

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

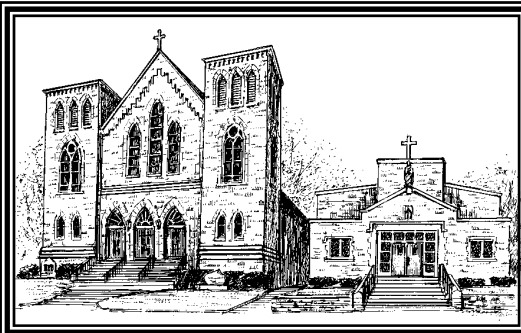
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

**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, April 21st**

5:00 PM John Juster (Wife, Louise Juster)

**Sunday, April 22nd**

8:00 AM Deacon Steve Luke (Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

10:15 AM Josephine Bartol (Karen & David Truesdale & Matthew & Kate)

**Monday, April 23rd**

9:00 AM Nancy Russell (The Paolicelli Family)

**Tuesday, April 24th**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of Barr/Polansky Families (George & Theresa Polansky)

**Wednesday, April 25th**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Thursday, April 26th**

6:00 PM Caroline Kucas (Frank & Judy Densevich)

7:00 PM K, 1ST & 2ND GRADE SCHOOL CONCERT

**Friday, April 27th OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE VISIT**

1:00 PM TALK WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN

1:30 PM ADORATION & VENERATION BEGINS

3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

5:30 PM ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

6:00 PM SPECIAL MASS WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Mass Intention: Fred Napoli (Linda Fielding & Rich Struble)

**Saturday, April 28th**

5:00 PM Francis Plozner (John & Linda Plozner)

**Sunday, April 29th**

8:00 AM Carolyn McMath (Husband, Frank McMath)

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

## **LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE**

**5:00 PM Saturday, April 28th**

**Servers:** Liam Carey & Shaun Carey

**Lector:** David Harry

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Harry & Sandra Kowalski

**Music Ministers:** Natalie Stanton & Bill Miller

**8:00 AM Sunday, April 29th**

**Servers:** Corby Koleno & Evelyn St. Amant

**Lector:** Kevin Trimpey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kevin Trimpey & Brenda Harrison

**Music Ministers:** Adult Choir

**10:15 AM Sunday, April 29th**

**Servers:** Logan Ellenberger & Mackenzie Ellenberger

**Lector:** Max Kroell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kristina Tice & Shirley Boldin

**Music Ministers:** Jay Zimmerman & Ida O'Donald

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

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

## **EASTER STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Good stewards are like good shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd, willingly offered his own life for us. The perfect model of Christian stewardship is found in the example of Jesus. What are you prepared to offer? It is in our willingness to give of ourselves that we discover a life filled with purpose and meaning—a life of significance.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, April 26th: Kindergarten, 1ST & 2ND Grades School Concert at 7:00 PM in the church**

**Friday, April 27th: National Pilgrim Virgin Statue Visits Beginning at 1:00 PM (SEE SCHEDULE BELOW)**

**Sunday, April 29th: Final CCD Classes, K—Tenth Grades and First Confessions (2nd graders)**



## **First Communion**

**Thursday, May 3rd:  
7:00 PM FIRST HOLY  
Communion PRACTICE  
Saturday, May 5th:  
10:00 AM FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION**

**Monday, May 7th: 9:00 AM School Mass & May Crowning**

**Tuesday, May 8th: 7:00 PM School Band & Choir Concert**

## **THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE VISITS**

**THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH** our church will be hosting the beautiful 4-Foot "National" Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima. This "National" Pilgrim Virgin Statue was blessed by Pope Paul VI at the Fatima 50th Anniversary Celebration and was given to the USA by the Bishop of Fatima. There is also an "International" Statue which was made in 1947 for the 30th anniversary of Fatima. **Both Statues have wept and are known for miracles through Our Lady's intercession.** The "International" Pilgrim Virgin Statue is the most famous. This statue is sponsored by the Blue Army which is an official public associaton of the faithful, under the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. Their mission, given by the Pope, is to spread the Message of Fatima. This Friday, April 27th we will offer an afternoon and evening of veneration opportunities **in the church** which are **available to everyone**. The schedule is as follows:

