

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

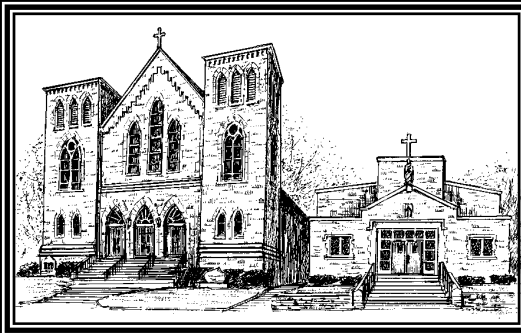
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

**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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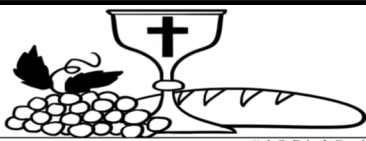
School Website: [www.saintjohnsch.net](http://www.saintjohnsch.net)

**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, December 2nd**

**5:00 PM** Robert Uncapher (The Family)

**Sunday, December 3rd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**10:15 AM** Deceased Members of the Barr/Polansky Families (The Family)

**Monday, December 4th**

**9:00 AM** Emro Drapcho (The Family)

**Tuesday, December 5th**

**8:00 AM** Communion Service

**Wednesday, December 6th**

**8:00 AM** Communion Service

**Thursday, December 7th**

**6:00 PM** Vigil Mass at St. Kateri Church

**Friday, December 8th- Immaculate Conception**

**9:00 AM** John Rose (The Rose Family)

**6:00 PM** Jack Dowling (The Forstmeier Family)

**7:00 PM** Advent Confessions (with extra priest)

**Saturday, December 9th**

**5:00 PM** James O'Neill (The Family)

**6:00 PM** Advent Confessions (with extra priest)

**Sunday December 10th**

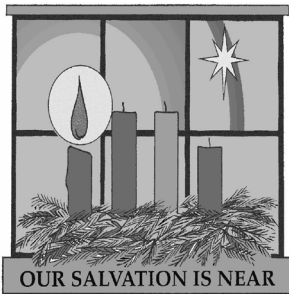
**8:00 AM** Paul Proper (Mother, Catherine Proper)

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

**12:00 PM (NOON)** LATIN MASS CELEBRATED

**2:00-5:00 PM** - VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR

**7:00 PM**- CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**5:00 PM Saturday, December 9th**

**Servers:** Morgan Besecker & Olivia Smith

**Lector:** Joseph Pietrowicz

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe Beigle & Toni Beigle

**Music Ministers:** Lexon Family

**8:00 AM Sunday, December 10th**

**Servers:** Logan Ellenberger & Mackenzie Ellenberger

**Lector:** James Eckert

**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Eckert & Brenda Harrison

**Music Ministers:** Folk Choir

**10:15 AM Sunday, December 10th**

**Servers:** Hannah Coslo & Zoey Merlino

**Lector:** Paul Tobin

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shirley Boldin & Traci Capperella

**Music Ministers:** David Harry & Ida O'Donald

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

**Please note:** The Centre Crest Mass for December will be celebrated on December 11th (the 2nd Monday of the month) instead of the first Monday.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Our next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for **this Monday, December 4th**. It begins immediately following the 9:00 AM School Mass & closes at 2:00 PM. **Please note that this will be the only Adoration scheduled for the month of December.**

**DECEMBER 8th HOLY DAY MASSES**

The Feast day of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

The Masses scheduled this week are as follows:

**December 7th, 6:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. Kateri**

**St. John's Masses on the Feast Day:**  
**December 8th, at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM**

***REMINDER: Fr. Bernard Olszewski, a priest from "CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH will be visiting and assisting at our parish next weekend!***

**ADVENT EXTRA CONFESSIONS:**

**Friday, December 8th - 7:00 PM** (extra priest)

**Saturday, December 9th - 6:00 PM** (extra priest)

**Monday, December 18th - 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 21st - 6:30 PM**

**CHURCH DECORATING DAY**

**We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, December 18th at 10:00 AM.**  
**All help is greatly appreciated! Thanks.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATES**

