

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

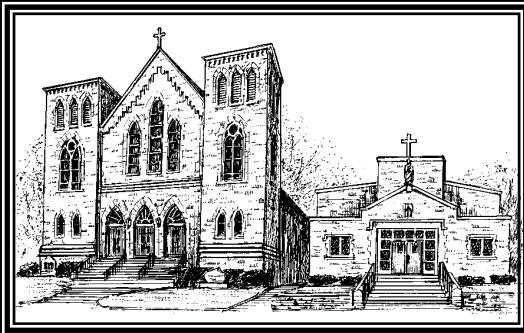
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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

Rectory Phone: (814) 355-3134

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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, 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)

Monday, March 6th

9:00 AM Health & Spiritual Welfare of Angie (Marian Wayne)

CENTRE CREST MASS

1:30 PM James Shaw (Marion Novak)

Tuesday, March 7th

8:00 AM Albert Lavin (Father George)

Wednesday, March 8th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 9th

6:00 PM Nancy Lochrane (Dick & Nancy Taylor)

Friday, March 10th

8:00 AM Deceased Priests of our Parish (A Friend)

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11th

5:00 PM Rev. Valentine Bradley, 1 year remembrance of his death (Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 AM Josephine Dunn (The Family)

10:15 AM Michael Polansky (Parents: George & Theresa)

12:00 PM (NOON) LATIN MASS CELEBRATION

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, March 11th

Servers: Nathan Smith & Olivia Smith

Lector: Jennifer Gill

Music Ministers: Natalie Stanton & Bill Miller

8:00 AM Sunday, March 12th

Servers: Thomas McElhinny & Sara McElhinny

Lector: James Eckert

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, March 12th

Servers: Evelyn St. Amant & Sarah Tobin

Lector: Paul Tobin

Music Ministers: Teen Choir

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a teardrop. —Anonymous

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

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

ALL-DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration will be held **this Monday, March 6th** immediately following the 9:00 AM school Mass. It will close at 2:00 PM. Come for a Lenten visit with the Lord.

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.**

WEEK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Thursday, March 9th

6:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM Scripture* Class

Friday, March 10th

6:00 Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

LENTEN SCRIPTURE CLASS*

Each Thursday during the Month of March we will have a Scripture Class.

The next class will be this **Thursday, March 9th 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!



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VISITING THE SHUT-INS:

We need volunteers to help take communion once a month to our shut-ins. You **do not** have to already be a Eucharistic Minister. We will work with your schedule and assign you someone to visit. Please sign-up in the back of the church or call the rectory if you are interested.

TRAINING MEETING FOR SHUTIN VISITS

We will have a training session for those who have expressed interest in visiting the shut-ins. This training will be held immediately following the **5:00 PM Mass on Saturday March 18th.** At that time, we will assign shut-ins and give each volunteer a prayer book and a "pyx" to hold the Eucharist. If you can't attend this training session but still want to take communion to the homebound, let the rectory know and we will accommodate you with a training time!

FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!

Our Fish Fry will be held here at St. John's this **Friday, March 10th from 4:00—7:00 PM.**

Adult meals are \$9.00. Meals for children ages 7 through 12 are \$5.00. Children ages 6 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 pierogis or halushki. Drinks and desserts are included with all the meals.

Our E-Mail Address is saintjohnsoff@gmail.com

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 02/26/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,845.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 835.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 54.50
Special Monthly:	\$ 684.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 129.80
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 8,548.30

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 35.00
Catholic Register Subscriptions:	\$ 208.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 243.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL:\$ 8,791.30

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 377.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Black & Indian Missions:	\$ 70.00
Holy Name of Mary School (Ghana):	\$ 410.00
Mandeville Lenten Appeal:	\$ 20.00

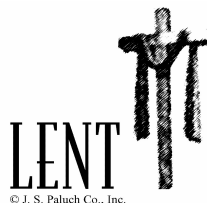
**AS ALWAYS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS
AND YOUR GENEROSITY**

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS THIS SUNDAY

Deacon Tom will hold a Baptism Preparation Class **THIS 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 when you have additional children. Please call the rectory office (355-3134) 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. **If you miss this class the next one is on June 4th.**

LENTEN BREAKFASTS/SERVICES

With the Lenten season underway, 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 Belleville. The service is held **from 7:00 —7:45 AM each Wednesday morning 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 devotion/gathering. If you have any questions please contact Frank Densvich at 355-4658.

**MEMORIAL DONATION RECEIVED**

St. John's Church received another Memorial Donation this week given **in memory of Mary Parmenter**. This gift was received from Control Design, Inc., which is a Pittsburgh company. We appreciate your remembering St. John's Church with these memorial offerings. **Thank you for this remembrance donation.**

BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR FISH FRY

We are in need of a variety of baked goods to serve with our Fish Fry Dinners. If you are able to donate an item or two for this Friday, 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.

