Parish Staff

Pastor
Rev. Richard Clement: 610.777.1365

Resident
Rev. Gene Ritz: 610.777.1365

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Deacon F. Joseph Lombardo: 610.777.1697

Principal of La Salle Academy
Mr. Stephen Mickulik: 610.777.7392

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Bernadette Yohn: 610.777.1697

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Sarah Capato: 610.850.4978

Director of Religious Education
Bernadette Yohn: 610.777.1697

For Bulletin / Website Inquiries or Announcements
Contact: Sarah Capato at 610.850.4978

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. Tony Balistrere, Principal: 610.374.8361

Parish Religious Education Program: 1st-8th Grade
Mrs. Bernadette Yohn, DRE: 610.777.1697

RCIA: Age 18+
Mrs. Bernadette Yohn, DRE: 610.777.1697

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: Joan Yanuskiewicz at 610.777.4646

Nursing Home Visitors for Rosary & Mass
Contact: Billie & Mike Resch at 610.777.3927

Food Pantry / Emergency Meals
Contact: Lois Carrier at 610.777.6947

Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Contact: Kathleen Roche at 610.777.4792

Parish Nurse Ministry
Contact: Sharon Shingler at 610.775.9998

Organizations

Prime Timers
Contact: Larry Shepherd at 610.777.8337

Boy Scouts
Contact: Dan Giesen at 610.777.4387

Girl Scouts
Contact: Brit Kobilarcik at 484.256.1782
Daisy: Grade K-1, Brownies: Grade 2/3, Juniors: Grade 4/5

Cub Scouts
Contact: Rich Kasting at 610.373.2575

Knights of Columbus
Contact: Mike Hall at 804.212.7261

Altar Society
Contact: Carol Bensing at 610.777.9360

Men’s Basketball League
Contact: Russ Baver at 610.796.7723

Cyo (Christian Youth Organization)
Contact: Rock Witmer at 610.775.2176

Parish Gardeners
Contact: Chris Hofmann at 610.777.2523

Worship

Eucharistic Adoration
First Fridays of each month from 8:30AM-12:00PM

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

Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sunday’s at 10:30AM Mass, between September and May
Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Eucharistic Ministers
Contact: Lorna Pfeiffenberger at 610.777.4822

Lectors
Contact: Deacon Joe Lombardo at 610.777.2542

Ministers of Hospitality
Contact: Deacon Joe Lombardo at 610.777.2542

Liturgical Music
Contemporary Ensemble - Contact: Kelly Keim at 610.780.3905
Traditional Choir - Contact: Marge Vath at 610.373.0227

Cantors
Contact: Marge Vath at 610.373.0227

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Adult Education (Seasonal)
Contact: Parish Office at 610.777.1697

Spiritual Direction
Contact: Arlene Seeber at 484.794.8027

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

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 will be no Daily Masses this week. There will be Communion Services for the week.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, APR. 25** – St. Mark  
8:00 a.m.  Communion Service  

**TUESDAY, APR. 26** – Easter Weekday  
7:00 p.m.  Communion Service  

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 27** – Easter Weekday  
8:00 a.m.  Communion Service  

**THURSDAY, APR. 28** – St. Peter Chanel/St. Louis Grignon de Montfort  
7:00 p.m.  Communion Service  

**FRIDAY, APR. 29** – St. Catharine of Siena  
8:00 a.m.  Communion Service  

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SATURDAY, APR. 30**  
4:00 p.m.  Felix Lombardo  

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**  
8:30 a.m.  People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m.  John Fundyga, Sr.  

## Upcoming Events

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
6:00 pm  Bereavement Group  
6:30 pm  Religious Ed Classes  

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
7:00 pm  St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal  

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**  
1:00 pm  Prime Timers Board Mtg.  
1:00 pm  Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:30 pm  Charismatic Group Mtg.  

