

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

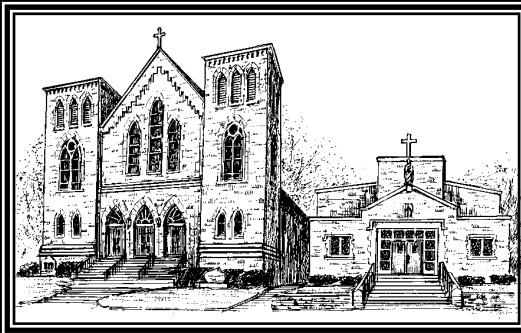
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

BAPTISMS: By Appointment

MARRIAGE: Notify Pastor
9 Months in Advance

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION:**
Saturday: 4:00-4:30PM

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS:** Call the Rectory.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Daily: See Bulletin

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Web: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

School Phone: (814) 355-7859

School Website: www.saintjohnsch.net

Pastor:
Rev. GEORGE I. JAKOPAC
Deacon: THOMAS E. BOLDIN

St. John's Church was Established in 1828
St. John's School was Established in 1890

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
MRS. KRISTINA TICE, School Principal

Masses for the Week



Saturday, February 10th

5:00 PM Mary Parmenter (The Family—Mom's 5)

Sunday, February 11th

8:00 AM Francis Bonfatto (Donald & Gloria Koshko)

10:15 AM James Shaw (Jo Shaw & The Witmer Family)

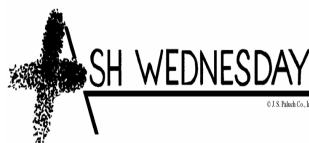
12:00 Noon **LATIN MASS CELEBRATED**

Monday, February 12th

9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, February 13th

8:00 AM Communion Service



Wednesday, February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM Mario Truglio (Maria Esposito)

6:00 PM William & Margaret Moerschbacher (Doug Moerschbacher)

Thursday, February 15th

6:00 PM Oliver Scott O'Hara (Grandparents: Jeff & Lisa O'Hara)

Friday, February 16th

8:00 AM Mary Jane Ramish (David & Betty Dodge)

Saturday, February 17th

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife, Genny)

Sunday, February 18th

8:00 AM Bill Moerschbacher (Doug Moerschbacher)

10:15 AM Colin McAtee (Dan & Jane Fisher)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, February 17th

Servers: Joshua Culley & Lauryn Culley

Lector: Jennifer Gill

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Music Ministers: Natalie Stanton & Ida O'Donald

8:00 AM Sunday, February 18th

Servers: Corby Koleno & Morgan Besecker

Lector: David Harry

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, February 18th

Servers: Abigail Weiser & Julia Weiser

Lector: Pamela Vaiana

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Music Ministers: Folk Choir

MASS TIME AT ST. KATERI CHURCH IS AT NOON EVERY SUNDAY!

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 4:00 - 4:30 PM

ALL DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration will be held **next Monday, February 19th**. It will begin immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. It closes at 2:00 pm.

THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th. This is **Ash Wednesday and a day of Fast and Abstinence.**

(Our Church guidelines are listed below.)

Fr. George will conduct a Lenten Class every Thursday evening during Lent. The class theme will be based on

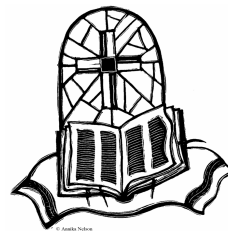
Scripture: "The Psalms" Classes will begin **at 6:30 PM** (immediately following the 6:00 PM Mass) in the school gym.

Each Friday during Lent, confessions will be heard from 6:00—6:30 PM.

At 7:00 PM, every Friday, we will have the Stations of the Cross.

And mark your calendars for our **weekly Lenten Fish Fry.**

They will be held **every Friday afternoon beginning next Friday, February 16th** and served from 4—7 PM. More detailed information is listed below and see the flyer within this bulletin.



