

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

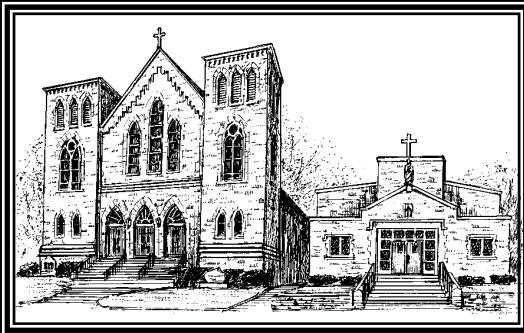
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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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School Phone: (814) 355-7859

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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 25th

5:00 PM George "Mick" Harris (Lorna Maloy & Girls)

Sunday, March 26th

8:00 AM Vincent & Sally Boldin (Linda Fielding & Rich Struble)

10:15 AM Andy & Verna Basalla (The Oesterling Family)

Monday, March 27th

9:00 AM Frank Oesterling (Paul & Janet Oesterling)

Tuesday, March 28th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, March 29th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 30th

6:00 PM Robert Perts (Louise Perts)

Friday, March 31st

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

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1st

5:00 PM Marian Albarano (Nancy Kowalczyk)

Sunday, April 2nd

8:00 AM Paul Proper (Mother, Catherine Proper)

10:15 AM Thomas Gueiswhite (The Oesterling Family)

WEEK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Thursday, March 30th

6:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM Scripture Class

(Last class)

Friday, March 31st

6:00 Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross



GETTING READY FOR HOLY WEEK

EXTRA CONFESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:

◆ **Friday, April 7th at 6:00 PM**
(Last Friday evening Confessions scheduled)

◆ **Saturday April 8th: 6:00– 7:00 PM**
Fr. Cyprian will also hear confessions.
(This would be a good night to go!)
Note: We will still do the regular 4:00 pm Saturday Confessions.

◆ **Wednesday, April 12th: 6:00 -7:00 PM**
(Last Chance for Confessions before Easter)



FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY!

Our next Fish Fry will be held here at St. John's this **Friday, March 31st from 4:00–7:00 PM.**

This fundraiser is a joint effort of The Catholic Daughters and The Knights of Columbus. 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: Entrees include Lemon Pepper Baked Fish, Yuengling Beer Battered or Panko Breaded Fried Shrimp. Sides include Macaroni & Cheese & stewed tomatoes or French fries, coleslaw or applesauce; also available: pierogis/halushki. Drinks and desserts are included with all the meals.

PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our Parish Council and Our Finance Council will both hold meetings next week.

These meetings will be held on Thursday, April 6th in the rectory basement at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM respectively.

CCD 2ND GRADE FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Confessions will be heard for our CCD 2nd Grade Students next Sunday, April 2nd at 9:00 AM.

LAST CCD CLASS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Next Sunday, April 2nd will be the final classes scheduled for our CCD students in Kindergarten through 10th grades for this school year.

THURSDAY EVENING MASSES WILL CONTINUE

Due to popular demand, we will continue to schedule a Thursday evening Mass which will be held at 6:00 PM.

SANCTUARY CANDLE SPECIAL INTENTION

Next week the Sanctuary Candle will be lit for the intention of **Louise Drapcho** as requested by her family.

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, April 1st

Servers: Kathryn Gearhart & Brandi Carmack

Lector: David Harry

Music Ministers: Natalie Stanton & Ida O'Donald

8:00 AM Sunday, April 2nd

Servers: Thomas McElhinny & Sara McElhinny

Lector: James Eckert

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, April 2nd

Servers: Ruthann Smoyer & Cecilia Stanton

Lector: Michael Kresovich

Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman & Suzanne Egli

ALL-DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration will be held **next Monday, April 3rd** immediately following the 9:00 AM school Mass. It closes at 2:00 PM. Come for a quiet Lenten visit with the Lord.

Please Note: There is no adoration scheduled on Monday April 17th.

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

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

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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 03/19/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 7,972.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,029.70
Children's Offertory:	\$ 45.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 275.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 92.73
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 9,414.43

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 250.00
Catholic Register Subscriptions:	\$ 8.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 260.00
Fr. O'Malley Fund:	\$ 25.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 543.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL:\$ 9,957.43

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$1,030.00

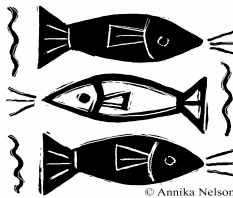
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Black & Indian Missions:	\$ 100.00
Mandeville Lenten Appeal:	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection:	\$ 329.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 25.00

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

LENTEN BREAKFASTS/SERVICES

With only a few weeks remaining in the Lenten season, it's still not too late 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. The final two are this Wednesday, March 29th and next Wednesday, April 5th.** A light breakfast will be accompanied by an inspirational message given by a local pastor or deacon. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not needed. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Densvich at 355-4658.

PARISH PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! St. John Church will hold a **PARISH PICNIC on June 11th at Governor's Park.** Since there is no Fun Festival scheduled for this year, we will have an "ole' fashioned" picnic for all our parish families to come together and enjoy. All the details will be forthcoming in future bulletins, but we wanted to give you the date so you can jot it down on your calendars.

Watch for a letter and **Cash Raffle Tickets** to be in the mail this week. We are sending each family a total of five books of tickets at \$5.00 a book of 6 tickets. If you can purchase them all, that's great! If not, perhaps you can sell some to a friend or neighbor. This Cash Raffle will be our church's only fund raiser for this year so we appreciate your full participation. All ticket stubs and money need to be returned to the rectory (via mail, dropped off or placed in the collection basket) by the week of June 4th since **the drawing will be at our Church Picnic on June 11th.**

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:

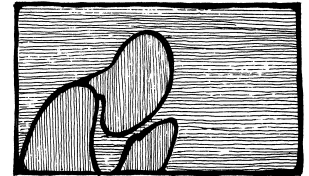
- *Saturday, May13, **Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**, 11:30 AM, Rosary and Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Altoona.
- *Friday, September 8, **Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, 5:30 PM, Mass and Rosary Procession (outdoor shrine) at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Duncansville.
- *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.

