

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

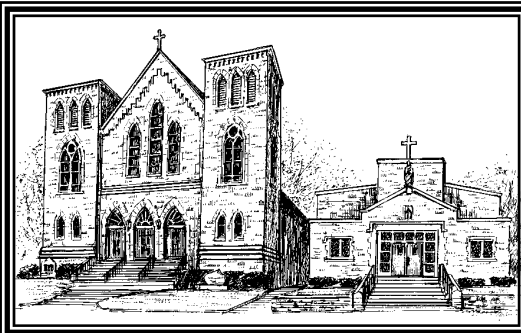
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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, September 23rd

5:00 PM Sam & Rosemary Berenty—50th Wedding Anniversary (The Family)

Sunday, September 24th

8:00 AM Albert Ebeling (Cecelia Doty)
10:15 AM Lucy Grimme (St. John's Parish Family)

Monday, September 25th

9:00 AM Lt. Jonas Martin Panik (The Tom Bender Family)

Tuesday, September 26th

8:00 AM Gary Torretti (Dorothy Torretti)

Wednesday, September 27th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, September 28th

6:00 PM Colin McAtee (Marian Wayne)

Friday, September 29th THE FEAST OF ARCHANGELS

8:00 AM Millie Drapcho (Ken & Liz Forstmeier)

Saturday, September 30th

5:00 PM Richard Egli, Sr. (Richard & Suzanne Egli)

Sunday, October 1st

8:00 AM Josephine Ebeling (Cecelia Doty)
10:15 AM Mae Saylor (Husband, John Saylor)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, September 30th

Servers: Noah Ladlee & Ella Ladlee
Lector: Theresa Pfaff
Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Gardner & Karen Truesdale
Music Ministers: Folk Choir

8:00 AM Sunday, October 1st

Servers: Corby Koleno & Lara Oden
Lector: Christopher Ross
Eucharistic Ministers: Christopher Ross & Brenda Harrison
Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, October 1st

Servers: Pauline Alterio & Zoey Merlino
Lector: 3rd & 4th Grade CCD Students
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert & Christine Alderman
Music Ministers: Teen Choir

ALL DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration is scheduled for Monday, October 2nd immediately following the 9:00 AM School Mass. It closes at 2:00 PM.

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

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

CCD MASS

We will have our first CCD Mass for this school year at the **10:15 AM Mass on Sunday, October 1st**. The readers will be students from our 3rd and 4th grades Religious Education Classes. The students should sit as a group with their class!



PARISH / FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our Parish and Finance Councils will meet on Thursday, October 5th at 6:30/7:30 PM respectively. The meetings are held in the rectory basement.

SPECIAL FATIMA MASS

Friday, October 13th is the anniversary of the 6th and final apparition at Fatima. **Our parish will celebrate this 100th Anniversary of Fatima with a Friday evening Mass at 7:00 PM.**



THE SHROUD OF TURIN TALK

THE SHROUD OF TURIN TALK AND REPLICA PRESENTATION is coming to St. John the Evangelist Church on Thursday, October 12 @ 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome, so bring the whole family along and don't forget to also bring your camera.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY GATHERING

The Centre County Chapter of Citizens Concerned for Human Life is announcing that their annual national event called Life Chain Sunday will be held **next Sunday, October 1st from 2:00—3:00 PM**. This is a peaceful, prayerful gathering to show respect and reverence for all innocent life. The gathering is held at the Former Abortion Clinic at 900 West College Avenue in State College. Attendees are asked to gather at 1:45 PM to receive the proper signage stretching along the sidewalks. Life Chain signs will be provided to you. This is the **only public event held** in Centre County which commemorates the lives of the millions of unborn that have been lost to abortion. Check out their website at www.ProLifeCentreCounty.org/lifecain for more info.

