

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

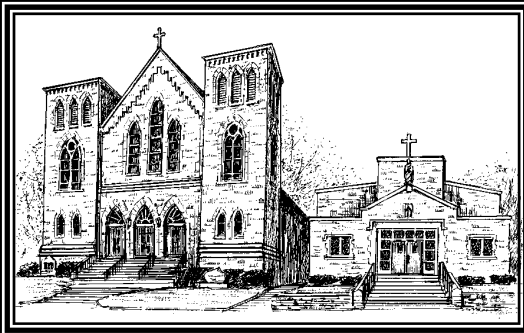
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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, December 9th

5:00 PM James O'Neill (The Family)
6:00 PM Advent Confessions (with extra priest)
Sunday December 10th, THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 IN THE CHURCH

Monday, December 11th

9:00 AM Steve Keller (Linda Fielding & Richard Struble)
1:30 PM CENTRE CREST MASS
Dr. Eleanor Braddock (Michael Braddock)

Tuesday, December 12th

8:00 AM Theresa Riglin (Tim & Joanie Fye)

Wednesday, December 13th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 14th

6:00 PM Joanie Bolick (The Tom Bender Family)

Friday, December 15th

8:00 AM Michael Kushwara (Rosemarie Kushwara)

Saturday, December 16th

5:00 PM Pamela Straus (Matilda Lockhart)

Sunday December 17th

8:00 AM Robert Kersavage (Patti & Adrian Mauk)
10:15 AM Chris Edmondson (Tony & Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, December 16th

Servers: Blake Houck-Leitzell & Kathryn Gearhart
Lector: Angela Basalla
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Pavone & Sandra Kowalski
Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman & Natalie Stanton

8:00 AM Sunday, December 17th

Servers: Alina Watson & Kira Watson
Lector: Christine Surovec
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Surovec & Adam Rawding
Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, December 17th

Servers: Alli Zanghi & John Jennings
Lector: Pamela Vaiana
Eucharistic Ministers: Charles Witmer & Janice Provan
Music Ministers: Children's Choir

Please note:

The Centre Crest Mass for December will be celebrated this week on Monday, December 11th .

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

PLEASE WELCOME: Fr. Bernard Olszewski, a priest from "CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH" who is visiting and assisting at all Masses this weekend!



CELEBRATING THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

ADVENT EXTRA CONFESSIONS:

Monday, December 18th beginning at 6:00 PM.

Thursday, December 21st beginning at 6:30 PM.

CHURCH DECORATING DAY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATES

- **This Sunday, December 10th**
8:30 AM—Noon K of C Toys For Tots Breakfast
Bring a New, unwrapped toy and **EAT FOR FREE**
(See more info on back page.)
- **2:00—5:00 PM Victorian Christmas Church Tour**
(See info at 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.)
- **This 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

KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Kid's Christmas Party is scheduled for next 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!



CCD BREAK

There will be no Religious Education classes after this weekend so our teachers and students can enjoy a long Christmas holiday break. Classes will resume on Sunday January 7th, 2018!

2018 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE

Again this year, Frank Wetzler and Wetzler's Funeral Home & Victorian Crematory located at 206 North Spring Street here in Bellefonte has sponsored the printing of our 2018 calendars. These calendars will be available in the back of the church beginning next weekend. Please help yourself to **one per family**. **THANK YOU**, Frank and Wetzler's for sponsoring these calendars each year for our church and our parishioners.

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

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Our Website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 12/03/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	9,481.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	1,468.00
Children's Offertory:	\$	46.60
Special Monthly:	\$	3,256.00
Votive Candles:	\$	89.77
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$	14,341.37

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$	656.00
All Souls Collection:	\$	10.00
All Saints Collection:	\$	5.00
Immaculate Conception Collection:	\$	162.00
Fr. O'Malley Fund Collection:	\$	100.00
Cemetery Fund Collection:	\$	40.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	\$	10.00
Christmas Flowers Donations:	\$	300.00
Christmas Offering Collection:	\$	1,300.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	2,583.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 16,924.37

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 1,055.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Catholic Charities Collection:	\$	115.00
Religious Retirement Collection:	\$	200.00

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

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Bellefonte Chapter of The Compassionate Friends will meet **this Monday, December 11th from 7:00 PM—8:30 PM** in the rectory basement. If you have questions, please call Peg Herbstritt at 353-4526 or contact her via email at mherb162@gmail.com. This national non-profit organization meets on the 2nd Monday of every month. This group offers understanding, friendship and hope to bereaved families and friends who suffer the death of a child of any age.

HEALING THROUGH FAITH GRIEVING GROUP

Our Grieving Group meets **this Tuesday, December 12th at 9:00 AM** in the rectory basement. This meeting is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a family member, a loved one or a friend. If you would like more details about this gathering, please contact either Connie Davis at 355-1280 or Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755. They can also be reached via email at connie.davis@comcast.net or eam2@psu.edu. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the discussions

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR & PRACTICE

Jay Zimmerman will once again have a **Children's Choir for the Christmas Season**. Every Sunday, **EXCEPT THIS SUNDAY, December 10th**, children of all ages are invited up to the choir loft and sing for the **10:15 AM Masses**.