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**  
10:30 am  Prime Timers Bus Trip  
7:00 pm  Practice for First Communion  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**  
10:00 am  First Communion  

## Upcoming Liturgical Ministers

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - 4:00pm**  
Lector: Shayla Carey  
Cantor: Mary McDevitt/Ashley Griffith  
Servers: Faith & Brynna Bentz, Molly Yohn  

**SUNDAY, MAY 1 - 8:30am Revelation Ensemble**  
Lector: John LaManna  
Cantor: TBA  
Servers: Joseph Giesen, John Rouleau, Luke Bennethum  

**SUNDAY, MAY 1 - 10:30am - St. Cecelia Choir**  
Lector: Al Candelaria  
Cantor: Alex Krick  
Servers: Hanna Bitting, Amie Wickel, Chloe Ritter  
EM: M.DePaul, N.Faust, J.Bradley,L.Fox, K.Luft, C.Bensing, A/W.Monserrate  

**Altar Wine for month of April:** In loving memory of John Lombardo (requested by Jennie Lombardo)

**Sanctuary Candle for the week of 4/24-30 in loving memory of Dorothy Stavarski**

**Weekly Stewardship**  
4/10 - $11,347.50  
Easter Sunday - $28,250.00  

**In Memoriam**  
Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Joseph S. Mietelski, Jr., who passed on to the Lord back in 2014. Joseph graciously remembered our Parish Family in his will. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed find peace in Christ.

Away from home? Find a Mass wherever you are at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

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The Parish Nurses Ministry, in coordination with Emergency Medical Training is sponsoring a “Friends & Family CPR Class” on Saturday, May 21st at 10AM, in the La Salle Cafeteria. This class will provide basic CPR training for both adults and children. Also, adult and child choking relief and use of the AED will be reviewed. This class will last about an hour. No written test is required. This class is NOT for people who need certification in CPR. Children attending should be at least 11 years of age. ANY CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT. Cost is $10 per family for educational material you will receive. If interested in attending call Sharon Shingler at 610.775.9998 or email sshingler@comcast.net

Are you wondering what to do with your life? Have you asked the question, “What am I looking for?” If so, you are not alone. You are in good company because people like Saint Andrew and Saint John the Evangelist had these same questions and then found the answers in a man who was baptized by John the Baptist and called them to be “fishers of men.” Bishop Barres invites you to join him, the seminarians of the Diocese of Allentown, and Sisters from various women’s religious communities at the 2016 Quo Vadis or Fiat Days at DeSales University from Sunday, July 17 to Thursday, July 21. Quo Vadis and Fiat Days are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). This five-day event will include time for personal and group prayer, Mass and other Catholic devotions, talks by priests and religious sisters, and sports and other activities. Registration is now open. Registration materials are available at www.allentowndiocese.org. Click on the vocations information link. Spaces are limited so act fast.

Berks Catholic is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Berks Catholic High School is centered on the four pillars of God, Family, Academics and Fun. As a vibrant Christ centered community, the administration, faculty and staff are dedicated to providing a challenging academic environment for a diverse population of young men and women. For more information about how to join our 21st century learning community, please contact Nicky Smith. 610.374.8361 ext. 244 or nsmith@berkscatholic.org

CYO FALL Sports sign-ups are now open. FALL sports are open to all children in good standing within the parish. Cross Country: girls and boys grades K-8. Volleyball: girls grades 4-8. Golf: girls and boys grades 7-8. Any parents interested in coaching the golf program should contact Athletic Director, Rock Witmer. Registration forms can be found on the LaSalle Academy web site http://lsabear.org under School Community / CYO. Completed form and Payment of $25 needs to be submitted to the address below NO LATER THAN May 16 to ensure registration: LaSalle Academy Attn: CYO Secretary / Melissa Balthaser 440 Holland St Shillington, PA 19607
YOU ARE NOT ALONE
If a Prenatal Diagnosis identifies a possible disability…You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding a poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610.289.8900 x 42.

Gethsemane Cemetery’s Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 30th, 2016 at 10:00AM. Everyone is welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.

Work of Mercy
Visit the sick and the imprisoned and comfort the afflicted
“For I was… ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25:36)

As a Family of Faith, we offer our prayerful condolences to Father Rich and all of his family, on the passing of his father William Clement on Sunday, April 17th. We keep the Clement family in our prayers, that they find peace in Christ, and the fond memories left behind.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Dear Members of St John’s Family of Faith,

It has been a great privilege and joy to serve as your Parish Director of Music for almost 9 years. It’s been so uplifting to hear everyone respond in song and prayer at our weekly liturgies, and now, after 26 years as a liturgist and an amazing 56 years of devotion to music in the church, I have decided to retire from the position of Director of Music at St. John’s effective June 6, 2016. I look forward to spending more time on the weekends with my family and especially my four wonderful grandchildren.

After June, I may occasionally appear as a substitute organist. There are several wedding couples, who have contacted me regarding their weddings and I will honor those commitments. Thank you for your enthusiasm in praising God through song and a special thanks to those who have worked with me as choir members, cantors and musicians.

