

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
Rev. George I. Jakopac | Deacon Thomas E. Boldin

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

Daily: See Bulletin

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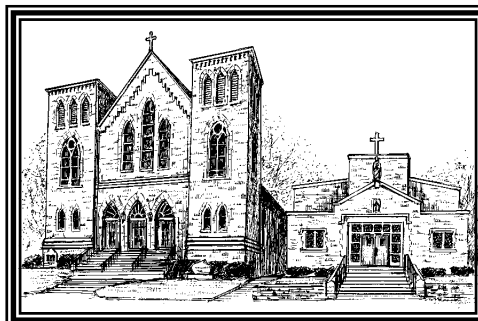
CONFESSION: Saturday 4:00-4:30PM

BAPTISMS: By Appointment

MARRIAGE: Notify Pastor

9 Months in Advance

R.C.I.A.: Call the Rectory.



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Masses for the Week



Saturday, December 29th

5:00 PM Joseph Kresovich (The Family)

Sunday, December 30th

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

10:15 AM Peter Priest (Ed & Erin Burke)

Monday, December 31st—Vigil-Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM No Mass

6:00 PM Steve Keller (Linda Fielding & Rich Struble)

Tuesday, January 1st—Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM Colin McAtee (The Family)

Wednesday, January 2nd

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, January 3rd

6:00 PM No Mass—No Communion Service

Friday, January 4th

8:00 AM No Mass—No Communion Service

Saturday, January 5th

5:00 PM Carol Lassman (Andy Swancer & Family)

Sunday, January 6th

8:00 AM Mary Jane Ramish (David & Betty Dodge)

10:15 AM Robert Bloom (St John School—Class of 2014)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, January 5th

Lector: Derek Rice

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley & Cindy Harter

Servers: Quinn Park & Jamesyn Kelleher

Music Ministers: Traditional Choir

8:00 AM Sunday, January 6th

Lector: Chris Ross

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Ross & Shirley Boldin

Servers: Henry & Evelyn St. Amant

Music Ministers: Stephen St. Amant

10:15 AM Sunday, January 6th

Lector: Paul Tobin

Eucharistic Ministers: Cliff & Doris Wurster

Servers: Anna Dello Stritto & Madison Kellogg

Music Ministers: Folk Choir

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Monday, January 7th** immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. It will close at 2:00 PM.

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish and Finance Councils will meet **Thursday, January 10th** in the rectory basement at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM respectively.

TAKING DOWN DECORATIONS

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the church **Monday, January 14th at 10:00 AM**. If you have some time, we would love the help.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS – MEETING

Catholic Daughters will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, January 3, 2019** in the School Auditorium. Social starts at 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. **Social chairs:** Karen Pipta, Rita Russell & Barbara Surovec.

FROM THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST BENEDICT

A few weeks back we had some very special visitors at our 8:00 AM Sunday Mass. Five Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict stopped for Mass on their way through to Chicago. They sent us the most charming letter. If you would like to send prayer requests or a donation to the Sisters they can be sent to:

**Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict
5900 W. 147th Street
Oak Forest, IL 60452**

Dear Pastor, Father George, and All the Parishioners,

We, the Sisters of St. Benedict wish to express our gratitude for your hospitality on November 25, 2018, when we were traveling from New York to Chicago. It was Sunday and we were looking for the church to attend the Holy Mass. The Good Lord led us right to your Parish for the eight o'clock Holy Mass.

What we had experienced in your community was beyond our imagination. First, you, the Pastor of this beautiful parish, greeted us so warmly with a big smile, offering us the gift of money, \$200 for the trip, which was very much appreciated. Some of you, the Parishioners added more money to our packet for gas and meals, and others were trying to invite us for breakfast, though we declined it due to our traveling. Still others tried to help us with the car which would not start.

We really have experienced the true spirit of Christian life. You are a community of people who know what it means to be the followers of Christ.

Allow us to take this opportunity during the holy season of Advent and Christmas, to express our deepest gratitude and wishes. May you, Father George and All the Parishioners, continue to walk so beautifully with Jesus and be the true witnesses of Christ's Love on earth. May your arms never to be empty but filled with the Christ Child whom you will continue to share with others, especially to the strangers, like us, people on the journey.

Thank you again. Be assured of our prayers in all your intentions. God bless you and may you have a Blessed Christmas filled with God's gifts and a Happy New Year!

