### Parish Staff

**Pastor**  
Rev. Richard Clement: 610.777.1365

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**Director of Religious Education**  
Bernadette Yohn: 610.777.1697

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

### 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 Pfeiffer 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

### 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

### 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
Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, FEB. 1**
- 8:00 a.m.
  - Weekday
  - Eugene Kapaun

**TUESDAY, FEB. 2**
- 7:00 p.m.
  - Presentation of the Lord
  - Joseph Butz

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3**
- 8:00 a.m.
  - St. Blaise/St. Ansgar
  - Bernadine Gersbach

**THURSDAY, FEB. 4**
- 7:00 p.m.
  - Weekday
  - Joseph Favinger

**FRIDAY, FEB. 5**
- 8:00 a.m.
  - St. Agatha
  - Memorial Society Members

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **SATURDAY, FEB. 6**
  - 4:00 p.m.
    - Steven Weik

**SUNDAY, FEB. 7**
- 8:30 a.m.
  - People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m.
  - Linda Ferraro

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, Feb 6 - 4:00pm** - Revelation Ensemble
- Lector: Gretchen Keith
- Cantor: Maria Lusica
- Servers: Hanna Bitting, Faith & Brynna Bentz
- EM: L/D.Curran, C/J.Geiger, P.Miller,V.Sottosanti, P.Goodhart, T.Cuba, L.Katzaman

**Sunday, Feb 7 - 8:30 am**
- Lector: Ed Lawrence
- Cantor: -----
- Servers: Matthew Brown, Luke Bennethum

**Sunday, Feb 7 - 10:30 am** - St. Cecilia Choir
- Lector: Paul Berthinet
- Cantor: Alex Krick
- Servers: Owen Winters, Joseph Giesen, Brigham Kobularcik

Collections for Sunday, January 17th

$ 9,398.75

Sanctuary Candle for the week of 1/31-2/6 in loving memory of Jennie & Joseph Butz (requested by Bernadine Keyek)

First Friday Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Feb. 5, at 8:30 AM and close with Benediction at Noon. Please join us in adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

We welcome with JOY our recently baptized for the month of January:
- Alanna Marie Hausman
- Nevaeh Marie Hausman
- Dalton Matthew Keith
- Roberto Angelo Lopez, Jr

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St. John Baptist de la Salle Family of Faith
LifeLine of Berks County would like to thank you all so much for your response to our baby bottle fundraiser on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. The families we serve thank you very much for your generosity. If you have forgotten to bring your bottle back, it is not too late. You can bring it back next week. Thank you for being our lifeline!

PRIMETIMER NEWS: Please join us on February 2, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Father Lyons Room to hear Matthew Dodd’s stories and songs of the American Revolution and, as always, to enjoy all our delicious homemade goodies. Hope to see you there!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:
Please return your “filled” baby bottles by January 30/31. Large Baby Bags with a sign attached are located in each Church Entryway. If you didn’t get a plastic Baby Bottle, we welcome any donation you care to make for this Campaign. Just put your donation in an envelope and mark it “Baby Bottles for Life” and put it in one of the Baby Bags or the Sunday offering. Any checks should be made out to LifeLine of Berks County. All proceeds will be taken to Lifeline of Berks County and will be used to provide services to women in need who have chosen life for their babies. Thank you for your generosity. Any questions, please call Bob Peters at 610.775.8965.

Lenten Taize Service
Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 6:00pm
St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church
This will be a night of prayer and meditation through music, scripture, and silence. During the time of Lent we must think about God’s biggest sacrifice; giving up His only Son’s life so that we may live. This will be a night to truly meditate upon this unbelievable gift from God. You will be able to place all your worries, burdens, and problems upon the holy cross as you truly place yourself in the presence of Jesus Christ. Any questions please contact Andrew Angstadt at 610.856.1006 or andang@hgaschool.org

“Save the Date”
St John’s FEAST Day
Saturday April 9th
Plan to join your Family of Faith to celebrate our namesake, St. John with a potluck dinner.

Thinking of doing something special for Valentine’s Day?
Consider spending a wonderful evening with your friends from St. John’s.

Father Rich will be officiating a renewal of marriage vows at the 4 PM mass on Saturday February 13th in Church followed by a Valentine’s dinner/dance at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel’s Presidential Ballroom. There will be a choice of New York strip steak or Salmon with champagne sauce with the ambiance of dinner music and dancing for $45.00 per person. A cash bar will be available. Music to be provided by DJ Victor Merinsky.

Tickets can be purchased after any mass during January in the Father Lyons room or by contacting Tom or Kathe Roche at 610.777.4792 or Deacon Joe or Lois Lombardo @ 610.777.2542. Hope you can join in on this evening to celebrate your sacrament of marriage.

Faith Sharing for Women
We are all called to give witness to our faith. Come join in a time of sacred sharing with other women in our family of faith as we learn from one another how to answer this call. Faith Sharing for Women will meet on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 pm in the Father Lyons Room. We will pray with the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 6: 1-8, Psalm 138: 1-8, I Corinthians 15: 1-11 and Luke 5: 1-11. First time and one time participants are most welcome. For more information contact Arlene Seeber 484.794.8027 or arleneseeber@icloud.com.

