

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY

of
Advent

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 3:1

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.

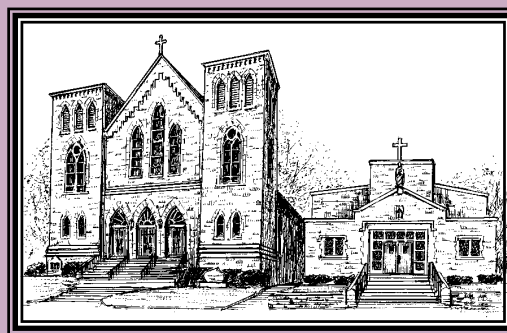
SACRAMENTS

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, December 7th

10:00 AM *Confession*

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

Monday, December 9th – Immaculate Conception

9:00 AM John Rose (The Rose Family)

Tuesday, December 10th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, December 11th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 12th

6:00 PM Thomas Parmentor (The Burke Family)

6:30 PM *Confession*

Friday, December 13th

8:00 AM Pauline Beightol (St John School Staff)

7:00 PM *Recreation Concert- School Gym*

Saturday, December 14th

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife, Genny)

Sunday, December 15th

8:00 AM Jerry Luckovich (The Family)

10:15 AM Michael Kushwara (Rose Marie Kushwara)

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.**

DECEMBER CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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)

RE-CREATION CONCERT

Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert in the school gym on Friday, December 13th at 7:00 pm. Hear the holiday favorites from a talented group of young singers. Did you know? - Re-Creation provides live entertainment to the VA Medical Centers nationwide. Re-Creation now presents more than 320 shows annually in order to fund tours to VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes in all 50 states! You can go to www.re-creationusa.org to donate and learn more. Everyone enjoyed it last year! Bring the family. *Mandatory for high school CCD students.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Monday, December 16th** immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

MEMORIALS

St. John the Evangelist Church has received a memorial donation in memory of **John & Marie Hughes** by the family.

MORE THOUGHTS FROM Fr. George

Clarification: I wrote that the two natures of Christ were “combined”, which is an incorrect term: I should have written **co-existed**.

The **two natures of Jesus** refers to the doctrine that the one person **Jesus Christ** had/has two natures, **divine** and **human**. In theology this is called the doctrine of the *hypostatic union*, from the Greek word *hypostasis* (which came to mean *substantive reality*). **Early church** figures such as **Athanasius** used the term “hypostatic union” to describe the teaching that these two distinct natures (divine and human) **co-existed** substantively and in reality in the single person of Jesus Christ. The aim was to defend the doctrine that Jesus was simultaneously truly God and truly man.

On TRANSUBSTANTIATION

The complete change of the substance of bread and wine into the substance of Christ’s body and blood by a validly ordained priest during the consecration at Mass, so that only the accidents of bread and wine remain...The Council of Trent, in defining the “wonderful and singular conversion of the whole substance of the wine into the blood” of Christ, added “which conversion the Catholic Church calls transubstantiation” ... after transubstantiation, the accidents of bread and wine do not inhere in any subject or substance whatever. Yet they are not make-believe they are sustained in existence by divine power.

Physicists found something called “**quantum coherence**” that describes phenomenon that reminds one of church teaching.

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, December 14th

Lectors: Theresa Pfaff

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley & Julia Gardner

Servers: Anthony Suhy & Gavin Chalfa

Music Ministers: The Lexons

8:00 AM Sunday, December 15th

Lector: Lucia Stover

Eucharistic Ministers: Lucia Stover & Adam Rawding

Servers: Harper & Brogan Waite

Music Ministers: Folk Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, December 15th

Lector: CCD Students—5th & 6th grade

Eucharistic Ministers: Traci Capperella & Michael Pavone

Servers: Zoey & Reagan-May Merlino

Music Ministers: Youth Choir

Parish News & Events

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 / 7:00 / 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 at 9:00 am

Note—There will be a Christmas vigil Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Kateri

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 20th at 7:00 pm in the church.

Join us for an evening of music as the choirs of St. John the Evangelist 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. There will be a social to follow in the school auditorium.

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.

ST. JOHN'S IN STITCHES

The sewing group meets on the last Monday of each month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the rectory basement. No meeting in December. Next meeting: **January 27, 2020.**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Please join us on Monday, December 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Tailgate Sports Bar & Grill for TOT. Our speaker is **Bishop Mark Bartchak, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.** The talk topic is TBA. All young adults ages 21 to 39-ish are invited. For questions, contact Mariah Stollar at mariahkstollar@gmail.com or Lydia Hardie at hardie.lydia@gmail.com. We hope to see you there, and feel free to bring a friend!