Gratefully in Christ's Love,
Sr. M Bernarda with All the Sisters

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 12/16/2018**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

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| Adult Offertory: | \$ | 7,262.00 |
| Loose Offertory: | \$ | 885.36 |
| Children's Offertory: | \$ | 32.50 |
| Special Monthly Collection: | \$ | 230.00 |
| Votive Candles Donations: | \$ | 128.34 |
| ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL: | \$ | 8,538.20 |

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

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| Maintenance Fund: | \$ | 12.00 |
| Immaculate Conception: | \$ | 18.00 |
| Christmas Flowers: | \$ | 145.00 |
| EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: | \$ | 175.00 |

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ \$ 8,713.20

WEEK'S SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 1,196.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

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| Holy Name of Mary School: | \$ | 100.00 |
| Religious Retirement: | \$ | 181.00 |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 12/23/2018**

**No financial report available due to
the early publication deadline
for this week's bulletin.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph |
| Monday: | Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve |
| Tuesday: | The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day |
| Wednesday: | Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen |
| Thursday: | The Most Holy Name of Jesus |
| Friday: | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday |
| Saturday: | St. John Neumann; First Saturday |

GRADE 11 Confirmation Class

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

Sunday, December 30—No Class

Sunday, January 6—Class at 11:15 AM

If you have any 11th grade Confirmation questions, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin at 355-4234 or via email at stboldin@verizon.net.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes will take a break for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Classes will resume January 6, 2019.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD will take a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays. No classes on December 30th. Classes will resume next Sunday, January 6, 2019.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY— MASS TIMES

January 1, 2019 is the Solemnity of Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on:

Monday, December 31, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God

**HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS**

Morning Group: Tuesday, January 8th at 9:00 AM

Evening Group: Thursday, January 17th at 6:30 PM

This group lends mutual support to anyone suffering the loss of loved ones. Our meetings are held in the rectory basement and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information you may call Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755 or Connie Davis at 355-1280.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you for all the Christmas Flower donations. All the Christmas Flower envelopes "Given in Memory/Honor of" a loved one will be in a basket in the sanctuary during Christmas week.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 |
| Thursday: | 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34 |
| Friday: | 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42 |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51 |
| Sunday: | Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 |

School News

School Phone: 814-355-7859
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THANK YOU to all St. John Catholic School and Parish 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!

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received the following donations in memory of Delores E. "Dolly" Torsell: Karen & David Truesdale; Jean Reigh & Family; John & Margie Luckovich; John & Carol Houseknecht; Greg & Tina Wendt and Family.

We have received the following additional donation to the Angel Fund in memory of Vilma M. Anspauch: Paul & Nancy Kutches. This Angel Fund donation will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school.

Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and 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 10:15 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, January 27**, followed immediately by an **Open House** in our school. We invite everyone to join us in this celebration of Catholic education.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MILITARY

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.

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
SSgt Joseph Trimpey, U.S. Air Force; LT Jared T. Hallahan, U.S. Navy
SrA Floyd Meeker III, U.S. Air Force; Capt Jared Swancer, USMC
2LT Peter J. Muto, U.S. Army; SSgt Jacob Nieto, U.S. Air Force;
LtCol Gordon Frankenfield, U.S. Air Force; CMSgt Douglas Campbell,
U.S. Air Force.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

"March for Life" is **Friday, January 18, 2019**. We are now taking reservations for the 2019 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC. Pick up locations will be at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte, Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, and the Service Plaza in Breezewood. The cost is Student \$10/Adult \$15/Family \$30 and checks can be made payable to "Holy Spirit Parish." If you would like to attend you can print a reservation form online at holyspiritlockhaven.org/parish-news/upcoming-events or call St John's rectory at 355-3134 or Holy Spirit Parish Office at 570-748-4594. Waivers and payment are due before January 11th. Itineraries and waiver forms can be picked up in the rectory office. For any additional questions please call Holy Spirit Parish at 570-748-4594.

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 2019. 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 ID's. 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 voiceofdivinemeracy@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.

MEMORIAL DONATION RECEIVED

St John's Church recently received a donation in memory of **John Kormanic, Sr.**

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE—OPEN HOUSE

Mount Aloysius College will be having an Open House on **January 21, 2019**. You will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for your visit! Mount Aloysius's beautiful campus is located in Cresson, PA. RSVP by calling 814-886-6383 or 888-823-2220. Email admissions@mtaloy.edu.



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