



# 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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ACADEMY**  
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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](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

### 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](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](mailto: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

### 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**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: There are no Masses, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of this week.**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, MAR. 24 - Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. Mary & Eugene Schuler

**TUESDAY, MAR. 25 - Annunciation of the Lord**  
8:00 a.m. Alicia Chelius

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 26 - Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

**THURSDAY, MAR. 27 - Lenten Weekday**  
7:00 p.m. NO MASS

**FRIDAY, MAR. 28 - Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29**  
4:00 p.m. Geraldine Brosky

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30**  
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Jennie Lombardo

### TODAYS READINGS

#### First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

#### Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

### UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - 8:30AM

**Lector:** Bernadette Yohn

**Servers:** Quinn Manidis

**EM:** Gina Mandis, Renee Premici, Francine Claytor

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 8:30AM

**Lector:** Shayla Carey

**Servers:** Ben Mickulik

**EM:** Mary Ellen Symanski, Arlene Seeber, Brian & Britt Kobularcik, Dan Giesen

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 10:30AM

**Lector:** Joe Giles

**Servers:** Teagan Rogers

**EM:** Deneen Giesen, Kathy Mihalik, Judy Stephan, Mary Beth Kakos

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

#### Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### Sunday, Mar. 23

6:00 PM **NO** Rel Ed classes (Classes resume 3/30)

#### Monday, Mar. 24

4:00-5:00 PM Confession

#### Tuesday, Mar. 25

1:00 PM Prime Timer's Board Mtg.

6:30 PM OCIA

#### Friday, Mar. 28 - NO Stations tonight

6:00 PM Lenten Meal

7:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary  
(led by the Knights of Columbus)

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 3/16: \$9,006.00

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Sanctuary Lamp for the week of Mar. 23-29:

In loving memory of Doris Buehrer  
(requested by the Yohn Family)

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

March 23 Rev. Msgr. Donald Cieniewicz  
March 24 Rev. Richard Clement  
March 25 Rev. Msgr. Robert Coll  
March 26 Rev. Remy Coly, MSC  
March 27 Rev. Edward Connolly  
March 28 Rev. James Connolly  
March 29 Rev. Msgr. Edward Coyle

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Put a good bunch of grapes under the winepress, and a delicious juice will come out. Under the winepress of the cross, our soul produces a juice that feeds and strengthens us. When we haven't got any crosses, we are dry. If we carry them with resignation, what happiness, what sweetness we feel!

Saint John Vianney—The Triumph of the Cross

The one who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely the one who dropped it.

**Knights of Columbus Lenten Meals**— The Knights of Columbus will again be preparing Lenten Meals leading up to Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent. Light supper will be served at 6:00 PM in the Father Lyons Room, immediately followed by Stations of the Cross in the church. A free-will donation will be collected. Any church groups or individuals who would like to help or contribute to the meals are encouraged to contact Bill Griffith at 484.797.0669. Join us for fellowship and prayer as we journey through Lent together! Knights of Columbus Council 7179

**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, April 12, 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 peaches, canned pineapple, 100% juice, toilet paper, stuffing mix, gravy, blueberry muffin mix, brownie mix, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED EASTER CANDY AND SNACKS FOR EASTER GOODY BAGS. 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

## PRIME TIMERS NEWS



### PRIMETIMER GENERAL

**MEETING:** Our next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 11:00 am in the Fr. Lyons Room. David Culp, noted**

**Civil War Historian**, will give us a historical glimpse of our Country's Civil War and presenting several different kinds of authentic Civil War paraphernalia. His presentations have been well received by a variety of area Groups. So along with enjoying all the **Easter Goodies**, you might win an awesome item in **Nancy's Easter Basket Drop & Win Raffle...it's FREE and FUN!!!** Primetimers is open to those 50 years and older, and this would be a great chance to come and check us out, especially those of you who are **Civil War buffs** and would really enjoy Mr. Culp's presentation! Be our guest the first time, and if you want to return as a Member, the dues are only **\$5.00 a year**. We hope to see a nice crowd for this very interesting and enjoyable presentation.

**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! Cost per person: \$135.00, 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 September 24. For more information and registration please contact Mary Stadelmeyer at 484.955.9492.**

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR LENT

**SATURDAY'S: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM;**

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

**MONDAY'S: 4:00 PM-5:00 PM**

### St. John Baptist de La Salle Feast Day

Come celebrate our church's patron Saint on April 6th after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM masses in the Father Lyons. Homemade cookies, coffee and milk will be offered. Free will donations are gratefully appreciated. Breaking Bread

### The Rosary and a Meal!

Father Ed and Deacon Joe will be away on Friday, March 28. The Knights will still be serving a light supper on this evening. The meal will consist of Clam Chowder (Ellen Dunkelburger), Lobster Bisque, and Mushroom Soup along with crackers. After the meal, the Knights will lead the Rosary in Church at 7:00 PM. Please come and join for fellowship and worship.




**Save the Date**

St. John's annual blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday June 4th from 9am-2pm. Please consider giving the gift only you can give. More info to follow.


**Find help in overcoming addictions & unhealthy attachments on this Catholic in Recovery retreat!** Friday, April 11th through Sunday, April 13th at the Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. A weekend-long retreat for women impacted by addiction. Participants will be immersed in witness talks, discussions, Catholic in Recovery meetings, sacraments & fellowship. REGISTER ONLINE by visiting [www.catholicinrecovery.com/events](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com/events)

**Save the Date!**



Saints and Scholars- An Evening of Giving  
LaSalle Academy, May 10, 2025 5PM

Join us for a night of dining, dancing, and giving back to Las Salle Academy! Enjoy an elegant dinner, exciting live and silent auctions, and time to connect with our wonderful school community.



We invite you to join us for the **Stations of the Cross** during Lent. Stations will be held every Friday evening at 7 PM - March 7,14,21,28, April 4,11,18. Consider coming as a family - introduce your children, grandchildren to this wonderful devotion and if you have never experienced the Stations what a great way to travel on your journey through this Lenten Season!



You're Invited to join us here at St. John Baptist de la Salle Church for an Anointing/Healing Mass on **April 10, 2025 at 6:45 PM.**

Please fill out the form below and have the information returned to St. John's, either in the Mail, in the Collection Basket, or drop off at the Parish Office **no later than Monday, April 7, 2025**

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE CHECK:**

- I am in the need of the Sacrament /Anointing of the Sick \_\_\_\_\_
- OR**
- I would like to receive the Anointing with Blessed Oil. \_\_\_\_\_

***Transportation would need to be provided by a family member, next of kin or aide.***