

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

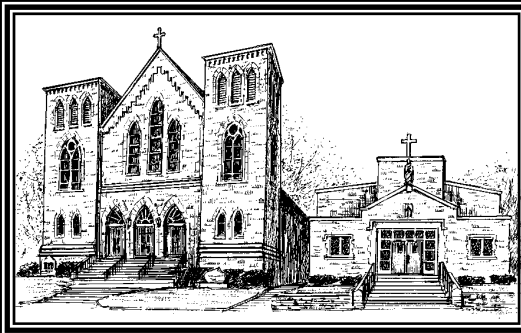
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

**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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**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 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)

### Tuesday, January 2nd

8:00 AM Colin McAtee (Mary Emily Smith)

### Wednesday, January 3rd

8:00 AM Communion Service

### Thursday, January 4th

6:00 PM The Spiritual Health & Welfare of Lola (Her sister Angela Monyngka )

### Friday, January 5th

8:00 AM Joseph Furfaro (Suzanne Egli)

### Saturday, January 6th

5:00 PM Anne & Henry Haranin (Mary & Etch Battista)

### Sunday, January 7th

8:00 AM Arlene Hamell (Sister, Helen & Lonnie Lowry))

10:15 AM Judy Kaschalk (Marty & Children)

## LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

### 5:00 PM Saturday, January 6th

**Servers:** Kathryn Gearhart & Gavin Chalfa

**Lector:** Derek Rice

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Connie McCulley & Linda Jabco

**Music Ministers:** Stephen St. Amant & Suzanne Egli

### 8:00 AM Sunday, January 7th

**Servers:** Sara McElhinny & Thomas McElhinny

**Lector:** Kristina Tice

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kristina Tice & Julia Gardner

**Music Ministers:** Adult Choir

### 10:15 AM Sunday, January 7th

**Servers:** Jayden Capparelle & Parker Capparelle

**Lector:** Lucia Stover

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janie Provan & Karen Truesdale

**Music Ministers:** Jay Zimmerman & Bonnie Grant

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

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

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**Our Website: [www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org)**

**MAY YOUR  
NEW YEAR BE  
ONE OF  
PEACE, LOVE,  
HEALTH AND  
HAPPINESS!  
MAY GOD  
SEND YOU  
MANY  
BLESSINGS  
TO ENJOY!**



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### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

**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 on January 1st at 6:00 PM.**

### PARISH / FINANCE COUNCILS

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

### CCD BREAK

**Our Religious Education classes are all still on a Holiday Break until after the new year.**

**Classes will resume next Sunday, January 7th, 2018!**

**Happy New Year to all our teachers and students!**

### 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 in January is New Year's Day, we **will not** have an All-Day Adoration scheduled that day. Our next All-Day Adoration will be Monday, January 15th.

### MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP OPEN FOR ANYONE

The Regional Youth Ministry is organizing two Fullington (55 seat) charter buses to go to the 24th Annual March For Life Rally at our nation's capital in Washington D.C. **The date of the Rally is Friday, January 19th. This event is to EVERYONE, regardless of age.** The cost of the bus trip is \$15.00 per adult (and non-students) and \$10.00 for students. The cost for a family is \$30.00. The first bus will be leaving from St. John the Evangelist Church parking lot by 7:00 AM and will be meeting with the other bus at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College. Both buses will be leaving there by 7:30 AM. The return trip should be between 10:00 & 11:00 PM. Light snacks and water will be provided on the bus. Please bring money for dinner. On the way back home, a stop is planned for the Golden Corral in Hagerstown, MD. Please sign up early if possible.

If you are interested in participating in this Pro Life March to promote and defend the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, please call either the rectory office at 355-3134 or Fr. Mike Wolfe at 525-5297 by Friday, January 12th.

### K of C BINGO

**Next Monday, January 8th**, the Knights of Columbus will hold their first Bingo night of the new year! The doors open at 6:00 PM for food and games of chance and for fellowship. **The Bingo games begin at 7:00 PM.** The cost to play is \$20.00 for 20 games. Come out for a fun evening and bring along a neighbor or a friend.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR WEEKEND 12/24/2017

**NO FINANCIAL REPORT  
IS AVAILABLE AT THIS PRINTING  
BECAUSE OF AN EARLY  
BULLETIN PUBLICATION  
DEADLINE**

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A HAPPY AND HEALTHY  
NEW YEAR!**

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

#### **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](http://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.**

#### **PARISH LASAGNA DINNER**

**Mark your calendars for this 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!

#### **COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MEETING**

The national non-profit organization of Compassionate Friends will meet **next Monday evening, January 8th. The meeting is held from 7:00—8:30 PM in the rectory basement.** This group offers understanding, friendship and hope to bereaved families and friends who suffer the death of a child of any age. If you have questions, please call Peg Herbstritt at 353-4526 or contact her via email at [mherb162@gmail.com](mailto:mherb162@gmail.com).