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**.



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MICHAEL RUSSELL O'BRIEN CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

Our Christmas Concert is here! It will be held **this Sunday evening at 7:00 PM in the church**.

Our performer, Michael, has a "one man show" singing classic Catholic Music hits from his albums and telling humorous stories of his conversion back to the faith. He is a nationally known singer who is the former Sony/BMG rock category solo artist who reached chart status and left that career behind to become one of the Top catholic Recording Artists and Conference Speakers! He has now performed his Catholic music and has given his testimony at more than 100 Catholic Conferences and 800 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 can be purchased by calling Janet Oesterling at **355-7730**.

**ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

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Please remember to **return all the gifts** for The Giving Tree **by 11:30 AM this 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 this Sunday, please drop your gift off at the rectory during the day on Monday, December 11th 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has now been around for over 400 years. This organization offers help to the needy in a wide variety of ways, including assistance with housing, utility payments, and transportation costs. Many of these needs cannot be met by other social service agencies. St. Vincent de Paul said, **"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."** Thanks to people like you, this work can be continued.

This organization offers Two Ways that you can serve in the spirit of mercy:

1. **Thrift Store Volunteers** accept donations; sort, price and place items in the store; they serve as cashiers; and they help with the day-to-day maintenance of the facility.
2. **Vincentians (members of the Society)** manage requests, answer inquiries, visit clients, participate in funding determinations, and help to manage the store.

If you might be able to help in either of these ways, please call **867-3131 for more information**.

Their stores gladly accept donations of clothing and shoes and household and miscellaneous items to resell.

The St. Vincent de Paul 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**.

"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. 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.**

School News

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Please mark your calendar for the St. John School Christmas Pageant this 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

The November school collection was **\$1,829.00**.

We have received additional donations in **memory of Carol Lassman** from the following persons: : Dave Kutches & Melissa Letterman; Barbara & Joseph Charnick; and Lezetta Kutches.

We have also received a donation in support of Catholic education from Mark Bauer & Kendra Saphore.

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

SCRIP

Thank you to all school families and parishioners who support St. John Catholic School by buying SCRIP gift cards. We would especially like to thank Bellefonte Area School District Fine Arts Boosters and Jay/Sue Zimmerman for their recent Disney gift card purchase. While the boosters were purchasing and donating gift cards to the BASD students for their Disney trip, their purchase through our gift card program helped St. John School increase our Scrip proceeds by \$576.00.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Thinking of what to get your child for Christmas? A St. John Catholic School education is more affordable than you think.



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Spaces are currently available in several grades. Call or stop by 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 through our Angel Fund. Money given to this 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 –

- 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 by calling the school at 355-7859

SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

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 AM Mass on Sunday, January 28, followed immediately by an Open House in our school. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration of Catholic education.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP CLASS

The final Religious Education Class for 2017 for students in the 11th Grade Confirmation Group will be held **this Sunday, December 10th**. Class will be held in St. John School Auditorium from 11:15 AM — 12:30 PM. The class will then be on a Holiday Break until Sunday, January 7, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin via email at stboldin@verizon.net or call 355-4234.

TUNE INTO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM

Free i-Phone & Android apps for the stations are also available. Please visit www.waob.org for details. We are now recording "pray-ers" for our December slots. We thank Rose Marboe and Helen Davis for their recent recording. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at 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 annual expenses are now due. God bless your support.

THE C D of A WISH TO THANK YOU!

The Catholic Daughters would like to **thank all of the parish members** who donated or purchased items at this years **Holiday Yard and Bake Sales**. Because of all of you, **we had our BEST sale ever!!** Congratulations to **Chuck Witmer**, who won the basket raffle, **Rosemary Truglio**, who won the collectible White House ornament and **Ginny Yost**, who won the quilted Christmas wall hanging.



K of C ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus will offer a **FREE All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast** to anyone bringing in an unwrapped toy. This Breakfast will be held **this Sunday December 10th** from **8:30 AM until 12:00**



Noon at their hall on Stoney Batter. All profits will be turned over to **TOYS FOR TOTS**. Without a toy, the breakfast cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under age 12 and Free for kids under age 7. Enjoy a full menu of bacon, eggs, sausage, scrapple, French toast, potatoes, pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy, oatmeal, hot syrup, juice, fruit, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upon request they prepare blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes and "over-easy" or "sunny side" eggs. Come in and enjoy a great breakfast prepared by our K of C and support The Toys For Tots!

K of C BINGO

Our final Bingo for the year will be held **this Monday, December 11th**. The doors open in the school auditorium at 6:00 PM for food, fellowship and games of chance. **The Bingo games begin at 7:00 PM**. The cost is still only \$20 for 20 games. Come and bring a friend and/or a neighbor for a fun evening while supporting our Knights of Columbus. You might even win enough to do some extra Christmas shopping this season!

K of C STATE COLLEGE BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus #4678 of State College & The American Red Cross are holding a blood drive at 850 Stratford Drive in State College on **Tuesday, December 19 from 1:00 to 6:30 PM**. **You can sign up on line at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS** Walk ins are always welcome. **COME AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE**. If you need community service time for your youth, please contact Mike at **237-9414**.

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