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

According to the Code of Canon Law, all Latin-rite Catholics are required to observe the laws of **Abstinence (No meat) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent, starting at age 14 with no upper age limit.** However, those who need to eat meat for a medical reason may be dispensed from this requirement. The **Fasting requirement begins at age 18 and continues until age 59. A day of fasting permits a person to eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal.** If health permits, a person 59 and beyond may choose to participate to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



FISH FRY INFORMATION:

Fish Fry dinners are served from 4:00—7:00 PM in St. John's School Auditorium. The dinners are Eat-In or Take-Out. Adult dinners are \$10.00. Children's dinners are \$5.00 for ages 6—12. **Kids age 5 and under eat for Free!** The dinners include beverages and desserts. The insert in this weekend's bulletin gives you all the details. Take a break from cooking and attend our Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent. They are prepared and served by our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 and our Knights of Columbus Council #1314. They would appreciate your support.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN BREAKFASTS

Would you like to attend a short **weekly Lenten Devotion** that also includes breakfast? Our Bellefonte and vicinity Council of Churches will again hold **a Lenten Breakfast along with devotions every Wednesday during the Lenten Season.** These Breakfasts are held at the **Trinity United Methodist Church on West Howard Street here in Bellefonte.** The Breakfasts which consists of cereal, buns, beverages, etc. **begins at 7:30 AM to approximately 8:15 AM.** There is no fee, but donations are accepted. There will be a short homily by a different clergy each week and a short worship service. The following clergy will be speaking: Pastor Chris Passante, Pastor Diane Kinley, Deacon Tom Boldin, Pastor Calvin Miller, Father Carlton Kelley and Pastor Kevin Schock. **The first Breakfast will be this week on Ash Wednesday, February 14th** and will include the distribution of ashes. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Densvich at 355-4658 or email him at densvich@verizon.net.

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Our Website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 02/04/2018**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 8,645.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,179.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 37.57
Special Monthly:	\$ 2,098.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 99.00
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 12,058.57

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 349.00
Christmas Offering Collection:	\$ 25.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	\$ 20.00
Catholic Register Contributions:	\$ 184.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 578.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 12,636.57

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 287.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Bellefonte India Collection:	\$ 28.00
Black & Indian Missions:	\$ 36.00
Holy Name of Mary Foundation:	\$ 123.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS
AND YOUR GENEROSITY**

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT: PETS COME FIRST

PETS COME FIRST is asking for donations to help local animals! Items needed are the following: Dawn Dish Detergent, Paper Towels, Bungee Cords, Zip Ties, Dry Kitten Food, Canned Dog or Cat Food, Purina 1 Dry Dog Food and 9 Lives Cat Food. Donations can be placed in the marked container located in the vestibule of the church. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, February 25. See the poster on our church bulletin board with more information. Thanks for helping with this worthy community project.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MEETING

The national non-profit organization of Compassionate Friends will meet **this Monday, February 12th** from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the rectory basement. This group is to offer hope to bereaved family members and/or friends who suffer the death of a child of any age. For more information, contact Peg Herbstritt at 353-4526 or email her at mherb162@gmail.com.

GRIEVING GROUP GATHERING

The monthly meeting of our "Healing Through Faith" Grieving Group will be held **this Tuesday, February 13th at 9:00 AM** in the rectory basement. Anyone who has lost a loved one or a friend is welcome to attend and join in the discussions. For more information, please contact Connie Davis at 355-1280 or Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755. They can also be reached via email at connie.davis@comcast.net or eam2@psu.edu.

"LECTIO DIVINA" GROUP MEETS NEXT WEDNESDAY

The "Lectio Divina" Group will meet again **next Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM** in the church. This group meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. If you have questions, please call Randi Anderson at 335-7352 or email randifelicity@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On this first day of Lent, we receive ashes in the form of a cross on our forehead and are reminded to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." In receiving ashes, we embrace Jesus' journey: the cross of suffering and the promise of resurrection. We are marked as believers, as sinners and as people in need of Christ's forgiveness and salvation.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

LADIES OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME to attend the **3rd Annual Catholic Conference for Women** which will be held on **Saturday, February 24th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the Activities Center at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. This would be an uplifting way to begin your Lenten season. This year's theme is **"A New Heart."**

There are three ways to register:

1. Download a registration form at www.ourladyofvictory.com.
2. Pick up a registration form in the gathering space at OLV.
3. Email Melanie Smith at melanie.yonushonis@gmail.com or call her at (814)577-6093.

