

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

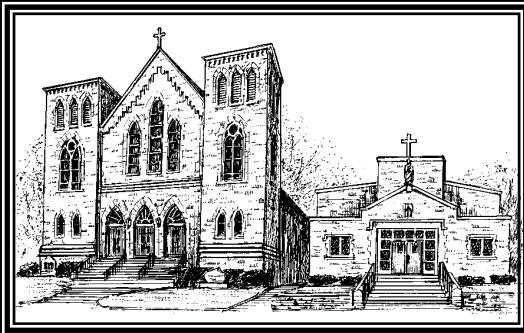
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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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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 11th

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

Sunday, March 12th (Daylight Saving Time Begins)

8:00 AM Josephine Dunn (The Family)
10:15 AM Michael Polansky (Parents: George & Theresa)
12:00 PM (NOON) **LATIN MASS CELEBRATION**

Monday, March 13th

9:00 AM Walter Dunn (The Egli & Dunn Families)

Tuesday, March 14th

8:00 AM Oliver Scott O'Hara (Jeff & Lisa O'Hara, grandparents)

Wednesday, March 15th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 16th

6:00 PM Margaret Ann Benzie (Mickey & Agnes Jabco)

Friday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day

8:00 AM Special Intention (Anonymous)
6:00 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18th

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife Genny)

Sunday, March 19th

8:00 AM Sophie Mazurkiewicz (Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)
10:15 AM Josephine Bartol (Karen & David Truesdale & Family)

ALL-DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration will be held **next Monday, March 20th** immediately following the 9:00 AM school Mass. It will close at 2:00 PM. Come for a Lenten visit with the Lord.

BINGO IS BACK! BIGGER AND BETTER!

Mark your calendar for next Monday, March 20th, which is the Feast of St. Joseph. Take a break from Lent on this special Feast day! **Doors open at 6:00 PM.** Bingo games starts at 7:00 PM. There will be **Bigger Prizes!** The cost to play is \$20.

IMPORTANT HIGH SCHOOL CCD HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour with Bishop Mark Bartchak on Tuesday March 21st. It will start at **6:00 PM in the church.** **Students: Please arrive 15 minutes early.** **Please note: This is mandatory for all 9th and 10th grade CCD students and Confirmation students in 11th grade.** There will be confession. Others are welcome to attend, but **confession will only be for the high school students.** There is also a **reception for the students** following the Holy Hour in the School Auditorium. This will be a time for them to meet with and talk with Bishop Mark.

ATTENTION YOUNG COUPLES

We will hold a "Natural Family Planning" information night next Tuesday, March 21st from 7:00 -8:00 PM in the rectory basement. Come hear an expert on the subject & ask questions on this important subject regarding marriage and family.

WEEK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Thursday, March 16th
6:00 PM Mass
6:30 PM Scripture* Class
Friday, March 17th
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 16th at 6:30 PM.** If you have a Bible, bring it along! *This class is taught by Fr. George in the school cafeteria. The theme is "The Miracles of the New Testament".

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, March 18th

Servers: Morgan Besecker & Cecilia Stanton
Lector: Angela Basalla
Music Ministers: David Harry & Adam Witmer

8:00 AM Sunday, March 19th

Servers: Alina Watson & Kira Watson
Lector: Christine Surovec
Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, March 19th

Servers: Alli Zanghi & John Jennings
Lector: Pamela Vaiana
Music Ministers: Folk Choir

SORE SHIN

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.
—An Irish Proverb

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

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



FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!

Our Fish Fry will be held here at St. John's this **Friday, March 17th 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: pierogis/halushki.

TRAINING MEETING FOR SHUT-IN 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!

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 03/05/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 9,085.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,343.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 67.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 1,802.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 125.76
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 12,422.76

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 347.00
Catholic Register Subscriptions:	\$ 102.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 115.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 564.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL:\$ 12,986.76

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 367.00

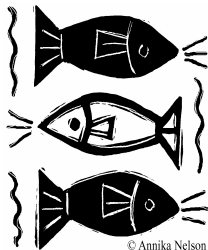
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Black & Indian Missions:	\$ 378.00
Holy Name of Mary School (Ghana):	\$ 515.00
Mandeville Lenten Appeal:	\$ 658.63
Catholic Relief Services Collection:	\$ 50.00
Fr. O'Malley Fund:	\$ 15.00

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

LENTEN BREAKFASTS/SERVICES

With the Lenten season underway, here's one way to enrich your Lenten journey: The **Council of Churches** is sponsoring Lenten breakfasts/services. This annual event is again being held at The Trinity Methodist Church on Howard Street, Bellefonte. The service is held from **7:00 — 7:45 AM each Wednesday morning and will run 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. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Densevich at 355-4658.



"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. To participate, sign up for **free** at **BestLentEver.com.** We also have little cards with signup info for you to take home. May you have "The Best Lent Ever!"

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.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS" SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

"Compassionate Friends" will hold their next meeting **THIS 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 info.

