

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

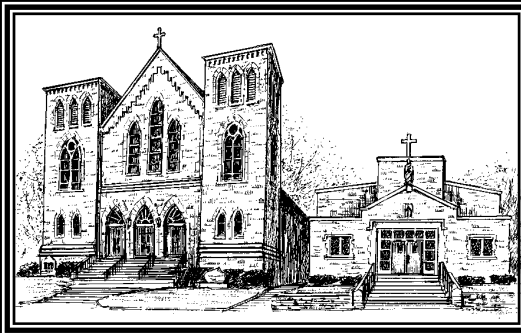
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

**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, 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

**1:30PM** Eagle Scout Ceremony for Clayton Moyer

**Monday, May 8th**

**9:00 AM** Catherine Struble (Linda Fielding & Richard Struble)

**Tuesday, May 9th**

**8:00 AM** Communion Service

**7:00 PM** Band & Choir Spring Concert in the church

**Wednesday, May 10th**

**8:00 AM** Communion Service

**Thursday, May 11th**

**6:00 PM** Special Intention (Barbara Sevinsky)

**Friday, May 12th**

**8:00 AM** Mary Shoemaker (Edward Shoemaker)

**Saturday, May 13th**

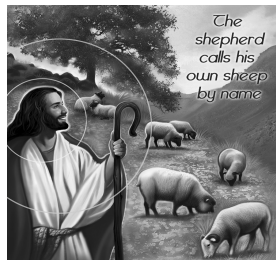
**5:00 PM** Jerome Basalla (Wife, Genny)

**Sunday, May 14th**

**8:00 AM** Gloria Licastro (Carla & Michael Bressler)

**10:15 AM** Michael Polansky (Parents, George/Theresa )

**12:00 Noon** LATIN MASS CELEBRATION



**LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**5:00 PM Saturday, May 13th**

**Servers:** Dominic Capperella & Morgan Besecker

**Lector:** Traci Capperella

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Traci Capperella & Karen Truesdale

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

**8:00 AM Sunday, May 14th**

**Servers:** Thomas McElhinny & Sara McElhinny

**Lector:** Christopher Ross

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Christopher Ross & Julia Gardner

**Music Ministers:** Folk Choir

**10:15 AM Sunday, May 14th**

**Servers:** Hannah Coslo & Maria Cotter

**Lector:** Jennifer Gill

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kristina Tice & Frank Densovich

**Music Ministers:** Adult Choir

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

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

**THIS Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday.  
It is also 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.***

**ALL-DAY ADORATION**

Our next All-Day Adoration is scheduled for next Monday, May 15th immediately following the 9:00 AM School Mass. The Adoration will close at 2:00 PM.

**PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING**

Our Parish Picnic on June 11th is now only about a month away! If you would like to help in the planning of this picnic, please come to a meeting on **Monday, May 15th at 7:00 PM in the rectory basement.** We would appreciate any help to make this parish gathering a success.

**CCD TEACHERS NEEDED**

**We are in need of two new teachers for our elementary CCD grades!** Please contact Mark and Denise Leskovansky (355-3278) or Rosemary in the office (355-3134) if you are interested. Please let us know as soon as possible since we need at least a month to get your clearances completed. Thank you for considering to volunteer in our CCD Program.

**EAGLE SCOUT RANK CONGRATULATIONS!**

Our Congratulations goes out to **Clayton Moyer** for his achievement to the rank of Eagle Scout status! Last year Clayton had chosen to renovate some areas of our St. John Cemetery that were in need of repairs and maintenance. We thank him and his family and his Boy Scout Troop #66 for this significant contribution to our cemetery.

**MAY BINGO**

Our next Bingo games will be held on Tuesday, May 16th. The doors will open at 6:00 PM for food and fellowship and the K of C members will offer games of chance. The Bingo games begin at 7:00 PM. Plan a night out to play Bingo and bring a friend.

**THINK TANK DISCUSSION GROUP**

The next gathering of our Think Tank Discussion Group will be on Thursday, May 25th. It will begin at 7:00 PM in the rectory basement. Come and join in on some interesting discussions.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

The Memorial Day morning Mass will be celebrated at our St. John Cemetery off of Bishop Street, weather permitting. It will be held at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 29th.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

Our next Baptism Preparation Class will be held on Sunday, June 4th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the rectory basement. This class is for any first-time parents from St. John's and from St. Kateri Parish. This 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 if you have additional children. Please call the rectory office (355-3134) with your name and phone number if you would like to attend the class or to schedule a baptism. For any questions regarding the class, please call the rectory or Deacon Tom at 355-4234 or email him at **stboldin@verizon.net**.