The registration fee is only **\$10 if you register by next Sunday, February 18th** or \$15 if between February 19th-24th.

WINTER DINNER DANCE SUPPORTS RETREAT CENTER

Young People Who Care, Inc. of Frenchville is sponsoring a Winter Dinner Dance. It will be held **next Saturday, February 17th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 512 Arnold Avenue in Clearfield. A donation is requested of \$30 per person. **The doors open at 6:00 PM and the stuffed pork loin dinner begins at 6:30 PM.** Great music will be provided by **The 14th Street Jazz Band** and there will be door prizes! This Dinner Dance will not only benefit the ministries of Young People Who Care, Inc., but also Life Line Infant & Pregnancy and direct ministry to people in need in local area counties. To purchase a ticket, please contact The Bethany Retreat Center at 263-4855. See their poster on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church.

"DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT"

Are you ready to have your **Best Lent Ever?** The Dynamic Catholic Initiative has a **free daily email program** that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the best version of yourself. Instead of giving up chocolate, let **Best Lent Ever** inspire you to live out your faith on a deeper level. This program offers inspiring videos, practical tips and simple prayers to promote growing closer to Jesus and deepen your faith. Just go to **BestLentEver.com** and sign up to receive your daily messages, plus much more.



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CENTRE HELPS: PACCT PROGRAM

A program sponsored by the United Way and the Centre Foundation called PACCT is offered by Centre Helps. This program provides education and support to parents struggling with the substance abuse of a child. **This is a 6-week series that is held every Thursday from 5:30—7:30 PM in State College. The program begins on February 22nd.** PACCT offers a supportive environment in sessions guided by professional therapist and trained facilitators. The goal is to help problem solve and potentially break the cycle of addiction. This program is for people living with the problem as well as the families affected by it. There is no cost for the program, although donations are appreciated. If you are interested, but not available on the scheduled dates, call to discuss accommodating your schedule with their next session. **All participants must register to attend. Please contact Centre Helps at 235-7672 to register and to make inquiries about the program.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Sunday, March 4th**. It is held in the rectory basement from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. This class is for first time parents from both St. John and St. Kateri parishes. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Tom Bolding via email at stboldin@verizon.net or call him at 355-4234. To schedule a baptism, please call the rectory office at 355-3134.

School News

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Now that our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week is over, Fr. George, Mrs. Tice and the faculty, staff and students wish to **thank the families, parishioners and friends who helped make our week special.** We would like to say an extra special thank you to Jennifer Brezler for coordinating a great Catholic Schools Week. We are especially grateful to Jen and the volunteers who worked with her to help us celebrate our wonderful school, students, parents, teachers and community.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received donations in **memory of Nancy Russell** from the following persons: C. Wanda Gingher; Louise B. & James T. Masullo, Jr.

We have also received a donation from Frank & Lula Corage, Sue & Terry Royer and Rose Plozner to the Angel Fund in **memory of Nancy Russell.** This donation will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school.

We have received additional donations in **memory of Caroline Kucas** from the following persons: James & Susan Bell; Gwen Miller; Marilyn Bergner; Susan McCartney; Andy & Stephanie Swancer.

We have also received an additional donation in **memory of Carol Lassman** from Mary Ann Mudron.

The January school collection was **\$2,713.00.**

Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and support of our school.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parishioners are invited to join St. John School as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:00 PM during Lent. The only exception will be during Holy Week when there will be no School Stations at 1:00 PM on Good Friday. During Holy Week, our 4th Grade Class will present two Live Stations of the Cross, one on Wednesday, March 28 at 10:00 AM and the other Good Friday at 7:00 PM

GARDNERS EASTER CANDY

St. John School is selling Gardners Easter Candy. Order forms were included in the bulletin at the end of January. They must be returned to the collection basket, church office or school office by **February 16th.** Payments must be included and checks are to be made payable to St. John School. Delivery will be **March 14th.** The candy is the same price as it is in the store, so save yourself time and order through the school.