**1:00 PM TALK WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**1:30 PM ADORATION & VENERATION BEGINS**

**3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

**5:30 PM ROSARY AND BENEDICTION**

**6:00 PM SPECIAL MASS WITH GUEST SPEAKER**

Following the Mass, refreshments will be available in the school auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **"SECRET KEEPER GIRL" WORLD TOUR LIVE EVENT**

**Attention Moms and Tween Daughters:** On May 12th, Secret Keeper Girl, created by Dannah Gresh, will present their new Masterpiece World Tour Live Event. Moms and daughters, between age 7—12, are invited to attend this 2 1/2 hour event which begins at 3:30 PM at the State College Alliance Church. Through live worship, Biblical teaching and interactive games, your daughter will learn to reframe how she sees the world and herself and the secrets of true beauty and modesty. Plan to sign up for this fun filled afternoon and discover that you are a masterpiece created by God and every masterpiece must be protected. Tickets and more information can be obtained by visiting [www.secretkeepergirl.com](http://www.secretkeepergirl.com).

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Our Website: [www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org)**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR WEEKEND 04/15/2018**

**ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:**

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,465.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 795.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 34.00
Special Monthly Collection:	\$ 30.00
Votive Candles Donations:	\$ 118.96
<b>ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,442.96</b>

**EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:**

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 120.00
Cemetery Maintenance Donations:	\$ 410.00
Fr. O'Malley Fund Donations:	\$ 30.00
Easter Collection Donations:	\$ 25.00
Ascension Donations:	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers Donations:	\$ 20.00
Ascension Collection:	\$ 25.00
Mother's Day Donations:	\$ 480.00
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,135.00</b>

**ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL:** \$ 8,577.96

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT:** \$ 952.75

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)**

Holy Name of Mary School:	\$ 25.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 50.00

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

**THEOLOGY ON TAP UPCOMING EVENT**

If you are a young adult between the ages of 21 and 39-ish, then you are invited to attend the next Theology on Tap event. The May session will be conducted by Sr. GERALYN SCHMIDT with the topic of "**Mary: Star of the New Evangelization**" and will be held on Wednesday, May 24th. The Theology on Tap sessions are held at Lettermans Sports Grill at 1031 East College Avenue in State College. These gatherings are held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. If you have questions about these sessions or the talks, please contact Kristine and Mike Creavey at (717) 574-7201. Check it out on Facebook at "Theology on Tap Centre County." Appetizers will be provided.

**BELLEFONTE KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY**

Mark your calendars for **THIS Tuesday April 24th for another Kiwanis Pancake Day!** It will be held at Lambert Hall on Forge Street in Bellefonte for **All You Can Eat Pancakes** from **11:00 AM -1:00 PM** and from **4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**. Ticket donations are \$8, and are **Free** for children 8 and under. The event proceeds will benefit Kiwanis youth projects. Tickets can be purchased both in advance and at the door. For further information, please contact Pat Cronin (814) 404-6933.

**ST. JOHN'S IN STITCHES MEETING SCHEDULED**

Our sewing group, *St. John's in Stitches*, will hold a meeting **next Monday, April 30th at 3:00 PM** in the rectory basement. New members are invited to attend and see the variety of projects in progress or the ones being planned for this year. The group is open to anyone who is interested in sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc. Monetary donations are always welcomed and gratefully accepted for supplies needed. If you would like to know more about our sewing group and their various projects, please contact Rosie Wood at 625-2902 or via email at [rosieandwoody3@hotmail.com](mailto:rosieandwoody3@hotmail.com).