Musically yours,
Marge Vath

Do you know how our parish cares for the sick and the afflicted? Our members take Communion weekly to shut-ins and those in nursing homes. Many visit the two nursing homes in the boundaries of our parish and pray with them. Several people go to the hospitals to visit the sick and to let them know that we are praying for them, that they are not forgotten. We have a ministry here at St. John’s such as our Parish Advocates for Disabilities – get involved, lend a hand.

Our next Parish Advocacy meeting will take place on May 25th at 7:30pm. Please join us!

Men and Women: Do you feel called to enter into a deeper relationship with God? The Secular Carmelities of West Reading would like to invite you to please come and see what we are all about. Sunday, May 15 at 1 PM in Sacred Heart Chapel, West Reading. Questions? Please contact Arlene Kunstek, 610.921.1515 or Theresa Pauley, at 610.462.6886.

These works of mercy draw attention to caring for members of our community who are not visibly present, who might be otherwise forgotten. Perhaps the most needed gift in our time is being present to others. Curing might be beyond our ability, but offering companionship is not. Let us listen and respond to the cry of the sick, the imprisoned, and the afflicted: “Do not forget us!”

Do the sick and the imprisoned in our community have someone to comfort them? Your prayers, visits, and care can make a difference.

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Workday With Local Habitat For Humanity

Join St. John’s Justice in Action Ministry (JAM) for a workday with Habitat for Humanity of Berks County on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wear comfy clothes, boots or sneakers, and pack a lunch. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. No upper age limit. No special skills are required. The construction manager at the work site (140 Oley Street, Reading) will assess your ability and have you work on something you are comfortable doing. Come work side by side with future owners of this Habitat built home. Our group can accommodate only 20 volunteers. To reserve your spot and for more detailed information contact: Sue Goodwin (goodwin03@msn.com or 610.777.5827) or Cheryl Colella-Gehrke (cherylcolella@yahoo.com or 717.327.8973). If you would rather work indoors, a group of up to 40 can volunteer at the Habitat ReStore (5370 Allentown Pike, Temple) and help sell, organize, or prep goods to support Habitat’s mission. Contact Sue or Cheryl to indicate your preference. This is a chance to change lives and transform our community.

Habitat for Humanity Berks County (336 S. 18th Street Reading) works to renovate a cluster of blighted or abandoned homes in a neighborhood with the goal of gradually bringing up property values and inspiring others in the neighborhood to take a greater interest in their own homes. Candidates qualify for home ownership if they have been a resident of Berks County for at least one year, have an income equal to 60% of medium income for our area, do not qualify for a traditional banking mortgage, and are willing to put in required Sweat Equity of 400 hours over a period of 12-14 months including 75 hours of classroom education in financial responsibility. Candidates are lifelong renters who want something of their own and establish roots in Berks County. Volunteers are crucial in keeping the cost of the homes more affordable for the very low-income families who purchase them from Habitat for Humanity of Berks County. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity Berks County go to www.habitatberks.org.

Homeless Children of Reading Need Our Help!

Saint John’s Family of Faith recently received a special request from Reading High School. Many Reading School District students fall below the poverty level, but what is most disheartening is that approximately 797 children experienced being homeless at some point during the past school year. Students have been abandoned by their parents; others are victims of house fires, or evictions, and have no permanent housing. The school social worker daily sees children who have one outfit to wear, will not eat dinner and if lucky will sleep on a friend’s couch that night. In conjunction with a PA Dept. of Education and Berks County Intermediate Unit program, Reading High is asking us to help provide a year round resource room of provisions to fill basic needs such as food, hygiene products, clothing, and school supplies. Justice in Action Ministry (JAM) has organized an ongoing drive for the requested items with a different category each month. Beginning the first weekend of May you may leave donations of hygiene products in a designated box located in the Father Lyons Room before or after weekend Mass. Requested products include: shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, liquid bath soap, feminine hygiene products, hairbrushes, make up. Thank you in advance for your generous response to this request.
CALLING ALL 8TH-12TH GRADERS!

Join us for a

PIZZA PARTY

SUN MAY 15 IN THE LASALLE CAFETERIA
starts at 6PM

Come on out for free Pizza & fun

EAT YOUR HEART OUT AND HAVE FUN with your friends

RSVP TO Sarah Capato • sarah@stjohnsfamilyoffaith.com
{or by phone/text @ 810.850.4978}