**Victorian Christmas celebrations are held in Bellefonte next weekend from Friday through Sunday, December 8—10. Don't miss our Church Tour listed below.**

• **Next Sunday, December 10th**

**8:30 AM—Noon** K of C Toys For Tots Breakfast

Bring a New, unwrapped toy and EAT FOR **FREE** (See insert)

**2:00—5:00 PM** Victorian Christmas Church Tour

(See info at [https://issuu.com/engleprintingandpublishing/docs/bellefonte\\_victorian\\_christmas\\_2017](https://issuu.com/engleprintingandpublishing/docs/bellefonte_victorian_christmas_2017))

**7:00 PM** Michael Russell O'Brien Concert in the Church (See write up on next page.)

• **Next Monday, December 11th**

**6:00 PM** K of C Bingo! (Games begin at 7:00 PM)

• **Next Year, Saturday, January 27, 2018**

(TBA) Parish Lasagna Dinner

**MEMORIAL DONATION RECEIVED**

St. John's Church recently received several memorial donations in memory of loved ones. We received contributions **in memory of Carol Lassman** (Sister of Nancy Swartzell) from Agnes Recco, Robert & Ann Shepherd, and from Don & Mary Heller. **In Loving Memory of their aunt, Phyllis Genua**, we received a generous donation from Cecelia Larson, Joan Tucker, Christine Feerrar, Annamarie Witt, and Lisa Williams. Thank you! We are so grateful for these gifts graciously given to our Church in memory of a beloved family member or loved one.

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

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

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR WEEKEND 11/19/2017**

**ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:**

Adult Offertory:	\$ 7,128.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,535.61
Children's Offertory:	\$ 52.14
Special Monthly:	\$ 250.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 134.50
<b>ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,100.25</b>

**EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:**

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 119.00
All Saints Collection:	\$ 10.00
All Souls Collection:	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception Collection:	\$ 32.00
Christmas Flowers Donations:	\$ 472.00
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 643.00</b>

**ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 9,743.25**

**SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 1,003.00**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan & Others)**  
Catholic Charities Collection: \$ 699.00

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR WEEKEND 11/26/2017**

**ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:**

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,745.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 723.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 48.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 110.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 140.26
<b>ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,766.26</b>

**EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:**

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 200.00
Immaculate Conception Collection:	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers Donations:	\$ 249.00
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 474.00</b>

**ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 8,240.26**

**SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 135.00**

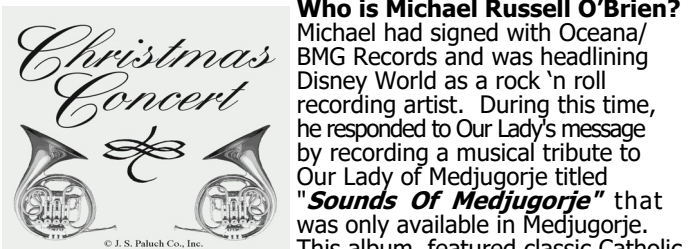
**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)**  
Catholic Charities Collection: \$ 55.00

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE**

St. Vincent de Paul said, "Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another." Two months ago, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrated its **400th year**. Their organization offers assistance to the needy in various ways. Their stores which are open to everyone, offer a wide variety of low cost clothing, shoes, household, and miscellaneous items. Every week their specials change with color tag rotation. **Every first Wednesday of the month, their store offers 50% off to all seniors.** Visit them this week on December 6th for your senior discount. Their Thrift Store located at The Westerly Parkway Plaza in State College is **open from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM, Monday through Friday and from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturdays.** They gladly accept both item and monetary donations.

