ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

The angel said to Joseph,
“Rise, take the child and his mother,
 flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.”
Matthew 2:13

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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

CONFESSIOIN
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
Thank you to all the families of CCD, parishioners, and the members of Catholic Daughters who donated to Jared Box collections. We made 95 Jared Boxes that will be donated to Geisinger Medical Center in memory of Douglas Russell who passed away from cancer in 1995. Thank you for all your generosity and love this holiday season!
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
No CCD classes on Sunday, December 29th. Enjoy your Christmas Break! Classes will resume Sunday, January 5, 2020. If you have any questions for K-8th grade, please call Mark & Denise Leskovansky at 355-3278. If you have any 9th or 10th grade questions, please call Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin at 355-4234.

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS
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.

HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS
Morning Group: Tuesday, January 14 at 9:00 am
Evening Group: Thursday, January 16 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, January 6th immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. It will close at 1:00 PM.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU
Thank you so much for your kindness and overwhelming generosity in making this another successful year for the Christmas Giving Tree (our 24th year!). With your help, St. John’s was able to help make Christmas a little brighter for over 300 area residents. Your gifts helped children and families from Bellefonte and Bald Eagle Schools as well as clients of FICS, Parenting Plus, Catholic Charities and many residents of Centre Crest. Thank you to everyone who helped to move and sort the gifts, load vans, and deliver to schools and agencies. May God bless you all in 2020. - Patty Correll

Knights of Columbus

BINGO!
The Knights of Columbus BINGO will be held Monday, January 13th 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.

BREAKFAST
The next Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast will be Sunday, January 19 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.

Parish News & Events

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

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

Sunday, December 29—No Class
Sunday, January 5, 2020—Class 11:15-12:30 pm
If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 355-4234.

11th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT
This year’s 11th grade Confirmation retreat with Fr. George and Shirley Boldin will be Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 9:00 am—5:00 pm. The retreat will begin in the school gym at 9:00 am and will include Adoration and spiritual talks. Lunch will be provided. The retreat ends after the 5:00 pm Mass and is mandatory for all 11th graders.

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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
The rectory office will be closed January 1, 2020.

Catholic Daughters

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS – MEETING
The Catholic Daughters will hold their next meeting on Thursday, January 9th. Social at 6:30 PM & meeting at 7:00 PM. Social chairs: Karen Pipta, Helen Lowry & Barbara Materna.
**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Where is the World's Largest Nativity Scene located? If you know, you could help your table win $400 at OLV Trivia Night on February 21, 2020. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Great night of food, drinks, raffles, live auction, fellowship, and trivia (of course)! Tickets: $35/ea or $270/table for 8. GREAT last minute Christmas gift! Check out www.olvcatholdschool.org/trivia for all the details. Follow us on Facebook. Proceeds benefit the OLVCS Athletic Program.

**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.

**ST JOE’S BASEBALL CLINIC**

Come Get Some Hits at the 2nd Annual SJCA Baseball Clinic. All boys and girls aged 8-14 are invited to join in this great one day baseball clinic on Saturday, January 4, 2020, 8:30-1:00 PM at the St. Joseph's Catholic Academy Student Life Center. Only $20! Space is limited, so sign up now at https://sjcasports.org/ (click on “Camps and Clinics” tab at the top of the page). For more info contact SJCA Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Jim Dinsmore, at baseball@stjoeacad.org. Proceeds benefit SJCA Baseball!

**For Weekend of 12/15/2019**

| ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED: | $8,503.00 |
| Loose Offertory: | $1,213.35 |
| Children’s Offertory: | $35.46 |
| Special Monthly: | $150.00 |
| Votive Candles: | $101.86 |
| ORDINARY TOTAL: | $10,003.67 |
| EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED: | $60.00 |
| Special Maintenance Collection: | $1,250.00 |
| Christmas Flowers: | $183.00 |
| Immaculate Conception: | $117.00 |
| Christmas: | $135.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary: | $15.00 |
| Local Family Assistance: | $725.00 |
| EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: | $2,485.00 |
| ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: | $12,488.67 |

**SCHOOL COLLECTION:** $969.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** (Diocesan or Other)

Religious Retirement Fund: $333.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**For Weekend of 12/22/2019**

No collection report available due to the early bulletin deadline for the Christmas holiday.

**CATHOLIC RADIO**

Make a New Year’s resolution to tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM! We once again extend our gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, Father O’Hanlon Council #4678. Their recent donation covered WJVM’s music licensing fees for 2020. Make a New Year’s resolution to offer a prayer for the Knights whenever you hear a sacred music selection. Also, pray for our local priests and Saint Joseph’s Catholic Academy during their hourly station IDs. We are now recording groups/families for our January prayer slots. If you would like to pray, 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. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout the winter.

**Please pray for those serving in the military:**

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Please watch upcoming bulletins and the St. John School 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 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.

THANK YOU to all St. John Catholic Parish and School families for your support throughout the past year.

The Students, Faculty and Staff extend our heartfelt wish that God’s blessings fill your heart and strengthen your family in the upcoming year.

Best wishes for a Healthy, Happy New Year!
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