

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY

of
Advent

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You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Weekday: Varies—see weekly Mass schedule

St. Kateri Church: 12:00 p.m. Sunday

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

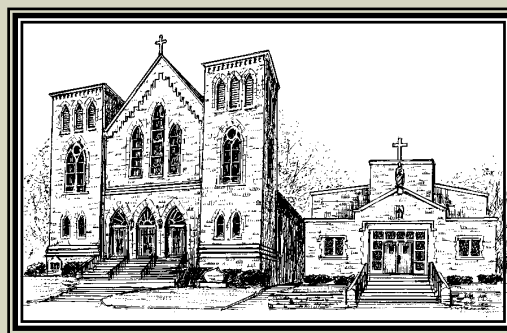
SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Baptism: Call the rectory

R.C.I.A.: Call the rectory

Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months in advance



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. George Jakopac

Deacon Tom Boldin

Parish Office Staff: Liz Forstmeier & Doris Mayers

St. John School Principal: Kristina Tice

Directors of Rel. Ed.: Mark & Denise Leskovansky

R.C.I.A. Coordinator: David Harry

Confirmation Directors: Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin

Music Ministry Coordinator: Natalie Stanton

Masses for the week

Saturday, November 30th

5:00 PM Martha Kelleher (Steve & Connie McCulley)

Sunday, December 1st

8:00 AM Charlotte Duncan (Lorraine Fello)

10:15 AM Elsie & Sam Nastase (The Miller Family)

Monday, December 2nd

9:00 AM **No Mass**

Adoration until 1:00 PM

1:30 PM Centre Crest Mass—Robert Uncapher
(The Family)

Tuesday, December 3rd

8:00 AM Emro Drapcho (The Family)

Wednesday, December 4th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 5th

6:00 PM Nancy & Peter Rose Sr (The Rose Family)

6:30 PM **Confessions**

Friday, December 6th

8:00 AM Patrick Fancis Gherrity (Molly Danko)

6:00 PM **Confessions**

Saturday, December 7th

10:00 AM **Confessions**

5:00 PM Donald & Vilma Anspauch
(Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, December 8th

8:00 AM Paul Proper (Catherine Proper)

10:15 AM Ambrose & Anna Piskie
(Paul & Janet Oesterling)

12:00 PM Latin Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday: St. John Damascene
Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

DECEMBER CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec 5: 6:30-7:00 pm or until done
Friday, Dec 6: 6:00-6:30 pm or until done
Saturday, Dec 7: 10:00-10:30 am or until done (2 priests)
Thursday, Dec 12: 6:30-7:00 pm or until done
Thursday, Dec 19: 6:30-7:00 pm or until done
Monday, Dec 23: 6:00-6:30 pm or until done (2 priests)

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father Bernard Olszewski will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Please pray for those serving in the military:

LT Steven Wright, U.S. Navy	CPT James Bickle, U.S. Army Reserve
SSG Matthew Bickle, U.S. Army	LtCol Paul B. Wurster, U.S. Air Force
CPT Nicholas Taylor, U.S. Army	CWO James Decker, U.S. Navy
LTC William Smith, U.S. Army	Amn Chandler Ross, U.S. Air Force
LT Patricia Wilson, U.S. Navy	ENS Matthew Goodpaster, U.S. Navy
TSgt Joseph Trimpey, U.S. Air Force	LT Jared T. Hallahan, U.S. Navy
SrA Floyd Meeker III, U.S. Air Force	Maj Jared Swancer, USMC
2LT Peter J. Muto, U.S. Army	CMSgt Douglas Campbell, U.S. Air Force
SrA Shane Kaschalk, U.S. Air Force	PO2 Andrew Kaschalk, U.S. Navy
AIC Ethan Scicchitano, U.S. Air Force	SSgt Jacob Nieto, U.S. Air Force
SFC Eric Callahan, U.S. Army	SSgt Eric Roberts, Air Force Guard
SSgt Kristina Roberts, Air Force Guard	LtCol Gordon Frankenfield, U.S. Air Force
2LT Caleb Gindhart, U.S. Air Force	PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army National Guard
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard	PFC Alexander C. Brewster, USMC
SGT Brad D. Coder, Army Nat'l Guard	LT Joshua Malia, U.S. Navy
SPC Christian Callahan, PA Army Nat'l Grd	CPT Andrew Malia, USMC
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, U.S. Army	LTC Jason Meier, U.S. Army

~ If you would like to include a name of someone serving in the military please email or call the rectory office. Please include their rank and branch of service.

