

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

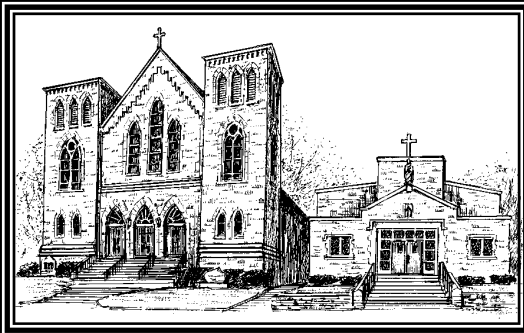
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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:

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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 29th

10:00 AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 PM Marion Albarano (Joe & Toni Beigle)

Sunday, April 30th

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kelley & McKinley Families (Marilyn Houtz)

10:15 AM Joseph & Leona Veneziano (Sam & Rosemary Berenty)

Monday, May 1st

9:00 AM Robert Rose (The Rose Family)

CENTRE CREST MASS

1:30 PM James Shaw (Marion Novak)

Tuesday, May 2nd

8:00 AM Lena Napoli (Linda Fielding & Richard Struble)

Wednesday, May 3rd

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, May 4th NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

6:00 PM Michael Miller (Brother, William Miller)

Friday, May 5th

8:00 AM Albert Raffetto (The Family)

Saturday, May 6th

5:00 PM Edward Perts (Louise Perts)

Sunday, May 7th GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

8:00 AM Theo Greenly (Joe & Toni Beigle)

10:15 AM 97th Anniversary of Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

ALL-DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration is scheduled for this Monday, May 1st immediately following the 9:00 AM School Mass. The Adoration will close at 2:00 PM. Plan to come and spend perhaps an hour or so during this Easter season in the presence of our Blessed Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.

K OF C ARC COLLECTION HELD THIS WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus members will be taking up a **special collection before and after all Masses this weekend.** Your donations collected will be **contributed to the ARC of Centre County to help those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our area. Thanks for your generosity to those with special needs.**

2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE, NOT ACA

As we stated in last weekend's bulletin, the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign has this year been replaced. The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Finance Council has been working on many revisions and has approved the Annual Catholic Appeal to be replaced by what is now the **"2017 Catholic Ministries Drive."** The new "Catholic Ministries Drive" will provide 100% of revenue for a specific group of vital ministries which are divided into the following three categories: **Caring for the Poor & Strengthening Families** (Catholic Charities, Family Life, Fulton County Catholic Mission, Mandeville Diocese in Jamaica); **Nurturing Our Youth** (Campus Ministry, Educating Youth, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Ministry); **Forming Clergy & Laity** (Adult Enrichment, Christian Initiation - RCIA, Evangelization, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Priests' Vocations, Ongoing Formation of Priests & Deacons). These vital ministries are entirely dependent upon contributions received through the Catholic Ministries Fund. The Catholic Ministries Drive Committee will provide oversight of fund allocations to the designated ministries, ensuring that contributions fulfill the mission of the bishop to proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Only 1.5% of the total target goal will be budgeted for campaign expenses, and the fund will no longer support core administrative offices of the diocese.

Each parish is asked to achieve a "target" amount, but, unlike prior years, the parish will not be assessed if its target is not reached. Contributions exceeding the parish's target amount will be refunded to the parish free from assessment. It is a genuine free-will collection for the benefit of the specific ministries. Contributions will be allocated during the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018. St. John the Evangelist Parish has been given **a target of \$53,408.** This amount is a 13.8% **reduction** from last year's goal. Each family should be receiving an appeal letter from the Development Office in the mail this week. **The campaign commitment weekend is next weekend, May 6 & 7.** On behalf of Bishop Mark and the diocese & your parish, your participation and your generosity is very much appreciated.

Note: Next Sunday, May 7th is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and **World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**

Pray for and encourage our young people to respond wholeheartedly to a call to the priesthood or religious life. **Hear the voice of the Good Shepherd & follow Him.**

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, May 6th

Servers: Liam Carey & Shaun Carey

Lector: Jennifer Gill

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley & David Harry

Music Ministers: Natalie Stanton & Stacey Sumereau

8:00 AM Sunday, May 7th

Servers: Carter Boone & Corby Koleno

Lector: Adam Rawding

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding & Louise Manginell

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, May 7th

Servers: Rebecca Burns & Evelyn St. Amant

Lector: Joseph Pietrowicz

Eucharistic Ministers: Charles Witmer & Brian Alterio

Music Ministers: Stephen St. Amant & Suzanne Egli

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

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

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 04/23/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 5,201.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 957.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 43.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 180.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 69.05

ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL \$ 6,450.05

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 35.00
Cemetery Fund Collection:	\$ 774.00
Easter Collection:	\$ 1,428.00
Easter Flower Collection:	\$ 10.00
Mother's Day Collection:	\$ 280.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 2,527.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 8,977.05

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 915.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Home Missions:	\$ 222.00
Holy Land Collection:	\$ 75.00

****THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY****

PARISH PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST. JOHN'S 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. Thank you to all our parishioners who have returned their **Cash Raffle Tickets** that were mailed out to our parish families. This Cash Raffle will be our church's **only** fund raiser for this year, so we appreciate everyone's full participation. **A special Thank You to those parishioners who have even sent in additional money for their tickets in support of our fundraiser.** All ticket stubs and money need to be returned to the rectory (via mail, placed in the collection basket or dropped off) by the week of June 4th since **the drawing will be at our Church Picnic at Governor's Park on Sunday, June 11th.** Thanks for your support. Please plan to join us for a well-attended Parish Picnic.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SESSION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Family Life Office of our diocese is sponsoring an information session on Natural Family Planning. This is a scientific method of regulating conception approved by the Catholic Church. The session will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd in our rectory meeting room beginning at 7:00 PM. Information will be presented on learning the method. NFP is based on the awareness of a couple's fertility. It can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy and is a helpful tool for infertile couples. No reservation is necessary. For more info call the rectory office.

'COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS' SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Compassionate Friends Support Group will meet next Monday, May 8th at 7:00 PM in the rectory meeting room. If you have questions regarding this national organization for bereaved families and friends following the death of a child of any age, please call Peg Herbstritt at 353-4526 or email her at mherb162@gmail.com.

"HEALING THROUGH FAITH" GROUP MEETING

Our next group gathering for "Healing Through Faith" will be held next Tuesday, May 9th at 9:00 AM. The meetings are held in the rectory meeting room and everyone is welcome to attend and share in the discussions. This group, by caring and sharing lends mutual support to anyone suffering the loss of loved ones.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, THIS THURSDAY MAY 4TH

This Thursday, May 4th a National Day of Prayer is observed. The need of fervent prayer for our nation and her leaders is great. The National Day of Prayer is a wonderful opportunity for Americans from coast to coast to lift their voices as one before the throne of God. The theme for this year is based on Daniel 9:19: **Hear Us...Forgive Us ...Heal us, for the Glory of Your Great Name.**

These are several public events planned for May 4th:

Boalsburg Military Museum: 7—8:00 AM

Sidney Friedman Park, State College: 12—1:00 PM

Bellefonte County Court House Steps: 12—1:00 PM ***

Tudek Park, State College: 6—7:00 PM

The NDP website at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org> has many free, download-able resources available.

Specifically, the following links are helpful: Praying for people in authority: http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/how_to_pray_for_america The power of family prayer, etc.: http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/small_group_guides or A prayer guide for 7 days a week for our 7 centers of influence: http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/7x7_prayer Several churches and some groups at PSU will also hold special services. Check your public listings.

*****St. John's parishioners are invited to gather at the Bellefonte Court House steps from 12—1:00 PM this Thursday as we join others, together in prayer on this national endeavor for spiritual intercession and unity.**

"BREWING THE FAITH" PROGRAM

"Brewing the Faith" is for all people that are 40 years of age and above, and want to learn more about the Catholic faith. The events will be held at the Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel at 1450 South Atherton Street in State College. Gatherings are held **on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to about 8:30 PM.** This season's presentations highlight the similarities between various faiths and the Catholic faith on several specific topics. The remaining dates, speakers, and topics are as follows:
May 3rd Similarities of Judaism: Rites of Atonement and the Sacrament of Reconciliation Speaker: David E. Ostrich, Rabbi of Congregation Brit Shalom.
May 10th Similarities of the Hindu Faith and Catholicism Speaker: Fr. Anthony Sudherson, Our Lady of Victory Church.

THEOLOGY ON TAP UPCOMING EVENTS

If you are a young adult, between the ages of 21 and 39-ish, then you are invited to come and bring along a friend to attend the next Theology on Tap gathering at Lettermans Sports Grill in State College. The date is Wednesday, May 17th for an End of Season Reflection. For questions, please contact Mike and Kristine Creavey at (717)574-7201. You can also check TOT out on Facebook at "Theology on Tap Centre County."

WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM CATHOLIC RADIO

WJVM 90.3-FM thanks you for helping to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday! The radio apostolate celebrated a joyous feast day with a Divine Mercy Holy Hour and reception at St. John the Evangelist Church. Special thanks are sent to Fr. George Jakopac, pastor; our celebrant, Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. and the St. Benedict Schola Cantorum. It was wonderful to meet many members of our listening audience and to thank the supporters of the station. Congratulations to the winners of our giveaways: Linda W. (St. John the Evangelist) – Divine Mercy print; Griffen S. (PSU Catholic) – Sacred & Immaculate Hearts portrait; Katelyn S. (OLV/PSU) – St. Faustina plaque; and Christopher B. (OLV) – Marian holy water font. Remember, our evangelization effort is sustained by your faithful prayers and contributions. Mail donations to Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804.