"CHURCH PROGRAM" DONATION RECEIVED

St. John Church received a check from **JJ Powell, Inc.** for participation in the **Heating Fuel Church Program**. Many parishioners have already participated which increased the donation that JJ Powell made to our church. When you purchase heating fuel, just tell your fuel supplier to associate St. John Church or School to your fuel delivery. We receive a check twice a year for a percentage of the cost of gallons delivered to our members. Every gallon helps with growing the donation that your fuel supplier makes to our church.

Online visits: www.JJPowell.com or call 355-4749
Or www.NittanyOil.com or call 237-4859

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 recording the March prayer slots. We thank our board members for their recent chaplet recording. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com or call her at (814)238-6288. 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. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout Lent.

K of C MARCH BREAKFAST BENEFITS FOOD BANK

The Belleville Knights of Columbus will sponsor their next All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on **Sunday, March 19th**. This month's Breakfast will benefit the Belleville Food Bank. Anyone bringing in 5 can/boxes of unexpired, non-perishable food items will receive a **50% discount** on their breakfast. The regular price of the breakfast is \$8.00 for adults, for children ages 8 through 12; the cost is \$4.00; and children age 7 and under eat for free. The full breakfast menu includes bacon, eggs, sausage, potatoes, French toast, pancakes, waffles, scrapple, oatmeal, hot syrup, sausage gravy, fruit, tea, coffee, juice, and hot chocolate. They will also prepare, upon request, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes and "over-easy" or "sunny-side" eggs. The meals are served at their hall on Stoney Batter **from 8:30 AM until Noon**. Please come in and **enjoy a great breakfast and help to restock our Local Food Bank!**

"BEST LENT EVER"

Best Lent Ever is a **free**, daily email program that will help you and your family members have a truly life-changing Lent. This year's program is based on **Matthew Kelly's** newest bestseller **Resisting Happiness**. Would you like to go on an incredible spiritual journey this Lent? This program inspires you to become the best-version-of-yourself. Check out the posters on our doors **"DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT!"**. To participate sign up for free at BestLentEver.com. We also have little cards with signup info in the pews for you to take home. May you have "The Best Lent Ever!"

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We appreciate the generosity of our alumni and would like to thank Patricia Mulfinger for her donation in support of Catholic education.

Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and in 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, 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 in the School Office or found online at www.saintjohnsch.net.

Children must be five years old before September 1, 2017, to be eligible for Kindergarten. You must bring the 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 questions or more information.

JJPOWELL CHURCH PROGRAM

We would like to thank the Church and all parishioners who participate in the JJPowell Church Program, which donates monies to our school based on gallons delivered to their home or business. Parishioners can call JJPowell (355-4749) at any time throughout the year to register as a participant in the Church Program. Every gallon helps with the growing donation JJPowell makes to our school.

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 PREPARE STUDENTS FOR LIFE

Catholic Schools prepare students to be productive citizens and good stewards of resources. In addition to **St. John's 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.stjoacad.org or by calling 808-6118. Both schools are enrolling NOW for the 2017-18 school year!

RECENT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS HELP NEEDY

Thank you to all who give to our outreaches for the needy: **The Mandeville Lenten Appeal** and **The Black and Indian Mission Collection**. In a couple of weeks we will also have **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. All these causes help the poorest of the poor around the world. Thank you for sacrificing to give. Please also remember them in your prayers.

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, March 5th. 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.

BELLEFONTE MIDDLE SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

The Bellefonte Middle School and The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive this 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MARCH MEETING DAY CHANGED

The March meeting of the Catholic Daughters has been changed due to our Lenten activities scheduled. The meeting has been **rescheduled for this Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 PM.**

The social begins at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. In St. John's School Auditorium. Social chairpersons for this meeting are as follows: Jennifer Gill, Phyllis Galio, Rita Russell and Mary Ann Bender.

"COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS" SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

"Compassionate Friends" will hold their next meeting **next Monday March 13th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM** in the rectory basement.

The Compassionate Friends Group is a national non-profit organization which offers understanding, friendship and hope to bereaved families and friends following the death of a child of any age. If you have any questions regarding these meetings or the group, please contact Peg Herbstritt at 353-4526, or email her at mherb162@gmail.com for more information.

"HEALING THROUGH FAITH" GROUP MEETING

Our next group gathering for "Healing Through Faith" will be held **next Tuesday, March 14th at 9:00 AM.** This group lends mutual support to anyone suffering the loss of loved ones. By caring and sharing, we are aided in the grieving /healing process. Our meetings are held in the rectory basement and everyone is welcome to attend and share in the discussions.

MARCH'S FOCUS ON MARY, FROM OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

When our lives do not go according to plan, our first instinct may be to balk. But Mary did not. She responded to the shocking announcement from the angel with a trusting, resounding "yes." Giving our unconditional "yes" to God's will isn't a "woman" thing: It's a Christian thing because we should believe that nothing is impossible with God. Especially this Lent, offer to use your time, talents and treasure to bring Christ into the lives of others. By saying "yes", we are accepting God's plan for our lives and demonstrating holiness, just like Mary did.

DAYLIGHT



SAVING TIME

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TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD

ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour (Spring Forward) after midnight on Saturday, March 11th.

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