

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

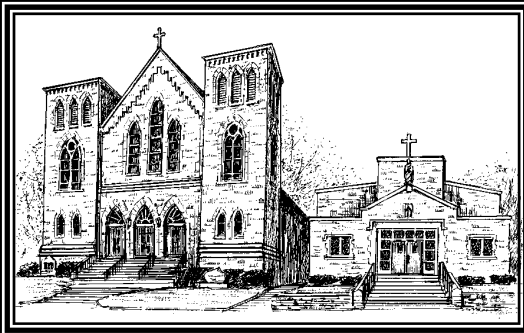
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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 25th

5:00 PM Pauline Auman (The Family)

Sunday, February 26th

8:00 AM Donald Pendell (John & Joyce Hoffman)

10:15 AM Matilda Leskovansky (3rd Grade CCD Class)

Monday, February 27th

9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, February 28th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, March 1st ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM Pauline Auman (The Family)

7:00 PM Ralph Capparelle (M/M Larry Wolfe)

Thursday, March 2nd

6:00 PM Frank Tessitore (The Family)

Friday, March 3rd

8:00 AM Health & Spiritual Welfare of Theresa Riglin (Her Friends)

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4th

5:00 PM Donald Anspauch (Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 AM Our Parish Family

10:15 AM Robbie Hillard (Connie & Frank Vincente)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, March 4th

Servers: Grace Files & Brandi Carmack

Lector: David Files

Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman & Bonnie Grant

8:00 AM Sunday, March 5th

Servers: Carter Boone & Sierra Pletcher

Lector: Jeff Drapcho

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, March 5th

Servers: Joseph Maggs & Peter VanCise

Lector: 9th & 10th Grades CCD Students

Music Ministers: Folk Choir

ALL-DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration will be held next Monday, March 6th immediately following the 9:00 AM school Mass.

It will close at 2:00 PM. Come for a visit.

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

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

LENT SCHEDULING

Ash Wednesday Masses this week are at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Note: Mass at St. Kateri is 11:00 AM.



There will be an evening weekday Mass each Thursday during Lent:

The first one is this Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM.

We will have a Lenten Scripture Class* each Thursday during the Month of March. The first class will be this Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30 PM.

*This class will be taught by Fr. George in the school cafeteria. The theme will be "The Miracles of the New Testament". If you have a Bible, bring it along!

We will offer Extra Confessions Every Friday at 6:00 PM during Lent (up to Holy Week).

First Extra Confession is this Friday, March 3rd.

We will have The Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7:00 PM.

First scheduled Stations is this Friday, March 3rd.

We will have our Annual Fish Fry Dinner every Friday afternoon in Lent (except Good Friday). Our Fish Fry will be held in the school auditorium.

Our first Fish Fry meals will be served this Friday, March 3rd from 4:00—7:00 PM.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR FISH FRY

With our first Fish Fry starting **this Friday**, we are in need of a variety of baked goods to serve with the dinners. If you are able to donate an item or two for Friday's Fish Fry, please contact Helen Lowry. You can email her at helenlowry@gmail.com or phone her at **355-2979**. If you don't get an answer when phoning, please leave your name and number for her to return the call. Any dessert donations are appreciated. Please note that **Helen's email had an "r" missing in last weekend's bulletin**. It is corrected above.

FIRST FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!

Our first Fish Fry will be held here at St. John's this Friday, March 3rd from 4:00—7:00 PM. Adult meals are \$9.00. Meals for children ages 6 through 12 are \$5.00. Children ages 5 and under eat for Free. The meals are served in St. John School Auditorium and are eat-in or take-out. Food choices include: Baked or Fried Fish, Fried Shrimp, Macaroni & Cheese & stewed tomatoes or French fries, coleslaw or applesauce; also, available are pierogies or halushki. Drinks and desserts are included.

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.**

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Our Website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM—3:00 PM

Fridays: 8:30 AM—Noon

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 02/19/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,779.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,115.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 41.46
Special Monthly:	\$ 350.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 101.40
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 8,386.86

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 110.00
Catholic Register Subscriptions:	\$ 204.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 314.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 8,700.86

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$1,001.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Black & Indian Missions:	\$ 25.00
Holy Name of Mary School (Ghana):	\$ 342.00

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULED

Deacon Tom will hold the next Baptism Preparation Class **NEXT Sunday, March 5th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in the rectory basement. This class is for all parents wanting to have their child baptized at either St. John or St. Kateri Church. The class is a requirement of the diocese for all parents, and hopefully, godparents, if they are local, to attend. Only a one-time class is required if you have additional children. Please call the rectory office (355-3134) with your name and phone number if you would like to attend the class and/or schedule a Baptism. For any questions, please call the rectory or Deacon Tom at 355-4234 or email him at stboldin@verizon.net.