**EFFECTS**

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. \_\_\_\_\_ Pope Saint Leo the Great

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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 04/30/2017**

**ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:**

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,025.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,073.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 50.75
Special Monthly:	\$ 701.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 108.74

**ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL \$ 7,958.49**

**EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:**

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 45.00
Cemetery Fund Collection:	\$ 503.00
Easter Collection:	\$ 350.00
Mother's Day Collection:	\$ 396.00
Fr. O'Malley Fund:	\$ 10.00

**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,304.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 9,262.49**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 90.00**

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

Home Missions:	\$ 125.00
Holy Land Collection:	\$ 10.00
Catholic Communications:	\$ 5.00

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

**"BREWING THE FAITH" PROGRAM**

The final session of this season's presentations for "Brewing The Faith" will be held this week. It will be on **Wednesday, May 10th from 7:00 PM to about 8:30 PM** and held at the Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel at 1450 South Atherton Street in State College. The final topic is *Similarities of the Hindu Faith and Catholicism* with Fr. Anthony Sudherson of Our Lady of Victory Church. "Brewing the Faith" is for anyone 40 years of age and above who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. This season's presentations highlighted many of the similarities between various faiths and the Catholic faith.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP FINAL EVENT OF THE SEASON**

Come to Letterman's Sports Grill in State College **next Wednesday, May 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**. If you are a young adult, between the ages of 21 and 39-ish, then you are invited to attend this final event of the season for Theology on Tap. The discussion will be on **where God has brought you and where He might be leading you in the future**. Come and bring along a friend for fellowship and prayerful reflection. Any questions should be directed to Mike and Kristine Creavey at (717)574-7201. You can also check TOT out on Facebook at "Theology on Tap Centre County."

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE COMMITMENT**

The "2017 Catholic Ministries Drive" is now underway. Each parish family should have received a letter and a pledge envelope in the mail this past week from the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. **This weekend is Commitment Weekend for this drive. Your pledge envelopes can either be placed in the collection basket or mailed in or dropped off at the rectory office.** This new "Catholic Ministries Drive" will provide 100% of revenue for these specific groups 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. Only 1.5% of the total target goal will be budgeted for campaign expenses, and the fund will no longer support core administrative offices. Each parish was given a "target" amount from Bishop Mark, 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. 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. On behalf of Bishop Mark Barchak and the diocese and your parish, your participation and your generosity is very much appreciated.

**GOD BLESS YOUR LISTENING TO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM**

**Free i-Phone & Android apps for the station are available- visit waob.org for details.** We are now scheduling groups/families for our May prayer slots. If you would like to volunteer as a "prayer" or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or [voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com). We thank the Walker Family, the Knights of Columbus Council #1774, and the Rosary/Altar Society (all members of Holy Spirit Parish, Lock Haven) for their recent recordings. **We also extend our gratitude to the generous donors who contributed more than \$1,500 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.

**PARISH PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR JUNE**

**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**. 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 this 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](mailto:mherb162@gmail.com).

**"HEALING THROUGH FAITH" GROUP MEETING**

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

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# ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received a donation from the Knights of Columbus #1314 to assist with our computer technology needs for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

## K,1,2 CONCERT, BAND/CHOIR CONCERT & ART SHOWS –

All parishioners are invited to attend our annual Band/Choir Concert this Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 PM. This concert will be held in the Church. Our students have worked very hard, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening of music. Following the concert, you are welcome to join us in the school Auditorium for light refreshments and to view displays of our students' artwork.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Congratulations** are extended to the following students from St. John School and St. John Parish Religious Education Classes who received our Precious Lord in their First Holy Communion on April 29: Lauren Hazel Berkey, Lena Sue Brown, Cane Giovanni Capparelle, Benjamin Michael Clark, Samuel Joseph Clark, Talia Rose Cotter, Sophia Margaret Decker, Sean Michael DePlato, Aliyah Jenifer DuBois, Joseph Aaron Gearhart, Abigail Marie Hacker, Althea Christina Helms, Jamesyn Rose Kelleher, Madison Ann Kellogg, Zachary Joseph Lehman, Braylon Michael Litzinger, Francesco Downey Long, Evan Alexander Mattern, Nina Renee Mayers, Avery Michelle Milanese, Maxwell John O'Leary, Quinn McCulley Park, Bella Sophia Pereira, Riley Marie Santostefano, Connor Thomas Smithmyer, Anthony Allen Suhy, Harper Elizabeth Waite, Brady Alexander Wynkoop, Margaret Grace Yurick, Rowan Anthony Zinobile. **May they all remain close to Jesus forever.**