**ST. JOE'S ACADEMY PRESENTS: THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy will be presenting, The Little Mermaid. The show will be held on May 2nd & May 3rd at 7:00 PM at The State Theatre. Join them as they tell the story of King Triton's youngest daughter, Ariel, who bargains with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to pursue her love, Prince Eric. When the bargain doesn't turn out the way Ariel thought it would, she enlists the help of her colorful friends to help restore order under the sea. Pricing for students is \$4.50 (+ \$1.50 ticketing fee) and \$9.50 for adults (+ \$1.50 ticketing fee). This is a general admission event. Tickets can be purchased by calling 272-0606 or online at <https://web.ovationtix.com>.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR TUNING IN AND LISTENING TO  
WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM**

(Free i-Phone & Android apps for the station are available-visit [waob.org](http://waob.org) for details.) We are now scheduling groups/families for our May prayer slots. If you would like to volunteer as a "pray-er" or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or [voiceofdivinemer-cy@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofdivinemer-cy@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 extend our gratitude to the generous donors who contributed more than \$2,100 at the holy hour! We receive no direct funding from the local parishes or the diocese, so your faithful support is vital to our evangelization effort.

**BETHANY RETREAT CENTER UPCOMING RETREATS**

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville continually offers various directed and personal retreats all year long. Two retreats for May are the following:

**\*A DRUMMING & NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY** Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM**. This popular retreat is a unique drumming experience presented by Tom Campbell and is the fifth drumming retreat held at Bethany retreat Center. Tom has studied Native American spirituality for 28 years and its Creator-centered approach to life with a reverence toward the Earth and all creatures on it. The day includes lunch, group drumming, ritual, prayer, storytelling and an experience of Native American culture. No experience is necessary and drums will be provided or you can bring your own.

**\*MARY'S ROLE IN OUR LIVES** Retreat will be held on **Saturday, May 12th** from 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM and begins with a Continental breakfast at 8:30 AM. This one day retreat will offer many ways of looking at our relationship with Mary.

Both of these retreats are offered at \$25.00 a person. For more information or to register, please visit the website at [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org). You can also contact them via email at [bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com) or call them at 814 263-4855.

**PARISH MISSION INVITATION**

You are invited to a dynamic upcoming three-night Parish Mission which will be held at St. Benedict Parish in Johnstown. This event **starts this Sunday, April 22nd and continues through Tuesday, April 24th. This Mission will begin at 7:00 PM nightly** at 2310 Bedford Street and is open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. The theme is "**Life in Christ: Mission, Mass & Mary.**" The director, Thomas Smith, will begin by sharing how we can embrace our baptismal mission to share the faith with others. Next he will reflect on the Mass as a source of our strength, a model for personal prayer and an invitation to intimacy. On night three, he will explore the indispensable role of Mary as a model disciple, powerful intercessor and protector. Tickets are not required although a love offering will be taken. For more information, please contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814 288-3036 or email him at [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

# School News

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## **MEMORIALS & DONATIONS**

We have received donations in **memory of Joachim Hall** from the following persons: Allen & Rita Russell and Family; Cheryl Stephens; Kathy Witherite and Robert J. Miller; and from William Newman.

We have also received a donation from Tina & Greg Wendt in support of our students and Catholic education.

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

## **UPCOMING MUSIC PERFORMANCES & ART SHOW**

All parishioners are invited to attend our **Annual Grades K, 1, 2 Concert on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Church.**

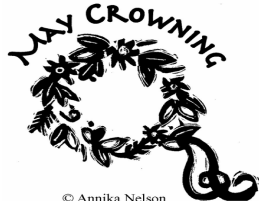
There will be a Grades K, 1, 2 Art Show in the School Auditorium immediately following the concert.

**Our annual Band/Choir Concert** will be held on **Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM in the Church.** This will also be followed by the Grades 3, 4, 5 Art Show in the School Auditorium.

Our students have worked very hard, so these will be wonderful opportunities to enjoy two evenings of music and art.

## **MAY CROWNING**

All parishioners are invited to join our students on **Monday, May 7 during the 9:00 AM School Mass** for the May Crowning celebration.



## **VOCATION CONTEST**

Each year the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Office of Vocations & the Cambria County Serra Club sponsor a "Bishop's Night for Vocations Contest", with only several winners per age division selected in each category of essay, poster and poetry. This year's theme comes from Pope Francis' message for the 55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations: *Listening, Discerning, Living.* St. John School is proud to announce that **six** of the diocesan winners are students in our school.