We appreciate your support!

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

Registration forms can be found at www.saintjohnsch.net if you go online. We will accept registration forms through February 15. Classes are filling quickly, but waiting lists will be started, so don't delay in getting your child(ren) registered.

Children must be five years old before September 1, 2018 to be eligible for Kindergarten. You must bring birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a \$75 non-refundable fee with you to register. For more information about our Kindergarten program or to schedule a tour with the Principal, please call Tina in the school office.

Children must be three or four years old before September 1, 2018 to be eligible for the three-year-old and four-year-old Pre-K Program, respectively. Students currently enrolled in the three-year-old Pre-K must re-register for the four-year-old class. Please be sure to bring birth certificate, immunization records and a \$75 non-refundable registration fee with you to register. Please call Tina in the school office at 355-7859 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for students in Grades Kindergarten through 10th are held each Sunday at 9:00 AM. These classes are held in the assigned St. John School classrooms. If you have any questions regarding the Religious Education Classes, please contact our DRE's, Denise and Mark Leskovansky.



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11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP CLASS

The next Religious Education Class for students in the 11th Grade Confirmation Group **is scheduled for next Sunday, February 18th.** Classes are held in St. John School Auditorium from 11:15 AM—12:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at stboldin@verizon.net or call them at 355-4234.

TUNE INTO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM

Tune into Catholic Radio this Lent!

The Lenten homilies of Bishop Robert Barron and his fellow bishops are featured on the "Heralds of Faith" program that air weekdays at 9:30 a.m. and noon. **(Free i-Phone & Android apps for the station are available- visit waob.org for details.)**

We are now recording groups/families for our February prayer slots. We thank the members of the 6th grade at OLVCS for their recent chaplet recording. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemeracy@gmail.com. Remember, just \$100/day keeps our Catholic voice on the air. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



KNIGHT AT THE RACES HORSES & SPONSORS

Next month our Knights of Columbus Group will again sponsor their popular yearly event "KNIGHT AT THE RACES". Mark your calendars for **March 24th at the Milesburg Community Center.** The doors open at 5:30 PM and the post time for the first race is 6:15 PM.

The "Races" is a fun, family friendly evening. In addition to the 12 horse races and a few other games, there will be raffles, Chinese auction, gift card boards, a silent auction and live auction and rip tickets available. There will be a concession stand with food and drinks and you can bring your own food in as well. The \$5.00 entry fee includes complementary soft drinks and \$5 of "funny money". Prior to the event, if you would like to sponsor a race, the cost is \$60 and a great way to advertise your business. To purchase a horse is \$15. You can obtain information from any Knights of Columbus member or call Terry Neidigh at 355-7836 for info and to obtain a form.

K of C BINGO THIS MONDAY EVENING

Our next Bingo night is scheduled for **this Monday, February 12th.** The doors open at 6:00 PM for food and games of chance and for fellowship. **The Bingo games begin at 7:00 PM.** The cost to play is \$20.00 for 20 games. Plan to come and bring along the family, a friend or a neighbor for a fun evening out in support of our Knights of Columbus.

K of C / AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus #4678 of State College & The American Red Cross are holding a blood drive at 850 Stratford Drive in State College **this Tuesday, February 13 from 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM .** **You can sign up on line at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.** Walk ins are welcome. **COME AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE.** If you are in need of community service time for youth, please contact Mike Berrena at 237-9414.

CONTRIBUTION LETTERS WERE MAILED

Letters listing your 2017 contributions to our church of \$250.00 or more have been mailed out. **Notices of donation amounts given to the Catholic Ministries Drive are separately mailed from the diocese.** If you did not receive a letter and you gave more than \$250.00 or if you have questions, or if you would like to receive a letter even if you gave less than \$250.00, please call Rosemary at the rectory office at 355-3134. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM.

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