9TH - 11TH GRADE STUDENTS: MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Students in Grades 9 through 11 are asked to volunteer in our community on "Make a Difference" Day on either October 27th or 28th. The teens earn volunteer hours while spreading Christianity throughout our community. "Make a Difference" Day is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and students, they need your help. Following are the opportunities which are available for your volunteering:

The Bellefonte YMCA on October 27th anytime between 6:00—9:00 PM. Youth are needed to help with the annual YMCA Halloween Party. You would be assisting college students that will be leading activities, crafts & the snack area. (An unlimited number of volunteers are needed.)

The Faith Centre on October 28th from 9:30—11:00 AM. Youth are needed to sort items, fold and hang clothing and to bring in donated items. (A limit of 8 students are needed.)

Centre Crest on October 28th from 9:30—11:30 AM. Needed are musically talented youths who would like to share their talents with the elderly who suffer from dementia. (A limit of 6 students are needed.)

If you are a youth in grades 9 through 11 and you are able to volunteer for one of these community outreaches, please contact Diane Klimek via email at diane.klimek@beasd.net or call her at 814 353-3496. Please contact her to volunteer by Sunday, October 8.

**Our E-Mail Address is saintjohnsoff@gmail.com
Our Website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 09/17/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	6,947.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	973.27
Children's Offertory:	\$	41.55
Special Monthly:	\$	510.00
Votive Candles:	\$	119.75
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$	8,591.57

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$	20.00
Assumption Collection:	\$	5.00
Cemetery Collection:	\$	593.00
Fr. O'Malley Fund Collection:	\$	35.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	653.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 9,244.57

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 1,137.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Fr. Ralph's School in Ghana:	\$	15.00
Catholic University Fund Collection:	\$	42.00
Priests' Retirement Fund:	\$	60.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS
AND YOUR GENEROSITY!
IN SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH**

ST. JOHN'S IN STITCHES MEETING SCHEDULED

Our sewing group, *St. John's in Stitches*, will hold a meeting **this Monday, September 25th 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 the fall and winter seasons. 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 via email at rosieandwoody3@hotmail.com or call her at 625-2902.

BREAKFAST BUFFET FOR GHANA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Knights of Columbus of State College are sponsoring a Breakfast Buffet this **Sunday, September 24**. It will be held from **8:30—11:30 AM** at the Our Lady of Victory Gardiner Social Hall on Westerly Parkway in State College. This event will benefit Fr. Ralph's Holy Name of Mary Academy Scholarship Fund. The Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, ham, sausage, breakfast potatoes, muffins and fruit. The cost is \$8.00 for a single adult or 2 for \$15.00. The cost for children ages 5—10 years is \$5.00. Children under age 5 eat for Free!. A family eats for \$25.00.

JUSTFAITH SESSIONS CONTINUE

You are invited to participate in the JustFaith Program sessions which continue on Wednesday evenings from 6:30—9:00 PM. They are held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 867 Gray's Woods Boulevard between State College and Port Matilda. Come join the group and revitalize your perspective on living the Gospel of Jesus in today's challenging and broken world. You can learn more by contacting Bill Torretti by phone at 360-3492 or via email at btorretti@gmail.com.

PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

If you would like to add a prayer request to our Parish Prayer Line for health issues or any special intention or need, please contact Christine Surovec at 359-2654.



ALTAR SERVER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each fall Deacon Tom holds orientation and practice sessions for all new altar servers. Students should be in grade 4 and beyond. If you would like your child to participate in this very important ministry in our church, please fill out one of the forms on the table in the back of the church and put it in the collection basket, hand it in to a CCD teacher or forward it to the rectory office. Deacon Tom will hold the next **training/practice session this Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 PM in St. John Church**. If you have any questions about the altar server ministry, please call Deacon Tom at 355-4234 or email him at stboldin@verizon.net. **Thanks for serving.**

VOCATIONS ENDOWMENT DINNER INVITATION

"The Joy of the Gospel" is the theme of a special celebration to be hosted by Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Vocations Endowment Committee. The affair will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto **on Sunday, October 8**, in conjunction with Columbus Day. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass and immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. **Knights, along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration.** The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and younger. Reservations must be made in advance as no money transactions will be made at the door the evening of the banquet. Those wishing to attend should submit their names along with a check made payable to William Stasko, CPA and mailed to 8 Entrance Drive Johnstown, PA 15905. In order to prepare name tags in advance, names should be submitted singly rather than as Mr. and Mrs. Please note that the deadline for reservations is next Saturday, September 30th. If you have questions, please contact Joseph J. Kadas at 814 255-4903.

