

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

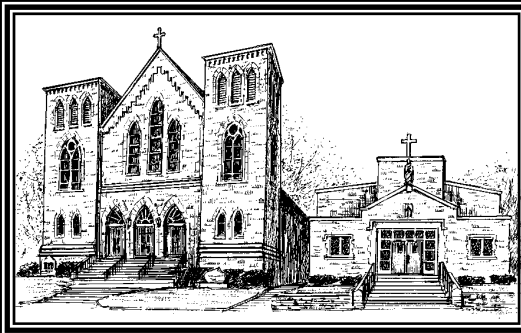
134 East Bishop Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

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, February 24th

5:00 PM Donald Anspauch, Sr. (Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, February 25th

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Melchiorre Family (Lonnie & Helen Lowry)

10:15 AM Pauline Auman (The Family)

Monday, February 26th

9:00 AM Ralph Capparelle (Larry & Vicky Wolfe)

Tuesday, February 27th

8:00 AM Frank Tessitore (Marilyn Bergner)

6:00 PM Holy Hour with Bishop Mark

Wednesday, February 28th

8:00 AM Rita Klinger (Mary Emily Smith)

Thursday, March 1st

6:00 PM Paul Catalano (The Novitsky Family)

6:30 PM Lenten Scripture Class

Friday, March 2nd

8:00 AM Theresa Riglin (Christin Jocson)

6:00 PM Confessions at St. Kateri (*Location Change*)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3rd

5:00 PM Robbie Hillard (Connie & Frank Vicente)

Sunday, March 4th

8:00 AM Dolly Pelick (The Supina Family)

10:15 AM Judy Kaschalk (The Tom Bender Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTER/SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, March 3rd

Servers: Gavin Chalfa & Brandi Carmack

Lector: David Files

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Music Ministers: Folk Choir

8:00 AM Sunday, March 4th

Servers: Carter Boone & Lara Oden

Lector: Jeffrey Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Music Ministers: Adult Choir

10:15 AM Sunday, March 4th

Servers: Joseph Maggs & Peter VanCise

Lector: Bibiana Polak

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

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

YOUTH HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK

There will be a Holy Hour with Bishop Mark for all of our high school CCD students this Tuesday, February 27th. This "Eucharistic Adoration" will start at 6:00 PM in the church.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL 9TH AND 10TH GRADE CCD STUDENTS AND CONFIRMATION STUDENTS IN 11TH GRADE.

Parents: Please have the students arrive at least 15 minutes early. The evening will also include confession. Others are welcome to attend, but **confession will only be for the high school students.** There is a reception for the students following the Holy Hour in the School Auditorium. This would be a great opportunity for the students to meet with and talk with Bishop Mark. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom or Shirley Boldin at 355-4234 or via email at stboldin@verizon.net.

LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE:

Thursday evening at 6:30 PM: A Scripture Class

Fr. George will speak on the Psalms (immediately following the 6:00 PM Mass) in the school auditorium.

Friday evening at 6:00 PM: Confessions (St. Kateri)

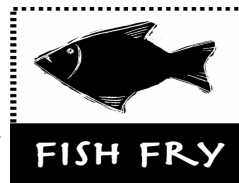
PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND WILL BE HELD AT ST. KATERI PARISH.

Friday evening at 7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross.

FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

Fish Fry dinners are served from 4:00—7:00 PM in St. John's School Auditorium. The dinners are Eat-In or Take-Out. Adult dinners are \$10.00. Children's dinners are \$5.00 for ages 6—12. **Kids age 5 and under eat for Free!** The dinners include

beverages and desserts. They are prepared and served by our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 and by our Knights of Columbus Council #1314.



ALL DAY ADORATION

Our next All-Day Adoration will be held **next Monday, March 5th.** It will begin immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. It closes at 2:00 pm.