LENTEN BREAKFASTS/SERVICES

The Lenten season begins THIS Wednesday. Here's one way to enrich your Lenten journey: Attend one, some or all of the scheduled Lenten breakfasts/services sponsored by the **Council of Churches**. This annual event will again be held at Trinity Methodist Church on Howard Street in Bellefonte. The service is **from 7:00 -7:45 AM each Wednesday morning beginning THIS Wednesday, March 1st and running through April 5th**. A light breakfast will be accompanied by an inspirational message given by a different local pastor each week. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not needed. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this weekly Lenten observation. If you have any questions please contact Frank Densvich at 355-4658.

OUR K of C PROVIDES LENTEN BOOKLETS

Again this year, our Knights of Columbus are providing "The Little Black Book" Lenten booklets to our parish families. The 6-minute reflections for each day's reading throughout Lent provides the framework to pray "lectio divina" (sacred reading).



LENT

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PARISH LASAGNA DINNER REPORT

We are so grateful to the **tremendous** response we received from our parishioners/family members and friends who attended our recent Parish Lasagna Dinner. We also had some members of St. Kateri Parish in attendance. The total count was 205. Thank you to the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus members for organizing the dinner, especially Dave and Janie Provan who did a wonderful job coordinating the event. And thanks to several of our CCD students who helped in serving the meals. It was a great evening for everyone to socialize and enjoy the food from Jim's Italian Cuisine and to hear the inspirational talk from our pastor, Fr. George.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RED HORSE TAVERN

We extend a special **THANK YOU** to The Red Horse Tavern in Pleasant Gap for a very generous donation given to St. John Church. Their gift not only covered the cost of renting Lambert Hall for our Parish Lasagna Dinner, but they also paid for the dessert and some of the meals' expenses. We are so appreciative of such a thoughtful donation to our parish!

TUNE INTO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM IN LENT!

(i-Phone & Android apps for the stations are available- visit waob.org for details.) Please continue to pray for the priests/deacons of our local parishes and the staff/students of **Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy** during their hourly station ID's. We are now scheduling for the March prayer slots. We thank Janine Surovec and the Clement Family for their recent recordings. If you would like to pray, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemercy@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. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout Lent.

MEMORIAL DONATION RECEIVED

St. John's Church recently received two Memorial donations. One was received from "Back the Lions" in State College **in memory of John Wallace, Jr.** The other gift was **in memory of Mary Parmenter** and was received from Nancy Andrews. Thank you for remembering St. John Church with these memorial offerings.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Our Sanctuary Lights are lit for two special intentions this week. Our Bellefonte Knights of Columbus #1314 has requested they be lit **in memory of John Wallace, Jr.** and **in memory of Francis Bonfatto**.

LATIN MASS DAY AND TIME CHANGE

Please note: **Starting in March, the Latin Mass day and time will change. Our Latin Mass will now be celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at Noon.**

There is **NO Latin Mass scheduled for this Saturday, March 3rd**. Mark your calendars: **The next scheduled Latin Mass will be on Sunday, March 12th at 12:00 PM (Noon).**

"St John's in Stitches" SEWING GROUP MEETING

Our Sewing Group will hold its next meeting **this Monday, February 27th** in the rectory basement at **3:00 PM**. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend and see the variety of projects the ladies are working on. The group is open to anyone interested in sewing, knitting, crocheting or working with crafts, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Wood **by phone at 625-2902** or email her at rosieandwoody3@hotmail.com. If you don't sew or knit, monetary donations are always gratefully accepted for supplies.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We appreciate the generosity of our alumni and would like to thank John Dahmus for his donation in support of our students and Catholic education.

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

GIANT A+ PROGRAM

We recently earned **\$225.30** from Giant for the month of January. This brings our four-month total to **959.42**. Thank you to those who registered their Giant Bonuscards so that we are able to earn cash for 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, April 12 at 10:00 AM, and the other on Good Friday at 7:00 PM.

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Please call the school office at 355-7859 if you have not registered for our Kindergarten or Pre-K for next year. Very limited openings are still available. Registration forms can be obtained at www.saintjohnsch.net or at the School Office.