#### **CHAINS OF GRACE**

**The Chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.** —St. Francis de Sales



**MAY WE LOVE, LIVE AND PRAY AS THE HOLY FAMILY DID**

#### **"LECTIO DIVINA" GROUP**

The Lektion Divina Group will meet **this Wednesday, January 3rd.** For information about our "Lectio Divina" Group which meets in the church, please contact Randi Anderson via email at [randifelicity@gmail.com](mailto:randifelicity@gmail.com) or by phone at 335-7352. Everyone is invited to their meetings to see how you can have more personal, insightful Scripture reading experiences.

#### **GRIEVING GROUP GATHERING**

The monthly meeting of our "Healing Through Faith" Grieving Group will be held **next Tuesday, January 9th.** The group will gather in the rectory basement at 9:00 AM. Anyone who has lost a family member, a loved one or a friend is welcome to attend and share in the discussions. If you would like more information about these gatherings, please contact either Connie Davis at 355-1280 or Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755. They can also be reached via email at [connie.davis@comcast.net](mailto:connie.davis@comcast.net) or [eam2@psu.edu](mailto:eam2@psu.edu).

#### **OLV CATHOLIC SCHOOL INVITATIONS**

**CRUSADER ELITE 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** Boys and girls in grades K-6 are invited to join in for the first annual 3 on 3 tournament at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School gym **this Wednesday, January 3, 2018.** Divisions include K/1st grade, 2nd/3rd grade, 4th/5th/6th grade. The cost is \$50/team or \$15/free agent (individual). On line go to [www.olvcatholicsschool.org/3on3](http://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/3on3) for more information and to register. Proceeds will benefit OLV Athletics.

#### **OLV VOICE NEWSLETTER**

**Faith Families, OLV Day Recap, Middle School Athletics, and Engaging STEM Clubs...It is all in the new issue of OLV Voice!**

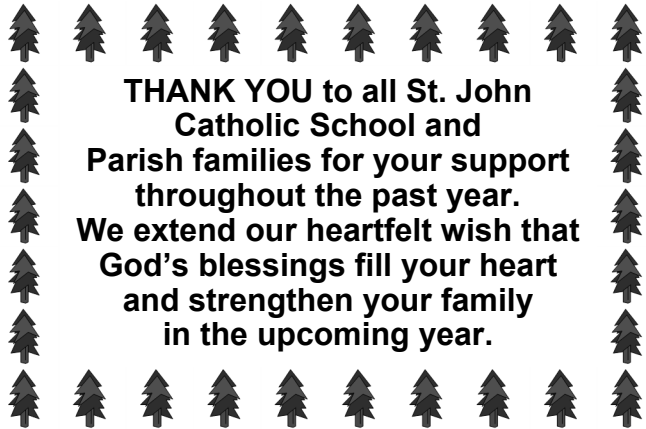
Go to [www.olvcatholicsschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicsschool.org) to download the latest issue of this newsletter about Our Lady of Victory Catholic School. **Enrollment is NOW open for our Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year.**

#### **2ND ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

**What car was popularized in the movie, Back to the Future?** If you know, then you might just win big at the 2nd Annual Trivia Night **on Friday, February 9, 2018!** **The doors open at 6:30 PM and the competition begins at 7:00 PM.** There will be beer, wine, cash prizes and much, much more! To become a sponsor or purchase tickets for this fun event, go to [www.olvcatholicsschool.org](http://www.olvcatholicsschool.org). All proceeds will benefit the OLV Athletic Program.

# School News

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**THANK YOU to all St. John Catholic School and Parish families for your support throughout the past year. We extend our heartfelt wish that God's blessings fill your heart and strengthen your family in the upcoming year.**

## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We have received an additional generous donation from Joseph & Patricia Boston to the Angel Fund. This 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 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.

To reach our school website, please go to [www.saintjohnsch.net](http://www.saintjohnsch.net) or call us at 814-355-7859 during school hours.

## BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we just celebrated. We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

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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 in St. John School classrooms. Classes are now on break but **will resume next Sunday, January 7th.**

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](mailto:mjl11@psu.edu).

## **11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION GROUP CLASS**

Religious Education Classes for students in the 11th Grade Confirmation Group are on Holiday Break. **Classes will resume next 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net) or call them at 355-4234.

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## **TUNE INTO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM**

### **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 2018. 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. **(i-Phone & Android apps for the stations are available- visit [waob.org](http://waob.org) for details.)** We are now recording groups/families for our January prayer slots. If you would like to pray, contact Sheryl Balkey at [voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofdivinemercy@gmail.com) or call her at 238-6288. 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.



## **CD of A JANUARY MEETING**

The first Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting for 2018 will be held **this Thursday, January 4th** in St. John School Auditorium. **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 special pro-life intentions especially to end the killing of babies through abortions.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST REPORT**

 On December 10th the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus held their 3rd annual Toys-For-Tots Breakfast. They served 200 people. Many people brought toys to donate and gave a cash donation as well. The pile of toys collected was incredible! It was wonderful to see the line of people at the door who came to attend the breakfast. The Knights would like to thank everyone who attended, who brought toys for the kids, who gave extra donations and all those who helped make and serve the breakfast. Many less fortunate children will receive these donated toys to give them a merrier Christmas this year.

**TIME: Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.**

—Benjamin Franklin

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