HEALING MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

There is a HEALING MASS scheduled at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. **This special Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 PM.** The main celebrant will be Fr. Bill Kiel from the Diocese of Greensburg. All are welcome to attend, especially those in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing; and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814 941-3832.

2017 CROPWALK COMING SOON!

Save the date of Sunday, October 22nd. This is the day scheduled for this year's CROPWALK event. The Walk begins at 2:00 PM from the Faith Methodist Church in Bellefonte. Last year the CROPWALK raised \$16,000, of which \$4,000 came back to our communities in the Bellefonte/Milesburg area to help feed the hungry. \$12,000 went all over the world to 3rd world poor countries to feed their starving population. Watch for more information in future bulletins about signing up.

BREWING THE FAITH FALL SCHEDULE

The "Brewing the Faith" Program is for all people who are 40 years of age and above and who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. The events are held at the Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel at 1450 South Atherton Street in State College from 7:00 PM to about 8:30 PM. This season's dates, speakers and topics are as follows:
 Thursday, **September 28th**, Fr. Jonathan Dickson of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College will speak on ST. PETER.
 Thursday, **October 5th**, Msgr. Robert C. Mazur, the Rector of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Altoona will speak on ST. PAUL.
 Thursday, **October 12th**, Fr. Matthew B. Baum of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley speaks on BLESSED MOTHER MARY.
 Thursday, **October 19th**, Mr. Ron Quinn, Jr. the Lay Ecclesial Minister of Our Lady of Victory Church in State College will speak on FOLK AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
 These sessions are designed to promote fellowship and insight to our faith for practicing & non-practicing Catholics. Bring a friend. For questions, call Ron & Denise Quinn at 235-1361.

School News

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SCRIP

A HUGE THANK YOU to all parish and school families who purchased gift cards through our SCRIP program last school year. A total profit of \$6,787.99 was earned simply by families purchasing gift cards for their everyday shopping and gift giving needs.

THANK YOU also to the following local merchants who support our school by supplying gift cards for the SCRIP fund-raising program: Bellefonte Wok, Bonfatto's, Brother's Pizza (Allegheny St./Benner Pike), Pizza Mia, Giant, Weis and Sheetz. To participate, please pick up a RED envelope on the registers in the back of the church. Cards are available for purchase from these merchants everyday in the school office.

Finally, mark your calendars for our Fall/Halloween "Green" National Gift Card order scheduled for Monday, October 9. For a complete list of participating retailers, pick up a manila envelope labeled "Green SCRIP" on the registers in the back of the church.

Thank you as we all work together to raise funds for St. John Catholic School's general operating costs. Questions or communications concerning SCRIP orders can be sent to Amy Clark at scrip@saintjohnsch.net.

RACE FOR EDUCATION

St. John School will be conducting our 9th annual "Race for Education" on Friday, October 20. The funds from this event help us to provide quality education with affordable tuition. This is our largest fundraiser and its success helps us to determine the need for additional fundraisers. Over the past eight years, we have raised over \$115,000 through donations to this event. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin and the school website at www.saintjohnsch.net for more information.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY SEEKS "HEAD OF SCHOOL"

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg, PA, is currently accepting nominations for its next Head of School. A review of applications will begin immediately, and complete information including a detailed position description and a copy of the press release may be found at www.stjoeacad.org. This is an exciting time for SJCA as they continue to grow each year! They are grateful for your prayers and your support of their Catholic high school education available here in Centre County.

