:** "Fiddler on the Roof." Before the show enjoy their full-service salad bar, classic American favorite entrees, potato and vegetable side dishes, and their favorite delectable dessert buffet! Cost per person: \$139.00, 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 March 26, 2025.**

**November 12, 2025:** "Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn" cost per person: 135.00.

Please continue to read the bulletin for more information on all trips. Contact person for the trips is

**Mary Stadelmeyer - 484.955.9492.**

**! ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** It is that time of the year when everyone starts to think Tax Time! If you want to have a copy of your contributions, as always please place your request on the **FRONT** of **your church envelope - where your name and address is!** Putting it somewhere else on the envelope it is going to get missed. You may also email the parish office, [st.johnbdls@gmail.com](mailto:st.johnbdls@gmail.com) or phone in your request, 610.777.1697.



**FAITH SHARING FOR WOMEN January 25, 2025** If you made a New Year's resolution to spend time in prayer, Faith Sharing for Women might help you do just that. On Saturday, January 25 from 2:00pm-3:30pm in the Father Lyons Room, this group will continue our exploration of praying with women in the scriptures named Mary. This month we will learn about and pray with **Saint Mary Magdalene**. Come hear the different legends concerning this most loyal follower of Jesus Christ and learn how to model her fidelity. 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](mailto:arleneseeber@icloud.com)).

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





## POOR BOX DONATIONS WINTER 2025 BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Since its founding in 1976 Habitat for Humanity has worked in more than 70 countries and has helped more than 59 million people improve their living condition. By working together with families, local communities, volunteers and partners from around the world, Habitat has enabled more people to live in affordable and safe homes. Their advocacy efforts focus on removing systemic barriers that prevent low-income and historically underserved families from accessing adequate, affordable shelter.

Located in the Goggleworks (201 Washington Street, Suite 339 Reading), Habitat for Humanity of Berks County (HFHBC) began in 1988 on the belief that strong and stable homes build strong and stable families. Motivated by a vision to be among the major housing leaders in our community for neighborhood revitalization, HFHBC has provided affordable housing and homeownership opportunities for well over 60 client families and that number continues to rise. HFHBC is grounded in the core values of providing families with a decent place to live, neighborhood revitalization via home ownership, excellence in home construction and volunteer experiences, inclusion and diversity, respect and gratitude for those who give and those who receive, collaboration, and environmental and financial sustainability.

To keep the cost of homes more affordable for the low-income families who purchase them Habitat welcomes volunteer workers to the job sites and to the Habitat ReStore. All volunteers on the job site must be at least 18 years old, wear close-toe shoes, and be prepared to lift at least 25 pounds. Volunteer job site schedules include Wednesday/Friday/Saturday from 9am-2pm. ReStore volunteer shifts are available Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9am-6pm. To volunteer contact Eneida Powell at 610.373.3439 or by email [endidap@habitatberks.org](mailto:endidap@habitatberks.org).

Do you have furniture, home goods or building supplies that you no longer need? You can make a tax-deductible donation to the ReStore located at 5370 Allentown Pike, Temple, PA. Drop off donations Tuesday through Saturday 10am-4:30pm. Or to schedule a pick-up of large items online at [restoreberks.org](http://restoreberks.org) or call 610.921.1315.

**DONATIONS TO KENNEDY HOUSE** The donations to benefit Kennedy House totaled over \$2,000. Such parish generosity testifies to our sensitivity to the members of our extended community who suffer from too little to eat and insufficient nutrition for their families. Kennedy House will use well such generous support. Thank You!

## The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JAN. 13 - St. Hilary**  
8:00 a.m. Joan Reedy

**TUESDAY, JAN. 14 - Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. Michael Cavey

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15 - Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. Denise Lessig

**THURSDAY, JAN. 16 - Weekday**  
7:00 p.m. Anthony Coco

**FRIDAY, JAN. 17 - St. Anthony**  
8:00 a.m. Sarah Hayes

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY, JAN 18**  
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**  
8:30 a.m. George Hlodash, Sr.  
10:30 a.m. Peter & Josie Kopala

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18 - 4:00PM**  
**Lector:** Stephen Mickulik  
**Servers:** Michaela Maurer, Anna Murphy  
**EM:** Mary Ellen Symanski, Kathy Burke, Bernadette Yohn

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19 - 8:30AM**  
**Lector:** Paul Berthinet  
**Servers:** Quinn Manidis & Aurelia Myotte  
**EM:** Britt Kobularcik, Gina Manidis, Mary Beth Kakos

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19 - 10:30AM**  
**Lector:** Brian Kobularcik  
**Servers:** Tenley Capato & Sonya Stonaha  
**EM:** Tony Cannon, Vince Sottosanti, Betty Wells, Judy Stephan

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 12/29: \$8,994.00  
CHRISTMAS: \$21,231.00  
**Thank you for your generosity**

## Sanctuary Lamp for the week of Jan. 12-18:

In loving memory of Raymond & Jane Kase  
(requested by Barbara & Fred Ciabattoni)

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38**

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday**

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday**

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday**

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Sunday, Jan. 12**

6:00 PM Rel Ed

**Monday, Jan. 13**

6:30 PM First Reconciliation for Second Grade  
(in church)

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**

8:30 AM Church Cleaning

6:30 PM OCIA

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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