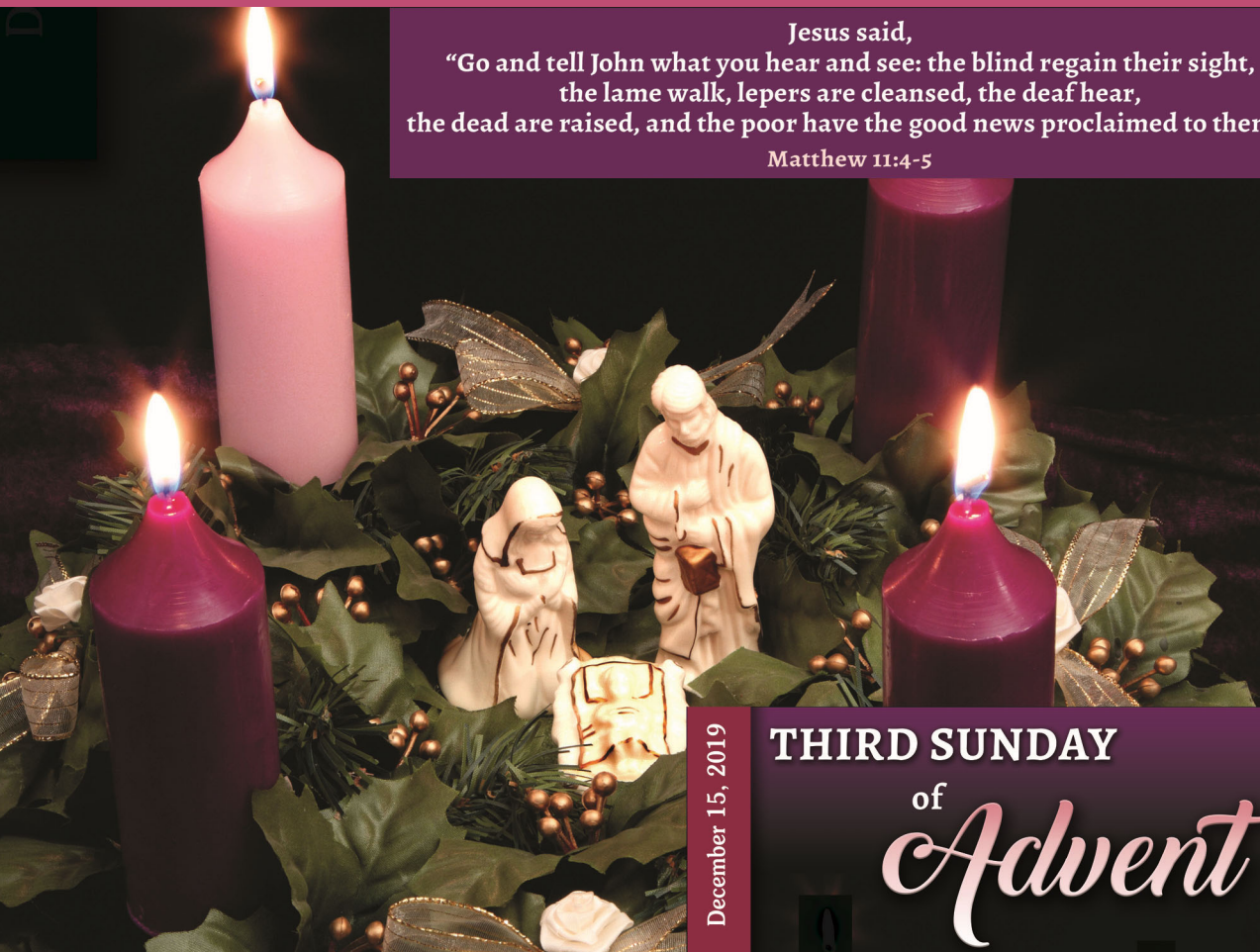


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

Jesus said,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”
Matthew 11:4-5

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December 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY

of
Advent

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.