Save a Date
Parish Retreat
Saturday February 27th
Father Lyons room 8-11:30am

The Knights of Columbus are still selling Super Bowl Sandwiches this weekend in the Fr. Lyons Room. $5 a sandwich, payable at pickup on Feb. 7 between 11am-1pm
John Paul II Center for Special Learning
Seeking a caring, dedicated and motivated teacher to work as a team member to educate students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a supportive and rewarding environment. Special Education certification required. Send your resume to madams@johnpauliicenter.org

On April 10, 2016, the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding nine college scholarships totaling $18,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish American descent. Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County high schools, in the Polish American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org.

In order to promote Polish culture and pride, the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will award a $1,000 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a current member of the organization. To obtain more information and the criteria required to apply for this scholarship, contact Sandy Lubas Hummel at sahummel@ptd.net or call her at 610.582.8717.

Pariah nurses will be taking blood pressures after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 6th and 7th.

The Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC) invite you to begin your Lenten Journey with us by attending our LENTEN AGAPE on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6 PM at Sacred Heart Villa (51 Seminary Ave., Reading, 19605).

Come share this simple, prayerful meal among MSC Sisters and friends. All are welcome. Contact cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org with questions or to register.

St. John’s will once again be participating in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” on Sunday February 7th. Volunteers will be holding soup pots at each of the doors after ALL Masses. The Souper Bowl benefits the Mifflin Community Food Ministry and is the only monetary collection conducted for the pantry each year. Please be as generous as possible to benefit those less fortunate. Children who would like to volunteer and hold soup pots may contact Lois Carrier at 610.777.6947. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this very worthwhile event!

Prime Timers News: More exciting upcoming trips for the Prime Timers:
- May 5 – Penn’s Peak to see “Branson Fever” cost $70 includes Family Style Sit down Meal, show. Bus will depart from St. John’s at 9 AM with a 6 PM approximate return.
- July 6 – Fulton Theatre to see “Footloose”. Sit down Family style meal at the Steamboat Inn. Cost $88. Bus will depart from St. John’s at 11 AM with a 6 PM approximate return. For reservations or questions, please contact Philomena Repoley 610.777.5063 or Larry Shepherd 610.777.8337.

Mark your calendars! St. John’s Girl Scout Troop 1157 will be selling cookies in the Father Lyons Room after all Masses the weekend of February 13/14. Stop by and pick up some treats for your special valentine!
Sunday Afternoon at the Movies
“The Good Lie”
January 31  1:00 pm

Come Gain an Insight into the Struggle of Refugees
JAM will host an afternoon at the movies on Sunday, January 31 beginning at 1:00pm in the Father Lyons Room. We will view “The Good Lie”. Released on October 3, 2014 this film is based on the true story of Sudanese refugees. After their village is destroyed and their parents killed by Northern militia, Sudanese orphans Theo, his siblings and other survivors make a difficult journey to a refugee camp in Kenya. Thirteen years later, the group gets the chance to settle in the United States. When they arrive in Kansas they are met by Carrie Davis (Reese Witherspoon), who has been charged with finding them jobs. However, seeing how adrift they are in 20th-century America, Carrie endeavors to help them in rebuilding their shattered lives. This film runs for 1.51 hour and is rated PG13. This film is not geared to young children. Discussion will follow. Popcorn and soft drinks will be served.

Why choose a Catholic Education?

MIND...
Every student has the potential to succeed and with a comprehensive academic environment conducive to educational reflection and study, as found in the many Catholic Schools of our network, students are given a strong foundation on which to build bright academic futures.

HEART... “It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.”
~Mother Teresa

Catholic education fosters a sense of community and an abiding understanding of the importance of service to others. With a focus on actively living one’s faith and providing an example of character to others in daily life, Catholic Schools assist students in realizing their own personal gifts and learning to value the contribution of others.

SPIRIT...
Whether it is on the field of competition or in celebration of a job well done, Catholic Schools invite students to strive for excellence in all that is undertaken, to challenge their perceptions of limitations, and to exceed them.

John Baptist de La Salle, the patron saint of teachers, is quoted for saying, “To touch the hearts of your pupils and to inspire them with the Christian spirit is the greatest miracle you can perform.”

Happy Catholic Schools Week 2016!
This is a new prayer about social justice and *tikun olam*, repairing the world. Let us build a *sukkat shalom*, a tabernacle of peace, over the “lesser children” and all of the world.

**Lesser Children**

The least of your children,  
G-d of compassion  
Are mirrors of Your face,  
The abandoned  
The broken-hearted and rejected,  
The persecuted and pursued,  
The addict and the insane,  
Reflect your light.

The least of Your children,  
G-d of secrets,  
Are mirrors of Your creation.  
The hidden and the unwanted,  
The drifter and the locked away,  
The lonely and the desolate,  
The pauper, the streetwalker, the homeless,  
Those who yearn,  
And those who rail in madness,  
Echo Your voice.

Where is mercy?  
Where is kindness?  
Where is justice?  
Where is tikun olam?

The least of Your children,  
G-d of righteousness,  
Are ours to bless  
With gifts You have given us.  
In Your name  
We will take to the streets,  
We will go out into the country side,  
We will serve Your law and Your truth,  
By repairing the world.

The least of Your Children,  
G-d of healing,  
Are our sisters and brothers.  
Let us build a sukkat shalom,  
A tabernacle of peace,  
Over all in need.

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