

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
Rev. George I. Jakopac | Deacon Thomas E. Boldin

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

Daily: See Bulletin

St. Kateri: 12:00 PM Sunday

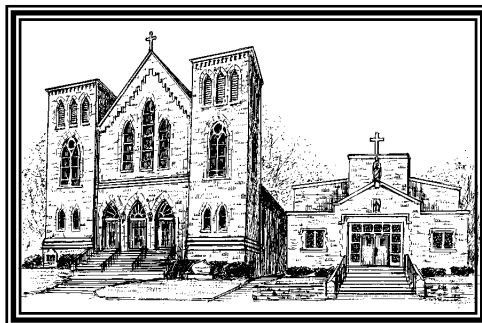
CONFESSION: Saturday 4:00-4:30PM

BAPTISMS: By Appointment

MARRIAGE: Notify Pastor

9 Months in Advance

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



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Masses for the Week



Saturday, December 8th

9:00 AM Immaculate Conception
 Mario Truglio (Dave and Jane Provan)
**Confessions immediately following Mass*

5:00 PM Jack Dowling (The Forstmeier Family)
**Confessions immediately following Mass*

Sunday, December 9th

8:00 AM Deceased members of Melchiorre Family
 (Lonnie & Helen Lowry)

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

12:00 PM Latin Mass

Monday, December 10th

9:00 AM Nancy Forsythe (Pat Mulfinger)

Tuesday, December 11th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, December 12th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 13th

6:00 PM Mark Cogan (The Tom Bender Family)

Friday, December 14th

9:00 AM* Dorothy & Mark London (The Family)
**Please note the special time*

Saturday, December 15th

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife—Genny)

Sunday, December 16th

8:00 AM Millie Drapcho (Linda Sweeney)

10:15 AM Michael Kushwara (Rose Marie Kushwara)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, December 15th

Lector: David Files
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Pavone & Sandra Kowalski
Servers: Joshua & Lauryn Culley
Music Ministers: Stephen St. Amant

8:00 AM Sunday, December 16th

Lector: Adam Rawding
Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding & Julia Gardner
Servers: Lara Oden & Margaret Yurik
Music Ministers: Traditional Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, December 16th

Lector: Brian Alterio
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Alterio & Max Kroell
Servers: Reagan-May & Zoey Merlino
Music Ministers: Youth Choir

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Monday, December 17th** immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. It will close at 2:00 PM.

EXTRA CONFESSION DURING ADVENT

Father Bernard Olszewski from Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting St. John's again this year during the 2nd weekend of Advent. He has graciously offered to hear confessions while he is here. Please take note of these extra confession times:

Fri, Dec 7	7:00 PM	Following 6 PM Mass
Sat, Dec 8	10:00 AM	Following 9 AM Mass
Sat, Dec 8	6:00 PM	Following 5 PM Mass
Thurs, Dec 20	7:00 PM	Following 6 PM Mass
Sun, Dec 23	6:00 PM	

NOTE ABOUT PARKING

Please be aware that the parking spaces by the Catholic Charities building and its access drive do not belong to St. John's church. This is a reminder to be mindful of the signs regarding the use of that property.

RE-CREATION CHRISTMAS CONCERT

RE-CREATION will be performing their Christmas show 'A Classic Christmas' in the church on **December 16th at 7:00 pm**. Re-Creation was founded in 1976 and since then has performed thousands of concerts all across the United States; bringing a blend of both sacred and secular Christmas music. Come join in their magical journey as we celebrate our Savior's birth. A free-will offering will be accepted. High school CCD students are reminded that attendance at this concert will be in lieu of CCD classes that day.

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.

BINGO

The Knights of Columbus BINGO will be held **Monday, December 10th** 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.

SPECIAL TOYS-FOR-TOTS BREAKFAST

The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus is hosting an "All You Can Eat Breakfast" to benefit Toys for Tots on **Sunday, December 9th**. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM at the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus Hall, 315 Stony Batter. **Anyone bringing in a new unwrapped toy will be admitted FREE.** For those who wish to pay for their meal (all proceeds will be donated to the Toys For Tots Program), adult meals will be priced at \$9.00, meals for children under the age of twelve years will cost \$4.00, and little diners under the age of seven years may eat for free. Eat-in and Take-out available. Buffet Includes: Fresh Waffles, Eggs to Order, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Bacon, Home fries, Sausage, and French Toast. Gather up your family and friends and come out to enjoy a great breakfast while supporting **Toys for Tots!!!**



**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 12/2/2018**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	8,798.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	1,619.11
Children's Offertory:	\$	38.50
Special Monthly Collection:	\$	3,546.00
Votive Candles Donations:	\$	114.85
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL:	\$	\$ 14,116.46

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$	10,391.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	100.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	295.00
All Saints	\$	35.00
All Souls	\$	20.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	10,841.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 24,957.46

WEEK'S SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 800.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities:	\$	75.00
Priest Retirement & Medical:	\$	181.00
Holy Name of Mary School:	\$	45.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

OPLATKI

Oplatki is available in the rectory office! \$3.00 for a pack of 4 wafers. (Limited supply) 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 the possible health and happiness in the coming year.