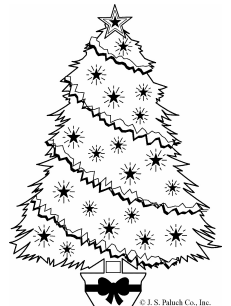
**MICHAEL RUSSELL O'BRIEN COMES TO ST. JOHN'S**



**Who is Michael Russell O'Brien?** Michael had signed with Oceana/BMG Records and was headlining Disney World as a rock 'n roll recording artist. During this time, he responded to Our Lady's message by recording a musical tribute to Our Lady of Medjugorje titled "**Sounds Of Medjugorje**" that was only available in Medjugorje. This album, featured classic Catholic hits like "**Gentle Woman**" and "**Immaculate Mary**". These were staples of the English-speaking mass in Medjugorje and combined with audio recordings of the mass and prayers in Medjugorje, became the music which tour guides played on the pilgrims' bus journey to and from the apparition site. This created a demand for this album from English-speaking pilgrims from all over the world. The album was nicknamed in its cassette form as "**The \$10 trip to Medjugorje**". Michael had recorded the album alone but for years his name was not found on the label. This album took on a pure "grass roots" life of its own with no advertising or promotion surrounding it, other than "pilgrims" searching for it and wondering "who recorded it?" Michael was invited to perform the songs from this album and speak about his conversion at The University of Notre Dame's Catholic Conference ending in a long lasting standing ovation. Michael since has been invited and has performed his Catholic music and has given his testimony at more than 80 Catholic Conferences and 600 city events from major city Arenas to small town churches across North America, such as ours. Michael is sometimes called "Catholic Entertainment's Best Kept Secret!" **You don't want to miss his concert. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. Tickets can be purchased at the church rectory office during regular business hours by calling 355-3134 or by calling Janet Oesterling at 355-7730.**

**ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Please remember to return all the gifts for The Giving Tree by **11:30 AM on Sunday, December 10th.** All gifts should be wrapped with the angel attached to the outside of the gift. Thank you for helping others at this joyous time of year. In case of inclement weather on Sunday December 10th, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory during the day or at the church in the evening AND please call Patty Correll at 571-8718 to make sure the gifts are accounted for. Also call if you are unable to deliver the gifts to the church.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION**

The intention for our Sanctuary Candle for this week is in loving **memory of Emro Drapcho**, as requested by his family.

**"LECTIO DIVINA" GROUP MEETING**

This group's next gathering will be **this Wednesday, December 6th.** It will be **held in the church at 7:00 PM.** If you have any questions or would like further details of this new discussion group, please contact Randi Anderson via email at [randifelicity@gmail.com](mailto:randifelicity@gmail.com). She can be reached by phone at 335-7352. Leave a message with your number if no one answers. **Everyone is invited to attend to see how you can have more personal, insightful Scripture reading experiences.**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE**

Jay Zimmerman will once again have a **Children's Choir for the Christmas Season.** Every Sunday, **EXCEPT for December 10th, children of all ages are invited** up to the choir loft and sing **for the 10:15 AM Mass.** Following the Mass, there will be a short 40 minute rehearsal of some special music which will be sung **for the 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.**

# School News

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Please mark your calendar for the St. John School Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 PM in the Bellefonte Elementary School Auditorium.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.



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## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received donations in memory of Carol Lassman from the following persons: Susan Miller Bell; Greg & Tammy Thal; Larene Strohecker, Sandy Klinger & Joyce Stine; Kathy Koehler; Nancy & Jim Swartzell; M/M Robert Kobularcik.

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

## LADIES EXTRAVAGANZA

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Billie Novosel and Sara Tyson for co-chairing another successful Ladies Extravaganza.

We would also like to thank everyone for joining us on Sunday, November 12.

The afternoon was filled with friends, laughter and fun.

The Home & School Association would like to thank the following for making the Ladies Extravaganza a huge success!

There are so many details, and the day would not have been a success without all of your help!

Table Hosts: Liz Chalfa, The Catholic Daughters, Jamie Hockenberry, Natalie Smithmyer, Jen Brezler, Billie Novosel, Ashley Furman, Rachelle Weiser, Nicole Carnicella, Bridget McGuire, Aimee Levandoski and Mrs. Kristina Tice & the Staff of St. John School.