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE IN LANCASTER

The SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE in Lancaster has a new production called '**JESUS**'. Our church has scheduled a bus trip for **Wednesday, April 25th** for arrival to attend the **11:00 AM showing.** Our Fullington Trailways **bus will be boarding in front of St. John's Church at 7:00 AM.** A stop is planned for supper at the Golden Coral Restaurant. The cost of the trip is **only \$100.00 per person** which **includes a show ticket, your supper meal and your transportation.** **Payment is due at the time of your reservation. Checks should be made payable to St. John Catholic Church. Reservations and payments can be placed in the collection basket through Sunday, March 25th (or dropped off at the rectory office).** For any questions or concerns, please call Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755. Space is limited so please make your reservations as soon as possible.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **next Sunday, March 4th.** It will be held in the rectory basement from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.** This class is for **first time parents from both St. John and St. Kateri parishes and for godparents as well.** If you have additional children, no additional classes are required. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Tom Boldin at 355-4234 or via email at stboldin@verizon.net. To schedule a baptism, please call the rectory office at 355-3134.

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Our Website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR WEEKEND 02/18/2018**

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$ 6,996.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,613.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 44.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 30.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 148.52
ORDINARY COLLECTION TOTAL	\$ 8,831.52

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance Fund:	\$ 101.00
Catholic Register Contributions:	\$ 252.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 353.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA DEPOSIT TOTAL: \$ 9,184.52

SCHOOL COLLECTION AMOUNT: \$ 897.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Others)

Black & Indian Missions:	\$ 220.00
Holy Name of Mary Foundation:	\$ 351.00

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

"DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT"

The Dynamic Catholic Institute has a **free daily email program** that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the best version of yourself. Instead of giving up chocolate, let **Best Lent Ever** inspire you to live out your faith on a deeper level. This program offers inspiring videos, practical tips and many simple prayers to promote growing closer to Jesus and deepen your faith. Just go to **BestLentEver.com** and sign up to receive your daily messages, plus much more.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN BREAKFASTS

Every Wednesday during Lent the Council of Churches is sponsoring a light breakfast along with a short Lenten devotion. These Breakfasts are held at the **Trinity United Methodist Church on West Howard Street here in Bellefonte** from **7:30 AM to approximately 8:15 AM**.

There is no fee, but donations are accepted. If you have any questions, contact Frank Densvich at 355-4658 or email him at **densvich@verizon.net**.

**LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

Do you know a woman who feels over-tasked, anxious, frayed, burdened, distracted, fragmented, tossed or turbulent? Maybe all of the above? Could that be you? Consider attending a retreat and dive together with other women into the story of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:41) and reflect on what is essential. This **Women's Retreat for Lent** will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Grays Woods Boulevard (just off Rt. 99) in State College. **Dr. Joanne Cahoon**, a professional Spiritual Director and Consultant, will lead this Women's Retreat Day. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 17th beginning at 8:30 AM** and closing around 3:30 PM. Take a day during Lent to readjust your focus and renew your heart in preparation for Easter glory. For more information or to register, please contact Good Shepherd by calling 238-2110 or contact them via email at **goodshepherd@dioceseaj.org**. The cost to register by March 5th is \$25. March 6th or after, the cost is \$30 per person. Lunch will be provided.

TUNE INTO WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM FOR LENT

The Lenten homilies of Bishop Robert Barron and his fellow bishops are featured on the "Heralds of Faith" program that air weekdays at 9:30 AM and noon. (**Free i-Phone & Android apps for the station are available- visit waob.org for details.**) We are now scheduling groups/families for our March prayer slots. We thank Lucia Stover and the Clement Family for their recent chaplet recordings. If you would like to pray or receive our monthly programming e-blasts, contact Sheryl Balkey at **voiceofdivinemercury@gmail.com** or 238-6288. Your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804.