OLVCS HOOPS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Hoops Registration is NOW OPEN!

Hoops at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is a developmental basketball program for children in grades K-6. Proceeds from this program benefit OLVCS.

To learn more about the program and to register your child, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/hoopsatolv/home>.

Space is limited so please register early. Registration is open until Tuesday, October 17. If you have any questions or would like more information, call OLVCS at 238-1592.

SILVER CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP TICKETS

The Sisters of IHM are again selling membership tickets to benefit their retired Sisters who live at Our Lady of Peace in Scranton. The drawings are held from October 2017 through June of 2018. There are 324 prize drawings of \$50 to \$1,000. For tickets, please visit www.sistersofihm.org/silvercircle or call the rectory. Thank you for participating and please also remember the retired Sisters in your prayers.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:
8:30 AM until 3:00 PM.
Thursday: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
Friday: The rectory office is closed.

CCD CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for grades K—10 are held each Sunday morning beginning at 9:00 AM in our St. John School classrooms. For any questions, you can call the rectory office at 355-3134 or contact our Religious Education Directors, Mark and Denise Leskovansky via email at mjl11@psu.edu or call at 355-3278.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for all students in the 11th Grade Confirmation Group have are held **in St. John School Auditorium from 11:15 AM—12:30 PM** on scheduled Sundays. **The next class will be held on Sunday, October 1st.** Please direct any questions to Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at stboldin@verizon.net or call them at 355-4234.



INVITATION TO RECITE THE ROSARY

The Catholic Daughters will pray the **Divine Mercy Rosary** in our church, **following the 6:00 PM Mass this Thursday, September 28.** This Rosary is recorded for radio stations WJVM 90.3 FM & WEJO 104.7 FM, which will be aired at a date to be announced later. **All members of our parish are cordially invited to join the Catholic Daughters** in front of the Blessed Sacrament as they recite this special Rosary.

PARENTS: CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AVAILABLE

The Catholic Daughters' members have been working on a new project called **"Julie's Kids' Closet"**. This project is spearheaded by Julie Walker whose passion has been gathering and providing children's clothing for any family who needs or wants them. These clothes are **for both boys and girls in a range of sizes from Infant to 4 Toddler.** The ladies would love to share some of these items with you for your child/children. If you are interested in making some selections, please call Julie at 355-5007 or the rectory at 355-3134. There is a nice variety of items to choose from and more are added each week. If you know someone, a neighbor or a friend, who could also use clothing for their children, **please pass the word along and ask them to call.**



K OF C SOUP & SALAD DINNER

The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual SOUP N SALAD DINNER. It will be held on **Tuesday, October 17th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.** There will be available for your enjoyment at least 14 different soups, as well as a huge salad bar, and a selection of desserts, breads and drinks. **The price will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4 for children.** You can eat in or take out. **IT IS THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN TOWN!** Mark your calendar and plan to come to enjoy your favorite soups and the fellowship of the Knights members serving you.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SERIES—2017

Are you engaged and planning to be married soon? Have you taken or scheduled your Marriage Preparation Class yet? These required classes consist of three 2 1/2 hour sessions. A class is scheduled here **at St. John the Evangelist** at our school auditorium **on October 3, 17, & November 7.** The sessions begin at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$65 per couple and includes all sessions in a series. Complete information can be found online by visiting www.dioceseaj.org/familylife. **You can register at the Family Life Office by calling 886-5551 or register via email at familylife@dioceseaj.org.** Early registration is advised.

TUNE INTO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM THIS FALL!

With the start of the new school year, we are adding new families and groups to our prayer rotation. Our equipment is portable, and we provide scripted devotions, but we need your prayerful voices! Rosary and assorted chaplet slots are available each month. We thank the St. Martha's Helpers and Rose Marboe for their recent recordings. If you would like to be a "pray-er" 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 receive no direct funding from the local parishes or diocese, so your faithful support is vital to our evangelization effort.

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