

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

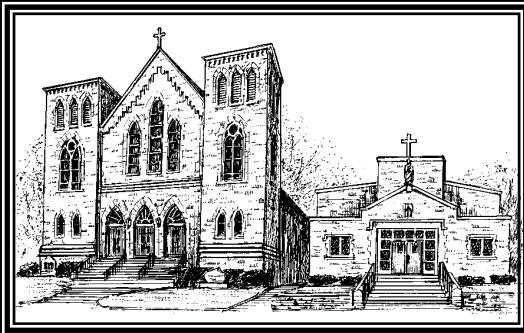
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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

Rectory Phone: (814) 355-3134

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Web: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

School Phone: (814) 355-7859

School Website: 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 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)

Monday, December 18th

9:00 AM Jerry Robine (Genevieve Robine)

6:00 PM Extra Confessions

Tuesday, December 19th

8:00 AM Stephen Kutches (Lezetta Kutches)

Wednesday, December 20th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 21st

6:00 PM Helen Fox (Jonathan Borowski)

6:30 PM Extra Confessions

Friday, December 22nd

8:00 AM Herbert Quaranta (Fr. George Jakopac)

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 PM Owen & Bessie Herniman
(Dick & Nancy Taylor)

Sunday December 24th 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Theresa Riglin (Rosemary Truglio)

10:15 AM Health & Spiritual welfare of Lezetta Kutches
having reached her 99th Birthday! (Barb Gallo)

Sunday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 PM MASS AT ST. KATERI

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife, Genny)

7:30 PM Thomas Wayne (Wife, Marian)

10:00 PM Priests & Deacons of the Altoona-Johnstown
Diocese (Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Monday, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

9:00 AM Tony Nastase (Wife, Betty)

CCD BREAK

Our Religious Education classes are all on a Holiday Break until after the new year. Classes will resume on Sunday January 7th, 2018! May all our teachers and students enjoy a Blessed Christmas Season!

CHURCH DECORATING DAY

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



ADVENT CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH:
BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST:
BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM Saturday, December 23rd

Servers: Noah Ladlee & Ella Ladlee

Lector: David Harry

Eucharistic Ministers: David Harry & Connie McCulley

Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman & Adam Witmer

8:00 AM Sunday, December 24th

Servers: Sara McElhinney & Thomas McElhinney

Lector: Kevin Trimpey

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Trimpey & Louise Manginell

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, December 24th

Servers: Alex Stanton & Cecilia Stanton

Lector: Jennifer Gill

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Pavone & Brian Alterio

Music Ministers: Children's Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5:00 PM Sunday, December 24th

Servers: Dominic Capperella & Kyle Klimek

Lector: Traci Capperella

Eucharistic Ministers: Traci Capperella & Michael Pavone

Music Ministers: Children's Choir

7:30 PM Sunday, December 24

Servers: Nathan Tice & Madelyn Tice

Lector: Kristina Tice

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristina Tice & Karen Truesdale

Music Ministers: Folk Choir

10:00 PM Sunday, December 24

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Pamela Callahan

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan & Shirley Boldin

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00 AM Monday Dec 25th

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Michael Kresovich

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Needed

Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman



NOTE: January 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Due to it falling on a Monday, the Bishop has lifted the obligation. However, we will have a special Mass Monday Evening, January 1st at 6:00 PM.

2018 CALENDARS* AVAILABLE

The new calendars for 2018 are available in the back of the Church! Please help yourself to one per family.

*Compliments of Frank Wetzler and Wetzler Funeral Service, Inc. and the Victorian Crematory in Bellefonte.

LOOKING AHEAD! PARISH /FINANCE COUNCILS

The Parish and Finance Councils will meet on Thursday, January 4th at 6:30 PM & 7:30 PM respectively in the rectory basement.

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

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

**Our E-Mail Address is saintjohnsoff@gmail.com
Our Website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 12/10/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,101.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,627.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 50.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 485.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 107.36
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 8,370.36

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 165.00
Immaculate Conception Collection:	\$ 1,687.00
Christmas Flowers Donations:	\$ 275.00
Christmas Offering Collection:	\$ 1,250.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 3,377.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 11,747.36

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 205.00

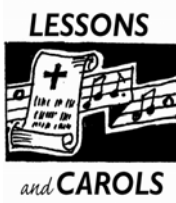
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Catholic Charities Collection:	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement Collection:	\$ 409.00
Diocesan Priests Medical Fund:	\$ 25.00

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR & PRACTICE

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



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LECTIO DIVINA "GROUP MEETING

This group's next gathering will be **this Wednesday, December 20th**. 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.**

PARI SH LASAGNA DINNER

Mark your calendars for next year on Saturday, January 27, 2018, when our church will again hold a Parish Lasagna Dinner.

The dinner will be held at **Lambert Hall and will start at 6:30 PM**. The speaker will be Fr. Cyprian Constantine, OSB, who is a Professor of Music at St. Vincent's College and the Director of Liturgical Formation at the Seminary. Fr. Cyprian is no stranger to St. John's as he comes here once a month to celebrate the Latin Masses. He will share with us his over 40 years as being a priest since he will be our speaker at this dinner. We had an enjoyable gathering last year and hope to see these and many more families join us for our 2018 dinner!