Volunteers: Mike Novosel, Aaron Tyson, Adam Hockenberry, Katarina Oden, Tina Wendt, Allena Wendt, Monique Bohn and Malinda Bohn.

Direct Vendors: Christine Cooper, Donna Davison, Janice Schaub, Jody Sharer, Stacey Haas, Pam Markel, Sarah Buynak, Bethany Underwood, Kelly Yost, Linda Willas.

Corporate Sponsors: RW Bird Trucking, Crooked Tree Farm, Strouse Electric, Snyder's Concessions, Novosel Instrument Shop, Capperella Furniture, Bellefonte Dental, Bellefonte.com, Confer's Jewelers, Pizza Mia, Sam's Club, McDonalds, Wegmans, Weis, Walmart, Giant, Utz, and the fabulous Tammy Miller of Tammy Miller Auctions!

**Our classroom projects alone brought a total of \$850.00. Together, we raised over \$4800.00 for the children!**

**Thank you again for another successful year!**

## SCRIP

St. John School's SCRIP gift card program is the perfect way to get all the cards you need in the denominations you want!

**Our next order date is Monday, December 11.** Families wishing to participate can pick up a manila envelope labeled 'Green SCRIP' on the registers in the back of the church.

**Please consider giving the gift that gives back to St. John Catholic School this Christmas season!**

**11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP CLASS**

The next Religious Education Class for students in the 11th Grade Confirmation Group will be held next Sunday, December 10th. Class will be held in St. John School Auditorium from 11:15 AM — 12:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at [stboldin@verizon.net](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net) or call 355-4234.

**KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Our Kid's Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th. It will be held in the School Auditorium at 6:00 PM. Please note that all kids, including CCD and school students, are welcome to come to this annual**



**Christmas Party! We will have food, fun and Santa!**

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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS**



**DECEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Catholic Daughters, please note that the December meeting will be held this Wednesday, December 6th due to the Holy Day scheduling for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception.

The social begins at 6:30 PM and the regular monthly meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Social chairs for the this meeting are Charlotte Burcin, Helen Lowry and Lorraine Fello.

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**COUNTY-WIDE YOUTH GROUP RETREAT OPPORTUNITY**

Father Mike Wolfe and the Sacred Heart Sisters will be coordinating an **Advent Retreat Lock-In for Senior High students next weekend, December 8-10** (Friday - Sunday).

Arrival would be at 6:00 PM on Friday and departure at 3:00 PM on Sunday at the Sisters' Retreat Center in Munster, PA. There will be a variety of activities, games, talks, discussions, and opportunities for spiritual growth in our Catholic Faith.

**Chaperones and advisors are needed for this event.**

Retreats are vital to finding and strengthening one's vocation in life as well as finding direction, meaning and purpose as to why we are here and what we should be doing to grow in Faith.

**Admission is \$30 per person for the whole weekend. Please contact Fr. Mike at 525-5297 if you are interested.**

You can also check out the website at [queenofarchangels.com](http://queenofarchangels.com) for announcements, events information, youth group permission forms and more!

**TUNE INTO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM**

**Free i-Phone & Android apps for the stations are also available- visit [www.waob.org](http://www.waob.org) for details.** We are now recording "**pray-ers**" for our December slots. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at 238-6288 or [voiceofdivinemercury@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofdivinemercury@gmail.com).

We thank the Balkey Family for their recent recording. 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. Your donations are especially appreciated in December since several of our annual expenses are now due. God bless you for prayerfully considering this special request to support our spiritual work of mercy. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers this Advent.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE**

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy will host an OPEN HOUSE which has been scheduled for this **Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 PM.** It will begin in the Student Life Center (to the right of the main building). Please come and learn about this amazing academy that **has expanded and flourished over these past seven years.** For additional information, please call [814-808-6118](tel:814-808-6118) or visit the website at [www.stjoeacad.org](http://www.stjoeacad.org).

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