

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

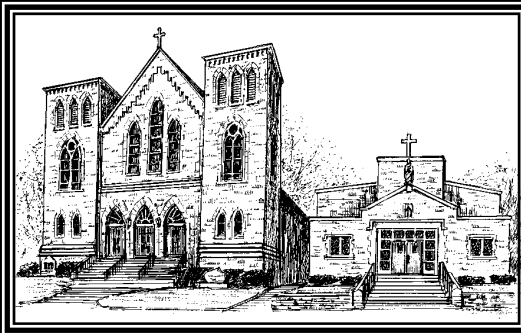
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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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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 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)

Tuesday, December 26th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, December 27th

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 28th

6:00 PM Barbara Louise Waite (The Family)

Friday, December 29th

8:00 AM Mary, Joseph & Andrew Debrasky (Stan,
Bonnie, Philip & Alan)

Saturday, December 30th

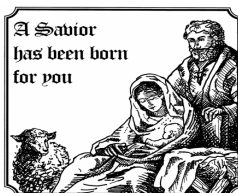
5:00 PM Donald Anspaugh (Anspaugh, Neidigh &
Kowalski Families)

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 AM Mario Truglio (Marilyn Houtz)
10:15 AM The Frank Fabach Family (Paul & Janet)
Oesterling)

Monday, January 1st, 2018 NEW YEARS DAY!

6:00 PM Joseph Kresovich (The Family)



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

A reminder that there will only be one Mass on Christmas Day.
It is scheduled for 9:00 AM.

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!

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

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



**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FROM FR. GEORGE**

**I WANT TO WISH ALL OF YOU
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
I FEEL SO BLESSED TO BE HERE
AT ST. JOHN'S. I WILL KEEP ALL
OF YOU IN MY PRAYERS THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, December 30th

Servers: Kyle Yangula & Samuel Yangula
Lector: David Files
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Truesdale & Julia Gardner
Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman

8:00 AM Sunday, December 31st

Servers: Carter Boone & Aiden Van Billiard
Lector: Jeffrey Drapcho
Eucharistic Ministers: Christopher Ross & Louise Manginell
Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman

10:15 AM Sunday, December 31st

Servers: Maura Sharer & Maria Cotter
Lector: Frank Densovich
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Pavone & Charles Witmer
Music Ministers: Jay Zimmerman

6:00 PM Monday, January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

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 **next Thursday,**
January 4th at 6:30 PM & 7:30 PM respectively in the
rectory basement.

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

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 12/17/2017**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,990.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,281.74
Children's Offertory:	\$ 42.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 11.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 86.20
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 8,410.94

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 10.00
Assumption Collection:	\$ 10.00
All Saints Collection:	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception Collection:	\$ 45.00
Christmas Flowers Donations:	\$ 80.00
Christmas Offering Collection:	\$ 1,266.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	\$ 1.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 1,422.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 9,832.94

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 1,064.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Catholic Charities Collection:	\$ 140.00
Religious Retirement Collection:	\$ 158.00
Diocesan Priests Medical Fund:	\$ 10.00

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



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CELEBRATING THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT!**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that the rectory office will also be **closed the day after Christmas, Tuesday, December 26**. The rectory days and hours for this week will only be Wednesday and Thursday, December 27th & 28th from 8:30 AM — 3:00 PM.

PARISH LASAGNA DINNER

Mark your calendars for the new 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!

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 Westery 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.**

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR & PRACTICE

Jay Zimmerman has again been having a **Children's Choir during this Christmas Season**. Yet this 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 our 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday afternoon for Christmas Eve**.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRY

We thank Fr. Bernard Olszewski, our visiting priest 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 a donation, the address is **Cross Catholic Outreach 2700 North Military Trail, Suite 240, PO Box 273908, Boca Raton, FL 33427-3908.**

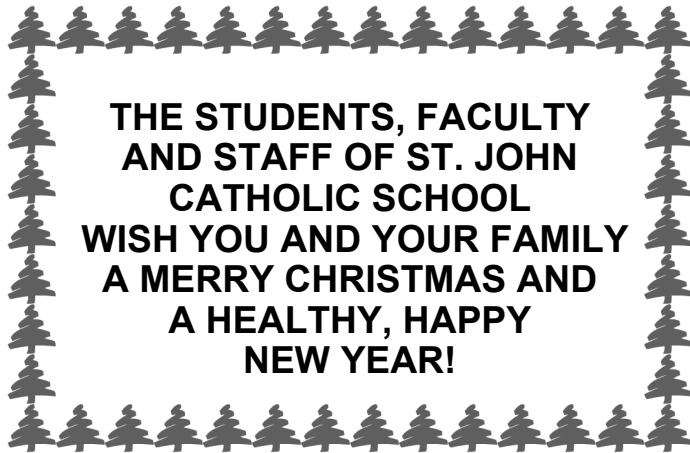
24TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Next month on **January 19th, 2018**, our 24th Annual ProLife/March For Life Rally will be held in Washington, DC. There will be 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. Please sign up early if possible.

If you are interested in participating in this Pro Life March to show your support of the unborn and life, please call either the rectory office at 355-3134 or Fr. Mike Wolfe at 525-5297.

School News

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MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Thank you to Joseph Pietrowicz who donated his time to make our celebration of St. Nicholas Day just a bit more special. We really appreciated his participation.

We have received a generous donation from Joseph & Patricia Boston to the Angel Fund. This donation will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school.

We have also received an additional donation in **memory of Carol Lassman** from Marilyn Bergner.

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



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 the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday, January 28, 2018, followed immediately by an Open House in our school.

We invite everyone to join us in this celebration of Catholic education.

To contact our school online, please go to www.saintjohnsch.net or call us at 814-355-7859.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten through 10th grades are held each Sunday morning from 9:00—10:00 AM. Classes are now on break until Sunday, January 7th, 2018. If you have any questions regarding our Religious Education Program, please contact our directors, Mark and Denise Leskovansky at 355-3278 or via email at mjl11@psu.edu.

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. Enjoy special Christmas programming beginning on Christmas Eve @ 5:00 PM and continuing throughout the octave season. On the production side, 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 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. God bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution 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 at Christmas.



CD of A JANUARY MEETING

The first Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting for 2018 will be held next Thursday, January 4th. The social will begin at 6:30 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. The social chairpersons for this month's meeting are Sara Nagel and Karen Pipta.

CD of A PRO-LIFE MASS AND ROSARY

On Thursday, January 25th, our 6:00 PM Mass will be a Pro-Life Mass sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Patrick McArdle #448. The Catholic Daughters will recite a Pro-Life rosary beginning at 5:30 PM before the Mass for the special intention of all aborted unborn babies who were never given life.

NO CENTRE CREST MASS ON JANUARY 1ST

Because the first Monday of the month falls on New Years Day, we will not have a Centre Crest Mass on that day. Check the bulletin next week for the date change.

NO ALL-DAY ADORATION ON JANUARY 1ST

Since our first Monday for January is New Year's Day, we will not have an All-Day Adoration scheduled for that day. Our next All-Day Adoration will be on Monday, January 15th.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST FEAST DAY

This Thursday, December 27th is the feast day set aside to honor our church patron, **St. John the Evangelist, Apostle and Evangelist.**

*****“THE BEST GIFTS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES!!!”*****



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