Catholic Daughters



WINNERS OF THEME BASKETS

Lottery Basket - Rose Truglio
Penn State Basket - Connie Williams
Child's Fun Arts & Crafts Basket - Mary Ann Bender
Tween Girl Basket - Janice Hemminger
Wine Basket - Sharon Walker Behrer
Snowman Basket - Janet Oesterling
Speed Clean Basket - Deb Rhoades
Life's a Beach Basket - Barbara Surovec
What's in Your Purse Basket - Lorraine Fello
Off to Work Basket - Lorraine Fello

Solemnity of Mary

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is
Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31, 2019—6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2020—9:00 am

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Please welcome Father Bernard Olszewski who will 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 be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

JARED BOX PROJECT

CCD will be collecting items for Jared Box **until Dec. 15.** All items being donated need to fit in an adult size shoe box. A list of suggested items is on the registers in the back of the church. **Tissue paper** is also needed to line the boxes. Please place your donations in bins in the back of the church. Donations can also be brought to CCD. **Short list of items:** *For infants:* soft cover books, stacking blocks, balls, rattles. *For toddlers:* musical toys, light up toys, stuffed animals, pillowcases, fun socks. *For Preschool:* flash cards, books, stickers, small dolls. *For Elementary:* joke books, hand lotion, deck of cards, nerf balls. *For Tweens & Teens:* Card games, Lego kits, travel size games, nail polish, Chapstick. Thank you!

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.

Weekly Financial Reports

For Weekend of 11/24/2019

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	6,768.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	770.00
Children's Offertory:	\$	35.20
Special Monthly:	\$	21.00
Votive Candles:	\$	142.36
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	7,736.56

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$	238.00
Special Maintenance Collection:	\$	4,860.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	391.00
All Saints:	\$	26.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	5,515.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 13,251.56

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 132.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities: \$ 818.00

For Weekend of 12/01/2019

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	5,269.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	728.00
Children's Offertory:	\$	8.00
Special Monthly:	\$	1,096.00
Votive Candles:	\$	84.82
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	7,185.82

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$	447.00
Special Maintenance Collection:	\$	270.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	198.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	45.00
Christmas:	\$	105.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	30.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	1,095.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 8,280.82

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 428.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities: \$ 77.00

Religious Retirement Fund: \$ 5.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News & Events

11th Grade Confirmation Class

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

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

Sunday, December 15—No Class

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

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.

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 unable, please contact Patty Correll at 571-8718. In case of inclement weather, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory. **Reminder: If your gift is a giftcard, please do not leave it in the back of church with the other packages. Consider wrapping it in a larger box and drop it off at the rectory.** If you would like to give a financial donation call Patty Correll or drop off your donation to the rectory. Thank you!

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy

ST JOE'S BASEBALL CLINIC

Come Get Some Hits at the 2nd Annual SJCA Baseball Clinic. 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. Only \$20! 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 info contact SJCA Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Jim Dinsmore, at baseball@stjoeacad.org. Proceeds benefit SJCA Baseball!

SOFTBALL HEAD COACH

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is looking for a Softball Head Coach to develop and lead its **first-ever** Softball program. Clearances are required. Interested candidates should submit a letter of application and resume to the Director of Athletics & Student Activities, Dr. Justin Rodkey at JRodkey@stjoeacad.org.

St. John School News



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MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

-The November school collection was **\$2,933.00**.
-We have received a donation from **Frederick A. Saylor** in support of our students and Catholic education.

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

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Thinking of what to get your child for Christmas? A **St. John School education is more affordable than you think. Spaces are currently available in several grades. Call the school office for more information. Give your child a gift they will cherish for a lifetime.

Are you at a loss for gift suggestions for the relative who has everything? St. John Catholic School would be so grateful if you'd consider giving a **donation to our school in honor or memory of a loved one. This can be done into the general budget or as a donation to the Angel Fund. Money given to the Angel Fund is used to assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending St. John School. The donor can remain anonymous, and may designate a particular student(s) or request that the school administration choose the recipient(s). To donate, please call the school office.

Also, you can honor or memorialize your family and loved ones by purchasing a **brick paver for our St. John School Patron Pathway. Personalized brick pavers are available in two different sizes:

4 x 8 Engraved Brick Paver - \$100.00 includes two engraved lines with up to 14 characters/spaces per line.

8 x 8 Engraved Blue Stone Paver - \$250.00 includes up to four engraved lines with up to 14 characters/spaces per line.

Order forms can be found on our school website or in the school office.

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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Please watch upcoming bulletins and our website for information regarding Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. This is a week designated to celebrate what makes Catholic Schools special. We will begin the week with **10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 26**, followed immediately by an **Open House** in our school. We invite everyone to join us in this celebration of Catholic education.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy
Saturday: St. John of the Cross

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