Children must be five years old before September 1, 2017, to be eligible for Kindergarten. You must bring birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a \$75 non-refundable registration fee.

Children must be three or four years old before September 1, 2017, to be eligible for the three-year and four-year Pre-K Program, respectively. Please be sure to bring birth certificate, immunization records and a \$35 non-refundable registration fee. Please call Tina in the school office at **355-7859** for more information.

GARDNERS EASTER CANDY

St. John School will be selling Gardners Easter Candy . Extra order forms are available in the rear of the church. They must be returned to the collection basket, church office or school office by this Monday, February 27th. Payment must be included and checks are to be made payable to St. John School. **Delivery will be Tuesday, March 28th**. The candy is the same price as in the store, so save yourself time and order through the school. We appreciate your support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

We are extremely grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their \$1,500.00 donation that will be awarded in six \$250.00 scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. This scholarship is not based on financial need or academic excellence, but chosen randomly. One student from each grade will receive these scholarships to aid their family in fulfilling their tuition obligation for next year. The 2017-2018 recipients are: Andrew Jellen-Kindergarten; Emily Culley-1; Reagan-May Merlino-2; Jamesyn Kelleher-3; Max Jennings-4; and Ella Ladlee-5. **God bless the Knights** for their generosity and continued support of our school and Catholic education.

ST JOHN SCHOOL FEATURED ON "PROCLAIM"

Would you like to view the TV segment of "PROCLAIM" which featured St. John School and interviews with our school students?

Just go online to dioceseaj.org and click on the "Media" tab, then click "PROCLAIM TV".

Check it out!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ASSIST TOTAL FAITH FORMATION

In addition to St. John Catholic School, we are blessed to have thriving Catholic Middle School and High School opportunities in our area. To learn more about **Our Lady of Victory Catholic School's Middle School Program**, call 238-1592 or go to www.olvcatholicsschool.org. Information about **St. Joseph's Catholic Academy**, which is Centre County's only Catholic High School, can be found at www.stjoeacad.org or by calling 808-6118. Both schools are enrolling NOW for the 2017-18 school year!

BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINICS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School and Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy have teamed up to offer basketball skills clinics **for children in grades 2 to 8**. These events begin as early as **this Sunday, February 26th** and have limited enrollment. To learn more go to "Clinics and Camps" under the "Athletics" tab on the **OLVCS** website at www.olvcatholicsschool.org or email Mr. Will Morse at morsew@olvcs.org or Mr. Richard Ciambotti at rciambotti@stjoeacad.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes are held each Sunday morning in our St. John School classrooms from 9:00—10:00 AM. These classes are for students in Kindergarten through 10th grades. Direct any questions to Mark & Denise Leskovansky at 355-3278.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Confirmation Group will hold their next class **THIS** Sunday, February 26th. Classes are held in St. John School Auditorium from 11:15 AM—12:30 PM.

For questions or concerns, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at stboldin@verizon.net or call them at 355-4234.

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE HOLD OPEN HOUSES

Mount Aloysius College in Cresson remains dedicated to providing an environment, with academics foremost, that encourages students to synthesize faith with learning. The college will hold its next **Admissions Events** on March 19th. They will also have Open Houses this Monday, February 20th and Saturday, April 22nd. A special Visitation of the college will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. For more information, log on to www.mtaloy.edu/future-student to see *Admissions Events* listed or call 888-823-2220. The admissions number is 886-6383.

BELLEFONTE MIDDLE SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

The Bellefonte Middle School and The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 8th from 2:00—7:00 PM. This Blood Drive is sponsored by the school's Chain Reaction Club. Additional information is online at www.redcrossblood.org.

STATE COLLEGE DOULA & BIRTH SERVICES

State College Doula is an agency that supports families through the transition of pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period. They offer child birth classes, birth doulas, postpartum doulas and professional photography. Over the next few months they are offering free informational workshops at Schlow Library. See the bulletin board for a poster with more information or for questions, please email Maria Stevens at statecollegedoula@gmail.com.

BELATED THANK YOU FROM CENTRE CREST RESIDENTS

We recently received a belated, but very grateful **THANK YOU** on behalf of the residents of Centre Crest for all the gifts they had received before Christmas through the "Angel Tree" program. It stated that they are always taken aback with all the kindness shown to them. They ask, "Who in the world are all these gifts from?" The reply they are given is "Someone at St. John's Catholic Church loves you!" The letter of thanks wanted to convey the huge difference these gifts make in the lives of their residents.

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do **something worthwhile** is between yesterday and tomorrow.

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