



**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  
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

#### **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](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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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.

### 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

April 20	Rev. Joseph Ganser
April 21	Rev. Angel Garcia-Almodovar
April 22	Rev. Andrew Gehringer
April 23	Rev. Robert George
April 24	Rev. John Gibbons
April 25	Rev. Msgr. William Glosser
April 26	Rev. Msgr. Gerald Gobitas

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

To God's will, our Lady has but one reaction: to love it. Proclaiming herself the handmaid of the Lord, she accepts his plan without reservation whatsoever.

Francis Fernandez Carjaval—Mary, Full of Grace

Fear knocked. Faith answered. Noone was there.



### FAITH SHARING FOR WOMEN April 26

On Saturday, April 26 Faith Sharing for Women will reflect upon the Scripture passages designated for the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Come break open the Word of God with other women who seek to deepen their understanding of the role of God's love and mercy in their lives. Our prayer and reflection will follow the practice of Lectio Divina. If you would like to learn about this prayerful way to ponder the Scriptures, especially during this Easter season, this session will serve you well. Come join women of our parish in this time of prayer and sacred sharing on **April 26 from 2:00-3:30pm in the Father Lyons Room**. As always a warm welcome awaits first time or returning participants. If you plan to attend or would like more information get in touch with Arlene Seeber by phone (484.794.8027) or by email (arleneseeber@icloud.com).

**O.C.I.A. NEWS:** We welcomed with **GREAT JOY** to our parish family **Bryan Berner, Nicole Judge, and Elias Peters** who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at our Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey in our Faith.

### LENTEN DONATIONS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The parish donations during Lent to benefit Habitat of Humanity totaled \$1851.00. Such parish generosity testifies to our collective conscious awareness of the members of our extended community who desire to own a home and need assistance in procuring a home for their family. Habitat for Humanity will use well the generous support offered by our parish. Thank You!

## PRIME TIMERS NEWS

**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 Stadelmeier at 484.955.9492.**



### POOR BOX DONATIONS EASTER SEASON BENEFIT LIFELINE OF BERKS COUNTY AND MARY'S SHELTER

**Lifeline of Berks County**, also known as North Star Women's Center is currently located at 612 Reading Avenue in West Reading. This non-profit organization offers up-to-date accurate information about all options for pregnant women regardless of age, race, nationality, religion, or disability. All services are confidential and include pregnancy testing, STI testing, mentoring, and ultrasounds, offered at no cost to the clients. Staff nurses and advocates help keep mothers healthy and offer support throughout the pregnancy. All services are for education and are not meant to replace a mother's regular medical care. Lifeline does not provide or refer for abortions.

**Mary's Shelter** is located at 615 Kenhorst Blvd in Reading and is committed to empowering homeless youth by providing housing, education, and social services programs. Through compassion, respect and empowerment, this non-profit aims to break the cycle of homelessness and create a future where youth are provided with the skills to have independence, resilience and confidence to thrive. The youth programs are available for those aged 14-21 and address the needs of young people living on the streets by offering a home-like atmosphere, counseling, and referrals to outside services. The YESS (Youth Empowerment Support Services) Residential Program is a 21-day program and the STRONG Transitional Youth Housing Services program can extend up to 18 months. In addition, Mary's Shelter offers Maternity and Family Services. Maternity services include temporary housing, counseling, on-site classes and help with coordinating prenatal care, education, and housing. A Family Wellness Program includes counseling, community referrals, as well as assistance with diapers and other baby supplies for families with new-borns and/or children up to 3 years of age.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

Early in the morning, Mary of Magdala went to the **tomb** and found the **stone** removed. Upon telling Peter and the other disciple, they **ran** and found the tomb **empty** when they arrived.



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- 1] On the first day of the week Mary of Magdala came to the tomb \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning.
- 2] Mary found the \_\_\_\_\_ removed.
- 3] She ran and told Simon Peter and the other disciple, "They have taken the Lord from the \_\_\_\_\_."
- 4] The other disciple \_\_\_\_\_ faster than Simon Peter.
- 5] When Simon Peter arrived he entered the tomb and found it \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6] The disciple who \_\_\_\_\_ at the tomb first went in, and he saw and believed.



1] Early 2] Stone 3] Tomb 4] Ran 5] Empty 6] Arrived

Write the **first** letter of the filled in word above in the blanks below. Each sentence has one space.

Have a Blessed \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday!

Sentence #      1                  6                  2                  3                  5                  4

EASTER EGGS REPRESENT

# NEW LIFE

Design and color  
your own Easter eggs

answer: Easter



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY,** 8:00 a.m. **APR. 21 - Mon. within the Octave of Easter**  
**NO MASS**  
**TUESDAY,** 8:00 a.m. **APR. 22 - Tues. within the Octave of Easter**  
 Frank Lewalski  
**WEDNESDAY,** 8:00 a.m. **APR. 23 - Wed. within the Octave of Easter**  
 Richard Delaney  
**THURSDAY,** 7:00 p.m. **APR. 24 - Thurs. within the Octave of Easter**  
 Chester Skopek  
**FRIDAY,** 8:00 a.m. **APR. 25 - Fri. within the Octave of Easter**  
 Patricia Yoncoski

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SATURDAY,** 4:00 p.m. **APRIL 26**  
 Stanley Puwalski  
**SUNDAY,** 8:30 a.m. **APRIL 27**  
 Vincent & Rosemarie La Fata  
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26- 4:00PM

**Lector:** Bernadette Yohn  
**Servers:** Michaela Maurer & Anna Murphy  
**EM:** Kathy Burke,  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - 8:30AM**  
**Lector:** Paul Berthinet  
**Servers:** Matthew Doxie  
**EM:** Mary Ellen Symanski, Dan Giesen  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - 10:30AM**  
**Lector:** Sharon Brahmstadt  
**Servers:** Aurelia Myotte  
**EM:** Tony Cannon, Vicki Pinder

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, April 20

NO Rel Ed classes (classes resume 4/27)

Monday, April 21

7:30 PM Knight of Columbus Business Mtg.

Tuesday, April 22

6:30 PM OCIA

Wednesday, April 23

6:00 PM Rehearsal for First Communion

Saturday, April 26

10:00 AM First Communion

## TODAYS READINGS

**First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

**Monday**

Acts 2:14, 22-23; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday**

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday**

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday**

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday**

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY 4/6: \$6,699.00

**Thank you for your generosity**



**Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 20-26**  
 will burn in loving memory of George Hlodash, Sr.  
 (requested by Shirley & Linda Hlodash)

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