We would like to thank everyone who, in any way, helped to make the day possible and successful. This includes the parents of the children; their teachers, **Mrs. Michelle Davis and Ms. Sandy Rogus**; the ministers and altar servers of the Mass; the photographer, **Mrs. Sue Cavanaugh**; and **Mrs. Natalie Stanton and the St. John School Choir**. Also, thank you to the **Catholic Daughters** for both the reception and the gifts given to the First Holy Communicants.

Your support of these students, as well as your support throughout the year, is greatly appreciated.

## SCRIP NEWS

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 this 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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)  
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## 40TH ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH IN CLEARFIELD

The Clearfield St. Francis Chapter of The World Aposotolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) extends a special invitation to join them at the 40th Annual Rosary March **this Sunday, May 7th**. Mass will be held at 1:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church in Force, PA then at 3:00 PM the Rosary and Eucharistic procession will follow. Events are held in Expo I building at Clearfield County Fairs Grounds in Clearfield just off route 322. Refreshments and a variety of religious items will be available. Held rain or shine.

## **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 next Sunday, May 14th. Students: Please meet in the school auditorium at 9:45 AM for a gathered procession into the church. For questions, contact our CCD directors Mark & Denise Leskovansky at 355-3278.

## **CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!**

We extend our **Congratulations** to all the students in the Confirmation Class who recently received the sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Mark Bartchak on Wednesday, April 26th here at St. John. They are as follows: Alexis Bucha, Emily Coslo, Zachary Cronin, Jordan Dawson, Andrew Dubbs, Robert Ford, Nolan Fulton, Megan Kresovich, Sarah Lexon, Andrea Linn, Noah Nadolsky, Nicholas Paloskey, Sierra Pletcher, Jacob Rudloff, Ethan Scicchitano, Nathan Smith, Austin Stock, Zachary Taylor, Rianna Trexler, Cassandra Vogel and Lauren Yeager. **May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to grow in their lives.**

## **K OF C ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus of Bellefonte will hold their monthly "All-You-Can-Eat" Breakfast on Sunday, May 21st from 8:30 AM until Noon. This month's breakfast is in



honor of Mother's Day AND **ALL MOTHERS ATTENDING WILL EAT FOR FREE.** Their

full buffet meal includes bacon, eggs, scrapple, sausage, potatoes, French toast, waffles, pancakes, sausage gravy, oatmeal, hot syrup, juice, fruit, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. They will also prepare, upon request, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes, and "over-easy" or "sunny side" eggs. The cost is still only \$8.00 for adults, children under 12 eat for \$4.00 and children under 6 eat for Free. Bring all mothers and come to enjoy a great breakfast prepared by and in support of our Knights of Columbus!

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY BINGO**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their next BINGO games next Tuesday, May 16th. Join them at 6:00 PM for food and fellowship. 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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## **ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA**

Next Saturday, May 13th is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's first miraculous apparition to Lucia Santos, Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto at Fatima in Portugal. In honor of this event, Bishop Mark Bartchak will lead a celebration of Mass and recitation of the rosary at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Altoona at 11:30AM.



Devotions will also be held at The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, PA, beginning at 6:30 PM. This one on May 13th will be the first of a monthly devotion scheduled on the 13th day of each month through October of this year at this Basilica.

Also, if you can't travel across the Atlantic for a pilgrimage, there are two "**Pilgrimage in a Day**" events planned with the Franciscan Friars at Mount Assisi monastery in Loretto, PA. This is a great opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual experience in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. These two Pilgrimages are scheduled for **Tuesday, June 13th and Sunday, August 13th.** Each Pilgrimage begins at 11:00 AM and concludes at 8:30 PM. The cost is \$35 for anyone age 12 and over; under age 12, the cost is \$20. Deadlines are May 30th and July 30th, respectively. For more details or questions, please contact Fr. Jonathan St. Andre, T.O.R. at 419-8842 or Lisa Weakland at 419-8880. You can also call the rectory for further information on any of these events. 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.

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