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, December 7th

Lectors: Susan Love

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Love & Janice Provan

Servers: Joshua & Emily Culley

Music Ministers: Stephen St. Amant

8:00 AM Sunday, December 8th

Lector: David Files

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Ross & Jim Eckert

Servers: Carter Boone & Leah Ondish

Music Ministers: Traditional Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, December 8th

Lector: Michael Kresovich

Eucharistic Ministers: Max Kroell & Karen Triesdale

Servers: Jayden & Parker Capparelle

Music Ministers: Youth Choir

Parish News & Events

BLOOD DRIVE

The 11th Grade Confirmation Class is holding an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the school auditorium on **December 7, 2019** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-Red-Cross. Walk-ins are welcome.

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15-12:30 PM in the school auditorium.

Sunday, December 1—No Class

Sunday, December 8—Class 11:15-12:30 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom & Shirely Boldin at 355-4234.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Monday, December 2nd** beginning at 9:00 AM. It will close at 1:00 PM.

KIDS NIGHT IN / PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Knights of Columbus. This event is for children K—5th grade and will be held **Friday Dec. 6th, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM** at St. John's School Auditorium. The children will see a movie, decorate cookies, play games and other fun activities while the parents can go out to eat, watch a movie, Christmas shop or just relax. Light snacks for the children. If you would like your children to participate, please contact Paula Roland at moonepj8@yahoo.com or call the church rectory at 355-3134. The following information will be needed: Child's name, age, allergies, emergency contact name & number and any other information specific to your child's needs. **Please RSVP by Dec. 2, 2019.**

CCD MASS

The next CCD Mass will be **December 15th** at the 10:15 AM Mass. The **5th & 6th grade** classes will be participating in the liturgy. CCD students are reminded to sit with their class.

NO CCD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st
Classes resume Sunday, December 8th

ST JOHN'S GIVING TREE

Please return your Giving Tree gifts to the back of church no later than 11:30 on Sunday December 8th. If you feel you may be unable to get your gifts to the church by this time, please contact Patty Correll at 571-8718. All gifts need to be delivered to various agencies by Monday, December 9th so they can be distributed to their clients before Christmas. *If you are unable to get to church on Sunday, drop your gift off at the church on Saturday.* It is important to call the number above to let us know that that gift is accounted for. In case of inclement weather on Sunday Dec. 8th, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory during the day or at the church in the evening.

Reminder: If your gift is a gift certificate in a card or envelope, please do not leave it in the back of church with the other packages. Consider wrapping it in a larger box or bag or drop it off at the rectory.

Also, if you are unable to purchase the gifts for your angel, please call to let us know as soon as possible, so someone else can provide gifts for that person. Gifts still need to be bought for these angels. If you would like to give a financial donation to help with the cost of providing gifts for the ones that are not returned, please call Patty Correll or drop off your donation to the rectory. Thank you!

Catholic Daughters



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Are you interested in learning more about and becoming a member of our local court? You are invited to join us at our next monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 5th @ 6:30 pm at Sunny Days** (105 Stonecrest Dr. Unit 1) in Bellefonte. Be our guest. Consider bringing a friend and come make new friends who share your faith and who work towards the motto of "Unity and Charity."

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS – MEETING

The Catholic Daughters will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, December 5th** at Sunny Days. Social at 6:30 PM & meeting at 7:00 PM. **Social chairs:** Charlotte Burcin, Marymargaret Gorzelnik & Lorraine Fello.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS-CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 2pm to 5pm, at the Moose in Bellefonte. Cost is \$15. Please contact Phyllis Gallo at 814-355-1005 or Nancy Kowalczyk at 814-355-7779 if you plan to attend by December 3rd.

Knights of Columbus



BINGO!

The Knights of Columbus BINGO will be held **Monday, December 9th** in the School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00 PM for food, fellowship and games of chance. The Bingo games begin at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$20 for 20 games. Pay-out \$850.00.

BREAKFAST—TOYS FOR TOTS

The next Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast will be **Sunday, December 15** from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at their hall on Stoney Batter. This full menu breakfast is \$9 for Adults, \$4 for children (under 12) and FREE for children under 6. The Knights are collecting new, unwrapped toy for the **TOYS FOR TOTS** campaign and food for a local food pantry. **Eat for free if you bring in a new toy OR 5 canned goods!** Please feel free to drop off toys or canned goods even if you don't stay for breakfast. The Knights are happy to provide a drop-off place for your donations.