2018 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24	4:00 PM	St. Kateri
	5:00 PM	St. John's
	7:00 PM	St. John's
	10:00 PM	St. John's
Tuesday, December 25	9:00 AM	St. John's

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree gifts need to be returned to the back of church no later than 11:30 on Sunday, December 9th. If you feel you may be unable to get your gifts to the church by this time, please contact Patty Correll at 571-8718 as soon as possible to make other arrangements. *If you are unable to get to church on Sunday, drop your gift off at the church on Saturday.* If that is not possible, return the gift on Monday to the church or rectory. **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. 9th, 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 or gift card please do not leave it in the back of church with all the other packages. Consider wrapping it in a larger box or bag or drop it off at the rectory.**

Volunteers are needed to sort gifts and load vans on Sunday, December 9th. If you can give an hour or 2 of your Sunday morning to help out, contact Patty Correll at 571-8718.

GRADE 11 Confirmation Class

11th Grade Confirmation Class meets on Sundays from 11:15-12:30 PM in the school auditorium.

Sunday, December 9—Class 11:15-12:30
Sunday, December 16—No morning Class

**Students should attend the Re-Creation Concert
December 16th at 7:00 PM in the church.**

If you have any 11th grade Confirmation questions, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin at 355-4234 or via email at stboldin@verizon.net.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) class continues **Sunday, December 2nd at 9:00 AM** in the rectory basement. If you are interested or need more information, please contact RCIA Director David Harry at (814) 880-8427 or at centreplayhouse@aol.com.

HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETING

The morning and evening grieving groups will be combined this month. They will meet **Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 PM** in the rectory basement. *No meeting on Tuesday, December 11 at 9:00 AM.* For more information you may call Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755 or Connie Davis at 355-1280.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Catholic Daughters have produced along with photographer Jeff Shultz beautiful Christmas Cards featuring St. John's decked out for the Christmas season. There are 5 different designs of our beautiful Nativity displayed in the sanctuary. The cards are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. Please contact Christine Surovec cas8@psu.edu or the Rectory if you wish to purchase.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS—CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 20th: 8:30 AM-12:00 PM
December 21-25: OFFICE CLOSED
December 26: Regular office hours resume
8:30AM-3:00PM Monday-Thursday and
8:30 AM-12:00PM Fridays

School News

School Phone: 814-355-7859
School Email: sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net
School Web Site: www.saintjohnsch.net

Please mark your calendar for the St. John School Christmas Pageant on **December 17 at 7 p.m.** in the Bellefonte Elementary School Auditorium. All parishioners are welcome to attend this free event.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

-We would like to thank the following additional alumni for their support of our students and Catholic education through a donation to the Annual Giving Campaign: Edward A. Mulfinger

-The November school collection was **\$2,267.00**.

-We have received the following additional donations to the Angel Fund in memory of Vilma M. Anspauch: Ed & Erin Burke; Susan Rio Carson; Missy Letterman & David Kutches; Nancy & Jim Swartzell; Classmates of Donna Neidigh; Leroy Donoughe; Sunny Days and the Galio & Cassidy Families. These Angel Fund donations will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school.

Thank you to all of 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 Catholic 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.

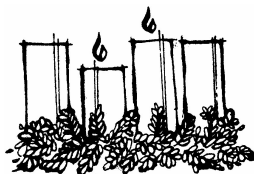
Are you at a loss for gift suggestions for the relative that has everything? St. John Catholic School would be so grateful if you'd consider giving a donation to our school in honor or memory of a loved one. This can be done into the general budget or as a donation to the Angel Fund. Money given to the 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 make a donation, 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:

- 1.) 4 x 8 Engraved Brick Paver - \$100.00 includes two engraved lines with up to 14 characters/spaces per line.
 - 2.) 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.

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 27**, followed immediately by an Open House in our school. We invite everyone to join us in this celebration of Catholic education.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MILITARY

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.

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
SSgt Joseph Trimpey, U.S. Air Force; LT Jared T. Hallahan, U.S. Navy
SrA Floyd Meeker III, U.S. Air Force; Capt Jared Swancer, USMC
2LT Peter J. Muto, U.S. Army; SSgt Jacob Nieto, U.S. Air Force;
LtCol Gordon Frankenfield, U.S. Air Force; CMSgt Douglas Campbell,
U.S. Air Force.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

"March for Life" is **Friday, January 18, 2019**. We are now taking reservations for the 2019 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC. Pick up locations will be at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte, Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, and the Service Plaza in Breezewood. The cost is Student \$10/Adult \$15/Family \$30 and checks can be made payable to "Holy Spirit Parish." If you would like to attend you can print a reservation form online at holyspiritlockhaven.org/parish-news/upcoming-events or call St John's rectory at 355-3134 or Holy Spirit Parish Office at 570-748-4594. Waivers and payment are due before January 11th. Itineraries and waiver forms can be picked up in the rectory office. For any additional questions please call Holy Spirit Parish at 570-748-4594.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: 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
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
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: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

CATHOLIC RADIO

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM this Advent!

We are now recording "pray-ers" for our December slots. We thank Susan Urbanic for her recent chaplet recording. If you would like to pray 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. Your donations are especially appreciated in December since several of our 2019 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 during the Advent season.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Planning for Your Child to be a Middle School Student at OLVCS Next School Year? NOW is the time to complete the online application. OLVCS has openings for students in 6th through 8th grade. **There is no application fee for those who apply by December 31, 2018.** To learn more and to complete the online application, go to www.olvcatholicsschool.org/admissions.

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