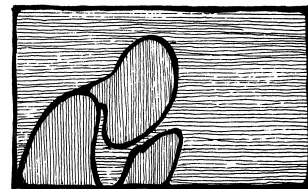
"HEALING THROUGH FAITH" GROUP MEETING

Our next group gathering for "Healing Through Faith" will be held **THIS 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.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA APPARITIONS

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Portugal from May to October 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance of sin, prayer (especially the Rosary) and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pope Francis has encouraged the faithful to take advantage of the spiritual benefits at Marian celebrations during this centennial observance. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Bishop Mark will lead the following celebrations:
 *Saturday, May 13, **Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**, 11:30 AM, Rosary and Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Altoona.
 *Friday, September 8, **Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, 5:30 PM, Mass and Rosary Procession (outdoor shrine) at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Duncansville.
 *Sunday, October 1, **Annual Marian Celebration in Honor of the Holy Rosary**, 3:00 PM, Rosary and Mass at St. Benedict Church in Johnstown.

Participation in these celebrations are in keeping with the ways in which the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence during the Centennial Fatima Observance as announced by Pope Francis. The opportunity for a plenary indulgence throughout the entire year, which began on November 27, 2016, and will end on November 26, 2017, may be gained as follows:



To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must **fulfill the ordinary conditions:** Go to confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

1. Pilgrimage to the

Shrine: Make pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in prayer dedicated to the Virgin. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke the Mother of God.

2. Prayer before any Statue of Our Lady of Fatima:

The faithful who visit, with devotion, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017) and there devoutly participate in prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. Application for the Elderly and Infirm:

To those who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around, may pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. In addition, they must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and offer to our merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

The February school collection was **\$1,870.00**.

We have received donations from Jim & Nancy Swartzell and Mark & Jodie Dello Stritto in support of our students and for Catholic education.

The Fifth Grade class would like to thank the parishioners who supported their Gettysburg class trip Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on February 24th. **It was a great success!** A special thank you to Brother's Pizza for their donation. We would also like to thank the many 5th grade parents who helped that evening, with an extra thanks to Mr. Sam Brezler and Mrs. Phyllis Austin for their help in the kitchen, and to Mrs. Michelle Russell and Mrs. Kristina Tice for assistance throughout the dinner.

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 online at www.saintjohnsch.net or in the School Office.

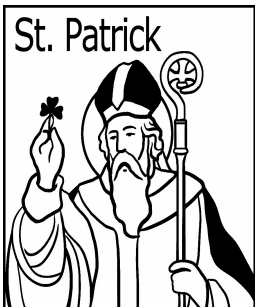
Please call Tina in the school office at **355-7859** for more information.

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 the members of the **OLV Morning Rosary Group** for their recent recording. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com. Your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. We ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout Lent.

St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17th



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- ◆ In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a much celebrated religious holiday.
- ◆ The shamrock's 3 leaves are meant to represent the Holy Trinity.
- ◆ Saint Patrick's real name was Maewyn Succot.
- ◆ 19 Presidents, including George Washington proclaim Irish heritage.
- ◆ There are more Americans of Irish heritage than there are Irish in Ireland.
- ◆ The Irish are said to have brought oatmeal to America.

BASD COMMUNITY-WIDE LITERACY NIGHT

The Bellefonte READS Committee will host its third annual Community-Wide Literacy Night from 6:00—8:00 PM on March 16th. The purpose of this event is to promote the love of literacy throughout the entire community. The evening will be filled with engaging events for guests of all ages and will include a free dinner for all who attend.

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.

EVENING MEETING FOR CCD GRADES 9, 10 AND 11

The Confirmation Group will NOT have a class THIS Sunday, March 12th. **HOWEVER, there will be a PARENTS' MEETING this Sunday evening in the church following Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. This meeting is for parents of students in CCD grades 9, 10 and 11.** For questions or concerns, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at stboldin@verizon.net or call them at 355-4234.

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP—MARCH EVENT

Theology on Tap will hold their next gathering **this Wednesday, March 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM** at Lettermans Sports Grill at 1031 East College Avenue in State College. For this month's TOT night, the speaker will be **Amy Kanich**, Director of Campus Ministry at Mount Aloysius College. Amy will be presenting on Jason and Crystalina Evert's work "**How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul.**" All young adults ages 21 to 39-ish are invited and all are welcome to bring friends. For questions, please contact Kristine and Mike Creavey at (717) 574-7201. Find TOT on Facebook at "Theology on Tap Centre County." Upcoming events: Wednesday, April 19th will feature Joe Creavey, a Seminararian for the Diocese of Harrisburg; and Wednesday, May 17th, will be an End of Season Reflection. Hope to see you there!

WINNERS OF THE CD of A ART POSTER CONTEST

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas had invited all our **4th and 5th graders of St. John School and our 4th and 5th grade CCD students** to participate in the Annual National Education Art Poster Contest. This year's theme asked the young artist to illustrate "*Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me.*" **This year's winners from St. John School** received their awards at the 9:00 AM School Mass on March 6th. **They are as follows: 1st Place: Kyle Yangula; 2nd Place, Autumn McCloskey; & 3rd Place, Isaak Bloom. Congratulations!** Thanks to all who participated in the contest or helped in any way.

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The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus will sponsor their next All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast **NEXT Sunday, March 19th.** This month's Breakfast will benefit the Bellefonte Food Bank. Anyone bringing in 5 cans/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!**

TIMING

What you give in health is Gold; what you give in sickness is Silver; what you give after death is Lead.—Jewish Proverb

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