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman



CELEBRATING THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

JOIN THE CAROLERS

Our Regional Youth Ministry in conjunction with Our Lady of Victory Music Ministry will be **singing Christmas Carols**. **Everyone is welcome to come and join in, especially our youth and their family members.** They will be singing for the residents at Juniper Village at Brookline on Cliffside Drive **this Sunday, December 17th** following the OLV Penance service. Please plan to come and enjoy an 'ole fashioned afternoon of **Caroling Before Christmas**. The carolers should meet at the nursing home with the blue awning so the caroling can **begin around 4:00 PM**. Afterwards, the group will enjoy dinner together at Rey Azteca. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00. If you like to sing and share the spirit of Christmas through song, then please plan to come and join the group for a "Merry" afternoon and evening. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mike Wolfe at 525-5297.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS "THANK YOU"

A lot of families are having a merrier Christmas this year because of YOU!

Thank you to everyone who took an angel or two from our Angel Trees this year. We had a great response to help make Christmas a little brighter for some families in need. **Thank you** to Patty Correll for the great job of again coordinating this wonderful community program.

**CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRY**

We thank Fr. Bernard Olszewski, our visiting priest last weekend from Cross Catholic Outreach. He shared with us the great need of our prayers and financial help to many missionary locations around the world. In case you didn't receive a flyer and would like to donate to this mission ministry, the information is as follows:

To donate online go to **www.CrossCatholic.org**

To reach Cross Catholic Outreach by phone to make a credit card donation, call **1-800-914-2420**

To mail in a donation, the address is **Cross Catholic Outreach 2700 North Military Trail, Suite 240, PO Box 273908, Boca Raton, FL 33427-3908.**

OPLATKI IS AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE

If you would like to celebrate your Christmas holiday with the custom of the Christmas wafer (Oplatek), we have a limited supply available in the rectory office. A packet of 4 bread wafers is \$2.75. Carrying "oplatek" from house to house was an old Polish custom for families to wish their neighbors a Merry Christmas. Today the wafers are mostly shared with members of the family and immediate neighbors. 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.

24TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Next month on **January 19th, 2018**, our 24th Annual ProLife/March For Life Rally will be held in Washington, DC. We will have a bus leaving our St. John parking lot at **7:00 AM** that morning. The cost for the bus tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students or \$30.00 for families. If you are interested in participating in this Pro Life March to support the unborn, please call either the rectory office at 355-3134 or Fr. Mike Wolfe at 525-5297.

School News

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MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received donations to the School Angel Fund from Genevieve Robine and Robert Yohe, Jr. These donations will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school. Thank you to an additional Race for Education Gold Sponsor, the Bellefonte Elks, for their recent donation. We have raised **\$21,092.80** to date.

We would also like to thank Doug Moerschbacher of Doug's Rug Care for his recent donation of time and supplies to provide carpet services in several of our classrooms. We are very grateful for his willingness to provide these services on very short notice. Thanks Doug!

We have also received additional donations in **memory of Carol Lassman** from the following persons: Sarah Miller; Jane Galgoci & Harold Ficke.

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

GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

We recently earned **\$234.62** from Giant for the month of November. This brings our two-month total to **\$476.61**. Thank you to those who have registered. If you've already registered your Bonuscard in past years, you do not need to re-register. If you have never registered your Bonuscard, visit www.giantfoodstores.com and select Register to create an online account. After creating an account, select Manage Your Account and then Rewards & Savings. You'll need your 11-digit Bonuscard number and the St. John the Evangelist School ID #21186 to complete the school designation. After your card is registered, you will earn CASH for our school each time you shop at Giant using your Bonuscard!

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 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 Mass on Sunday, January 28, followed immediately by an Open House in our school. We invite everyone to join us in this celebration of Catholic education.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP CLASS

Religious Education Classes for students in the 11th Grade Confirmation Group are now on Holiday Break. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Classes are 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 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- visit www.waob.org for details. We are now scheduling "pray-ers" for our January slots. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or voiceofdivinemercy@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 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.

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 this **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**.

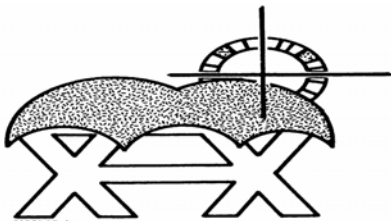
K of C SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

 **BELLEFONTE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus are proud to announce the recipients of their scholarships. The scholarships are given yearly to students of Our Lady of Victory Middle School and to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy. Also a \$250 scholarship to given to a Bellefonte Student of Catholic Education from Grades K—12. These Elementary Scholarship Winners are announced during Catholic Schools Week in January.

The Winners from Our Lady of Victory Middle School are as follows: 6th Grade: Kyle Yangula
7th Grade: Jayden Capparelle
8th Grade: Aaron Trexler

The Winners from St. Joseph's Catholic Academy are as follows:
9th Grade: Reece Bloom
10th Grade: Julia Nagle
11th Grade: Victoria Suhy
12th Grade: Jordan Dawson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNING STUDENTS!



**JESUS CAME IN THE
PAST, GIVING US THE
GREATEST PRESENT,
TO GIVE US A FUTURE.**

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