OLV BREAKFAST SUPPORTS CHILDRENS CHARITY

Next Sunday, May 7th there will be a fundraising Breakfast sponsored by the State College K of C in support of Fr. Charles Ugo's (Anawim) Nigerian Children's Fund. The event will be held in the Gardiner Social Hall of the OLV Activities Building from 8:30—11:30 AM. Adults & children over 10 @ \$10; children 5-10 yrs. @ \$5 & under age 5: Free. Family tickets: \$25.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received our annual distribution from the Nelle Flack Fund of the **Centre Foundation**, totaling **\$4,349.00** for this year. **Thank you** to all of our benefactors and God bless your support of and your generosity to our school.

MAY CROWNING CELEBRATION

All parishioners are invited to join our students on Monday, May 1 during the 9:00 AM School Mass for our May Crowning.

K,1,2 CONCERT & BAND/CHOIR CONCERT

All parishioners are invited to attend our annual Grades K, 1, 2 Concert on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 PM and our annual Band/Choir Concert on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 PM. Both of these concerts will be held in the Church. Our students have worked very hard, so these will be wonderful opportunities to enjoy two evenings of music.



Spring Concert

Following the concert, you are welcome to join us in the school auditorium for light refreshments and to view the displays of our students' artwork.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Our annual Spelling Bee was recently held for 4th and 5th graders. Our school finalists were Anna Dello Stritto, Annalise Glunt, Ava Bickel, Ella Ladlee, Evelyn St. Amant, Grace Novitsky, Isaak Bloom and Johnathan Nadolsky. Annalise Glunt, our school winner, will be the representative to the diocesan spelling bee on Thursday, May 4 at Lock Haven Catholic School. Our alternate is Grace Novitsky. **Congratulations to all of our star spellers!**

SCRIP NEWS

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all families who have purchased gift cards this school year. Our total year-to-date profit stands at \$5,320.83.

We are excited to announce that Pizza Mia has donated a \$50 gift certificate to be given to one lucky winner who purchases Pizza Mia gift cards from our school now thru Monday, May 22nd. A family's name will be entered for each \$10 Pizza Mia gift card purchased. For example, purchase \$30 in Pizza Mia gift cards next Monday and your family's name will be entered (3) times. The more cards purchased, the more chances to win! The winner will be announced Tuesday, May 23rd. Thank you to Pizza Mia for their support of the Scrip gift card program and St. John Catholic School!

Also, please mark your calendars for Monday, May 8, our final national retailer order of this school year. This is the perfect time to purchase Mother's Day gifts! For a complete list of participating retailers, please log onto www.shopwithscrip.com.

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA, remains dedicated to their philosophy of providing an environment that encourages students to synthesize faith with learning, develop competence with compassion put talents and gifts at the service of others and to assume leadership in the world community. With academics foremost, Mt Aloysius provides a wonderful environment for students to grow in their Catholic faith by also considering spiritual, cultural and social development as essential to personal growth. **This Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 PM**, the school will hold an Admissions Presentation. Admissions & Financial Aid counselors will be available and you can tour the campus with one of the students. Go to www.mtaloy.edu/future-student or call 888-823-2220 for more info or to schedule an individual visit. An Open House is also scheduled for Friday, July 14th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

All of our CCD students are invited to participate in our May Crowning which will take place during the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday, May 14th. Students: Please meet in the school auditorium at 9:45 AM for a gathered procession into the church. If you have any questions regarding our CCD program, please contact our CCD directors Mark & Denise Leskovansky at 355-3278.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA MEMBERS

Congratulations are extended to **Patricia Rico** and to **Fred Battaglia** who have just completed the RCIA program. They received their sacraments and were welcomed into St. John's Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. **Many blessings** are wished to both in the richness of the Catholic faith.

Our special thanks are extended to George Callahan, the RCIA director and his wife, Pam for all their efforts and dedication to this program.

JARED BOX DONATIONS THANK YOU

St. John's Church recently received a letter from Dr. Jonathan Dranov, Chairman & Matt Hardy, Executive Director for the Mount Nittany Health Foundation with a **"Thank You"** for our CCD students. The Foundation received 40 Jared Boxes prepared by **our CCD students in Kindergarten, First and Seventh grades**. These Jared Boxes are distributed throughout several Medical Center locations to benefit their young patients. They are used in the Emergency Department, Surgical Center, Pediatric Hematology Oncology Clinic, pediatricians' offices and Women's and Children's Inpatient units. **Thank you also to all our parishioners who so generously donated items to be placed in these Jared Boxes.**

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** and our area churches. You don't want to miss this one! The theme **"Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose"** is presented by 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.

Payment is DUE BY THIS MONDAY, MAY 1. If you have questions, please call Rita Russell at 383-2497.

CD of A MONTHLY MEETING



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas of Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 will hold their next monthly meeting **this Thursday evening at 7:00 PM**. The social before the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Social chairs for this month's meeting are Lucia Stover, Linda Jabco and Suzanne Egli.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY BINGO GAMES



The Knights of Columbus will hold their next BINGO games on Tuesday, May 16th. Join them at 6:00 PM for food and fellowship. Rip-off tickets will also be sold. Bingo games begin at 7:00 PM. The cost of Bingo is \$20 for 20 games. Plan to come and bring along a friend/neighbor for an evening

of fun & games. You might be one of the next winners!

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