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.)

We are now scheduling for the April prayer slots. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814) 238-6288 or voiceofdivinemercury@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. We ask that you keep the home-bound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout Lent. In addition, please remember in a special way those in our local RCIA programs who will be entering into the fullness of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES THROUGH EASTER

Please forward any info to be inserted in the bulletin as soon as possible because of early submission deadlines.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

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

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

St. John Catholic School Home and School Association is having a Gift Card Lottery Fundraiser. Each weekday in April, one ticket will be drawn, giving the winner the gift card noted on the lottery ticket as the prize for that day. Each Ticket cost \$10.00. Tickets are available in the School Office and also will be sold at the Fish Fries each Friday during the month of March.

GARDNERS EASTER CANDY

Orders may be picked up on Tuesday, March 28, Wednesday, March 29, or Thursday, March 30. If you can not pick up your orders during those times, please contact the school and other arrangements can be made. **Thank you to everyone who participated in this annual fundraiser and helped our school earn a profit of over \$3300.00.** We are so thankful for the support of our parishioners.

CAMPBELL'S LABEL/GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue to save UPC Bar Codes from Campbell's products and BoxTops from General Mills' products. These can be placed in the containers in the rear of the Church. It may seem like such a small thing, but we reap much in the way of earned school supplies.

THEOLOGY ON TAP—UPCOMING EVENTS

Theology on Tap holds their gatherings at Letterman's Sports Grill at 1031 East College Avenue in State College from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. All young adults aged 39-ish are invited to attend and are welcome to bring friends along. This season's presentations highlight the similarities between various faiths and the Catholic faith on several topics. The upcoming dates are the following Wednesdays: **April 19th, April 26th, May 3rd and May 10th.** For questions, please contact Kristine and Mike Creavey at (717) 574-7201. Find TOT on Facebook at "Theology on Tap Centre County." Hope to see you there!

"St. John's In Stitches" MEETING SCHEDULED

Our Sewing Group "**St. John's In Stitches**" will hold a meeting this week. It will be held on **Monday, March 27th at 3:00 PM** in the rectory basement. At this month's meeting, the theme will be "**Learning to Crochet.**" If you plan to attend, please bring along your own crocheting hook. It should be size "H." If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Wood via email at rosieandwoody3@hotmail.com or call her at 625-2902. The group gladly accepts monetary donations at any time; however, they are **currently in need of yarn donations.**

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't. _____ Blaise Pascal

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.

Please note that the final CCD classes for this school year will be held next Sunday, April 2nd.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Confirmation class is scheduled for this Sunday, March 26th from 11:15 AM until 12:30 PM in the school auditorium. For questions or concerns, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at stboldin@verizon.net or call them at 355-4234.

CD of A TO RECORD DIVINE MERCY ROSARY

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 will host a recording of the Divine Mercy Rosary at **6:30 PM in the church this Wednesday, March 29th.** All parishioners and our CCD classes are invited to join them in praying the rosary. It will be aired on our Catholic Radio Station WJVM 90.3 FM and WEJO 104.7 FM.



PROLIFE BABY SHOWER BINGO

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a Pro Life Baby Shower Bingo **next Sunday, April 2nd.** It will be held **from 1:00—3:00 PM** in St. John School Auditorium. The cost is \$5.00 plus a new, unwrapped baby item. Light refreshments will be served. All proceeds will benefit several Pro Life charities. The afternoon will feature Bingo games, a Gift Bag Auction and a 50/50 drawing. Come for a fun afternoon where you can also visit the booths of Pampered Chef, Stella Dot, Lularoe, and Snap Jewelry. **(See flyer insert for details.)**

BUS TRIP FOR MATTHEW KELLY ONE-DAY SEMINAR

A one-day spiritual seminar, sponsored by our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, is **OPEN TO ALL ST. JOHN PARISHIONERS.** You don't want to miss this one! The theme is "*Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose*" with well known speaker and host, Matthew Kelly. This event will take place at St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville, PA. A Fullington bus will leave St. John Church parking lot at 9:00 AM on **Sunday, May 21st.** The program is from 2:00—6:00 PM and includes an event bag containing a book, a CD and journal & pen. The bus which will stop for lunch and supper, will return to Bellefonte at 10:00 PM. The cost of \$75.00 includes the bus and event ticket and snacks.

Make your check out to *Catholic Daughters of Americas* and mail to Rita Russell 1138 Zion Ridge Ave., Bellefonte, PA 16823. Your check confirms your reservation. Payments are due by Tuesday, April 11th. If you have questions, please call Rita Russell at 383-2497.



K of C "KNIGHT AT THE RACES"

The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual "A Knight at the Races" on **Saturday, April 8th.** It will be held at the Milesburg Community Center. Doors open at 5:15 PM and post time for the first race will be 6:15 PM. Each race pays \$75.00 to win(1); \$25.00 to Place(2); and \$10.00 to Show(3) to the owner of the respective horses. At the end of the races, some of the fine prizes that have been donated will be auctioned off. This year's event will also feature silent auctions, a live auction, Chinese auction, and a gift card board, along with the many door prizes. Beverages are free and food will be available or you can bring your own. Tickets are \$5.00 and are not included in the cost of the horse (if purchased). Come for a fun evening. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, you can contact Sam Brezler at Caebon.outlaw.54@gmail.com.

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