



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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PARISH EMAIL
st.johnbdls@gmail.com

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610.777.4468

PASTOR'S EMAIL
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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

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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 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

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

March 31	Rev. Harold Dagle
April 1	His Holiness Pope Francis
April 2	Bishop Alfred Schlert
April 3	Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeSantis
April 4	Rev. Msgr. Edward Domin
April 5	Rev. Bruno Dongo, AJ

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Resolve from now on to keep Heaven before your mind, to be ready to forego everything that can hinder you or cause you to stray on your journey there.

Saint Francis de Sales—Heaven, Eternal Glory

Wisdom has two parts: 1) Having a lot to say.
2) Not saying it.

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

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

- April 4 - Cheese Ravioli / Marinara Sauce / Garlic Bread
- April 11 - Fish Sticks / Cole Slaw and Mac & Cheese.

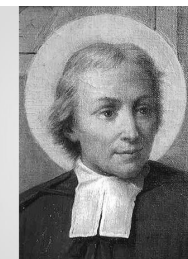
Knights of Columbus Council 7179

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.



Feast of
St. John Baptist de La Salle
April 7

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



Deacon Joe's 10 Anniversary at St. John's

Please join us on Sunday April 27th after the 10:30 AM mass to celebrate Deacon Joe's 10th Anniversary to the diaconate. We will be serving a free luncheon in the Father Lyons room. so you may join in to congratulate him personally. Please fill in the reservation form below if you want to attend and drop it in the collection basket by 4/20. If at the last minute you want to attend, you are most welcome.

In lieu of any gifts, Deacon Joe would be grateful for donations in his name to be sent to:

Lifeline of Berks County
613 Reading Avenue
West Reading, PA. 19611

Name _____

Number of adults attending _____ Number of children attending _____




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

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.

**PLEASE NOTE: There are NO Daily Masses this week Monday-Thursday.
Mass for Friday, April 4 is at 8:30 AM**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAR. 31 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, APR. 1 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, APR. 2 - Lenten Weekday
St. Francis of Paola

8:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

THURSDAY, APR. 3 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

FRIDAY, APR. 4 - Lenten Weekday
St. Isidore

8:30 a.m. Memorial Society Members

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
4:00 p.m. John Feeny

SUNDAY, APRIL 6
8:30 a.m. Jennie Lombardo
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - 4:00PM

Lector: Don Muzyka

Servers: Sonya Stonaha

EM: Vince Sottosanti, Kathy Burke, Vicki Pinder, Bernadette Yohn

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 8:30AM

Lector: Ed Lawrence

Servers: Carson & Charleston Frutchey

EM: Nick Bentz, Susan Artz, Billie Resch

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 10:30AM

Lector: Stephen Mickulik

Servers: Anthony & Elsie Romeo

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, Mar. 30

6:00 PM Rel Ed classes

Monday, 31

NO CONFESSION today

Tuesday, Apr. 1

11:00 AM Prime Timer's General Meeting

6:30 PM OCIA

Friday, Apr. 4

6:00 PM Lenten Meal

7:00 PM Station of the Cross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

First Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

First Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 3/23: \$7,231.00

Thank you for your generosity

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by visiting www.masstimes.org