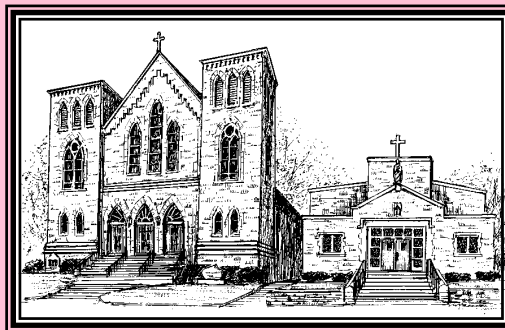
SACRAMENTS

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 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)

Monday, December 16th

9:00 AM Sara Schnars
(St. John School Faculty and Staff)

Tuesday, December 17th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, December 18th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 19th

6:00 PM Mitchell Taylor
(Mark & Denise Leskovansky and Family)

6:30 PM *Confession*

Friday, December 20th

8:00 AM Jerry Robine (Wife)

7:00 PM **Christmas Concert—All Choirs**

Saturday, December 21st

5:00 PM Jonathan Green
(Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, December 22nd

8:00 AM Barbara Louise Waite (The Family)

10:15 AM Deceased members of the Frank Fabach family
(Paul and Janet Oesterling)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, December 21st

Lectors: Marymargaret Gorzelnik

Eucharistic Ministers: David Harry & Janie Provan

Servers: Sam and Kyle Yangula

Music Ministers: Folk Choir

8:00 AM Sunday, December 22nd

Lector: Jeff Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Louise Manginell & Brenda Harrison

Servers: Dante Pighetti & Jonathan Gasper

Music Ministers: Traditional Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, December 22nd

Lector: Frank Densovich

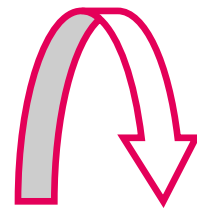
Eucharistic Ministers: Cliff and Doris Wurster

Servers: Maura Sharer & Isaac Johnson

Music Ministers: Youth Choir

PLEASE NOTE

**Changes to the
Christmas Eve Mass times.
See below.**



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 / 8:00 / 10:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 at **9:00 am**

**Note—There will be a Christmas
vigil Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Kateri**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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Parish News & Events

EXTRA CONFESSIONS in Advent

Thursday, Dec 19: 6:30-7:00 pm or until done
Monday, Dec 23: 6:00-6:30 pm or until done (2 priests)

11th Grade Confirmation Class

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

Sunday, December 15—No Class

Sunday, December 22—No Class

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

CCD Christmas Break

NO CCD

Sunday, December 22nd and 29th
Classes resume Sunday, January 5th

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.

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.

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
ZLT 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
ZLT 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.

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.



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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

Knights of Columbus



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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

For the Holidays

Open December 24 8:30-12:00 pm

Closed December 25-27

Closed January 1

Parish News & Events

HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETING

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Monday, December 16th** immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. It will close at 1:00 PM.

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.**

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Parish and Finance Councils will meet on **Thursday, January 9** at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. Meetings are held in the rectory basement.

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.



Diocesan News & Events

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.**

PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES—PAL

A new support group called Parents of Addicted Loved Ones has opened in State College. PAL meets every **Monday at 6:30 pm** at Christ Community Church, 200 Ellis Place. For more information, please call or text Judi Orr at (814) 404-5828 or email at judiorr@gmail.com.

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!

Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of 12/08/2019

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	9,922.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	1,153.00
Children's Offertory:	\$	50.16
Special Monthly:	\$	1,265.00
Votive Candles:	\$	138.90
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	12,529.06

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$	370.00
Special Maintenance Collection:	\$	160.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	475.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	1,447.00
Christmas:	\$	1,445.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	50.00
All Saints	\$	10.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	3,957.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 16,486.06

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 780.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities:	\$	40.00
Religious Retirement Fund:	\$	402.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM or WEJO 104.7-FM for Catholic Radio!

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 2020 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.

St. John School News

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



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.

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:

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.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received a donation to the Angel Fund from **Genevieve Robine**. This donation will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school.

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



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