## **Congratulations to the following students:**

**POSTER:** Blake Houck-Leitzell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade division; Zachary Lehman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade division; Emily Culley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade division; Gabriella Ruggiero – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Kindergarten division.

**ESSAY:** Evelyn St. Amant – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade division; Samuel Clark – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade division.

These winners and their parents have been invited to an awards dinner with Bishop Mark on May 11.

## **PRE-K REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019**

Please call Tina in the school office if you have not yet registered your child for Pre-K and have any questions about the process.

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. Please be sure to bring birth certificate, immunization records and a \$75 non-refundable fee with you to register.

## **SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS**

**Thank you to all school and parish families** who have used our Scrip Gift Card Program during this school year.

**You have helped raise \$4,850.81!**

**We need everyone's participation during our last national "Green" Scrip order to maximize our yearly profit.**

**SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED.....**

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## **ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED.....**

### **SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS**

Shopping cards are a perfect gift for Mother's Day, graduation and Father's Day. Please consider using our program for all of your gift card needs! Orders for national gift cards must be in the school office by 9:00 AM on Monday, May 7. Cards will arrive by **Friday, May 11.**

**Thank you for supporting St. John Catholic School!**

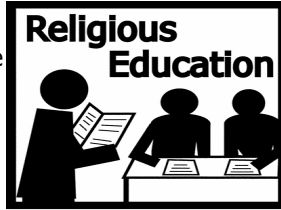
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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Religious Education Classes for students in Grades Kindergarten through 10th are held each Sunday morning 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 at 355-3278 or via email at [mjl11@psu.edu](mailto:mjl11@psu.edu).

**The final CCD classes for this school year will be held NEXT Sunday, April 29th.**



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### **11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP CLASS**

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Mark on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Meredith Albright, Noah Badger, Aniston Barnhart, Ashley Bell, Annika Bjalme, Alyssa Brezler, Andrew Bucha, Lindsey Carmack, Brianna Dyke, Grace Files, Malina Grieb, Caroline Helms, Sheldon Knepp, Corby Koleno, Max Kroell, Amelia Miller, Alyssa Nastase, Dante Nelson, Lissi Przybys, Kailee Replogle, Zebulen Smoyer, Vanessa Stasko, Victoria Suhy, Nathan Tice and Morgan Young.

**May the Holy Spirit remain close to all you and may you always have the courage to say YES to God. God bless you on your Confirmation!**

Thanks are also extended to the parents and sponsors of these young men and women.

If you have any questions regarding these Confirmation classes, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at [stboldin@verizon.net](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net) or call them at 355-4234.

### **PLUMB'S DRUG & GIFT SHOP SACRAMENTAL DISCOUNTS**

Again this year, our local Bellefonte Pharmacy, Plumb's Drug Store and Gift Shop will offer special discounts on Confirmation and various Communion items.

Stop in and browse their nice selection of products for Confirmation & Communion such as ties, veils, cards, frames, figurines, rosary beads, and much more.

**Mention to their staff about seeing this message in the bulletin and you will receive 25% off your purchase in the**

**First Communion/Confirmation section.** Thank you for your patronage.



First Communion

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### **GABRIEL PROJECT DIAPER DRIVE CONTINUES**

The Catholic Daughters continue to collect diapers year 'round to be given to young families in need. **Disposable diapers of all sizes are currently needed.** Please use the container in the back of the church to place your donations. **Thank you for your generosity in helping needy families.**

### **THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND IS EARTH DAY**

Some of the top ways to celebrate Earth Day is to recycle and reuse, plant wild flowers, donate unwanted items, clean up trash, buy green products, ride your bike and take a shorter shower.

**Facts:**\*Recycling creates six time as many jobs as landfills.

\*The first Earth Day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson in response to an oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, CA.

\*If everyone used cold water for their laundry, CO2 emissions in the US would fall a full 1%.

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