Parish News & Events

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is Monday, December 9th. It is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, there will be a **Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 9:00 am Monday, December 9th.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle this week is in memory of **Emro Drapcho** requested by the family.

OPLATKI

Christmas Oplakti is now available for purchase in the rectory. \$5 for a pack of 4. Each wafer is 3" x 6". The tradition: Carrying "oplatek" from house to house was an old Polish custom for families to wish their neighbors a Merry Christmas. As each person shares this bread, they are asked to forgive any hurts that may have occurred over the past year and to wish the person all possible health and happiness in the coming year.



HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS

Morning Group: Tuesday, December 10 at 9:00 am
Evening Group: Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm

This group lends mutual support to anyone suffering the loss of loved ones. Meetings are held in the rectory basement. For more information call Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755 or Connie Davis at 355-1280.

RECREATION CONCERT

Friday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the School Auditorium. Mandatory for high school CCD students.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 20th at 7:00 pm in the church. There will be a social to follow in the school auditorium.

Join us for an evening of music as the choirs of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church help you get in the spirit of the Christmas season. Our Contemporary Group, Folk Choir, Traditional Choir and Youth Choir will all bring their distinct styles to create a truly memorable musical experience.

Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of 11/24/2019

No collection report available due to the early bulletin deadline for the Thanksgiving holiday.

As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity to St. John's Church.

Diocesan News & Events

CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

Sacraments

This 8-week course will be offered this January in two locations. Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching at **St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael** on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning January 7th. Dr. James Merrick will be teaching at the **Seton Suite, Cathedral, Altoona** on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning January 9th. These classes may be taken for continuing education credit and Master Catechist requirements. For registration, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

Paul, a New Covenant Jew

Dr. James Merrick will be offering a 6-week course beginning Tuesday, January 7th from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Seton Suite, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona on *St. Paul, a New Covenant Jew*. A study on Pauline theology, this course will look at Paul not as a construct of Reformation and post-Reformation exegesis, but on Paul's own terms – "as a New Covenant Jew". Rooted in Scripture, the course explores Paul the man, Paul the Apostle and Paul the Saint. Dr. Merrick is a lecturer at Franciscan University of Steubenville, theology and Latin teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg and on the faculty for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Diaconal Formation. The cost of this course, which includes registration and textbook is \$62.00. For more information or to registration please call Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. Registration forms are also available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/. This course can be taken for continuing education credits and is open to all.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2020

Are you engaged and planning to be married in the Catholic Church? Congratulations! The next step is to attend Marriage Preparation classes. The cost per couple is \$70. A full list of dates, places and times is online at www.dioceseaj.org (Ministries, Marriage Preparation). **Local classes will be held here at St John the Evangelist October 13-20-27, 2020.**

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy

ST JOE'S BASEBALL CLINIC

Come Get Some Hits at the 2nd Annual SJCA Baseball Clinic on **January 4, 2020**. All boys and girls aged 8-14 are invited to join in this great one day baseball clinic on **Saturday, January 4, 2020, 8:30-1:00 PM** at the St. Joseph's Catholic Academy Student Life Center. Participants will receive instruction on all aspects of the game. Guest speakers include former MLB player Tom O'Malley. Only \$20! The clinic was well attended last year and space is limited, so sign up now at <https://sjcasports.org/> (click on "Camps and Clinics" tab at the top of the page. For more information contact SJCA Head Baseball Team Coach, Mr. Jim Dinsmore, at baseball@stjoeacad.org. Proceeds benefit SJCA Baseball!

St. John School News



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The students, faculty and staff of St. John Catholic School wish you a Thanksgiving weekend filled with happiness and many reasons to give thanks. God Bless You!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please mark your calendar for the St. John School Christmas Pageant on **Thursday, December 12 at 7 pm** in the Bellefonte Elementary School Auditorium. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**2020-2021
Registration
Opens January 27th
at 8:00 a.m.**

**3-YEAR-OLD PRE-K
TUES. & THUR. AM**

**4-YEAR-OLD PRE-K
MON., WED. & FRI. AM OR PM**

KINDERGARTEN

**LIMITED OPENINGS REMAIN IN
GRADES 1-5**

**Call or email for more information:
814-355-7859 or sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net**



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