PRO LIFE BABY SHOWER BINGO

You are invited to a Baby Shower Bingo. This Baby Shower Bingo, held in support of Pro Life, is sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas. It will be held in the School Auditorium **next Sunday, March 4th**. The Bingo games begin **at 1:00 PM**. The cost to attend is only \$5.00 plus a new, unwrapped baby item. The afternoon will include a Gift Bag Raffle, a 50/50 drawing and shopping at approximately 12 various vendor booths. Plus light refreshments will also be served. All proceeds from this event will benefit 3 local pro-life charities. Mark your calendar and plan to attend next Sunday. It's a great way to spend a fun afternoon and help a worthwhile cause as well. See the flyer in this weekend's bulletin.

"LECTIO DIVINA" GROUP MEETS NEXT WEDNESDAY

The "Lectio Divina" Group will meet again **next Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 PM** in the church. This group meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. If you have questions, please call Randi Anderson at 335-7352 or email **randifelicity@gmail.com**.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT: PETS COME FIRST

PETS COME FIRST is asking for donations to help local animals! Items needed are the following: Dawn Dish Detergent, Paper Towels, Bungee Cords, Zip Ties, Dry Kitten Food, Canned Dog or Cat Food, Purina 1 Dry Dog Food and 9 Lives Cat Food. Donations can be placed in the marked container located in the vestibule of the church. **Donations will be accepted through THIS Sunday, February 25th**. See the poster on our church bulletin board with more information. Thanks for helping with this worthy community project.

CCD LENTEN PROJECT: JARED BOXES...CAN YOU HELP?

The following Religious Education classes: Kindergarten, First, Third, and Seventh Grades will be collecting items to make up Jared Boxes as their 2018 Lenten project. The Jared Boxes will be donated to the Mount Nittany Advocacy Group. Items that can be donated include but are not limited to the following: crayons, pencils, coloring books, travel size games, notebooks, journals, play dough, lotions, etc. Any given item must fit into a 6-quart container or a 14" x 8" container. Perishable items or dolls cannot be accepted. **If you would like to help, a donation box will be located in the church foyer.** Items may also be brought to the school during our CCD classes over the next few Sundays. The Jared Boxes will be put together during the class time on March 18th.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE REPORT

As you may recall, last year in April we publicized information on the changing of the annual diocesan campaign formerly known as the Annual Catholic Appeal. The improved campaign called the Catholic Ministries Drive, began last July and continues to collect pledges made and/or donations through June of this year. The 2017/18 campaign target amount set by Bishop Mark for St. John Church was \$53,408, a lower amount than previous years. **With all of your generous pledges and donations, we have gone over our goal!** The diocese recently mailed us a check for the overage so far of \$2,796.00. These over-the-goal funds (and any more received through June) will now be used for our own parish needs. **Thank you** to all who have made pledge payments and/or one-time donations to this fund which was restructured to provide revenue for a specific group of vital ministries. These ministries included *Caring for the Poor & Strengthening Families, Nurturing Our Youth, and Forming Clergy & Laity*. **Your generosity is very much appreciated.**

School News

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MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We appreciate the generosity of our alumni and would like to thank Edward Mulfinger for his generous donation in support of Catholic education, specifically to assist students/families with purchase of school lunches.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parishioners are invited to join St. John School as we pray the Stations of the Cross **each Friday at 1:00 PM during Lent**, with the exception of Holy Week. During Holy Week, our 4th Grade Class will present two **Live Stations of the Cross, one on Wednesday, March 28 at 10:00 AM and the other Good Friday at 7:00 PM.**



KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

Please call the school office if you have not registered for our Kindergarten or Pre-K for next year. Classes are filling quickly, so don't delay in getting your child(ren) registered.

Children must be five years old before September 1, 2018, to be eligible for Kindergarten. You must bring birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records and a \$75 non-refundable fee with you to register. For more information about our Kindergarten program or to schedule a tour with the Principal, please call Tina in the school office.

Children must be three or four years old before September 1, 2018, to be eligible for the three-year-old and four-year-old Pre-K Program, respectively. Students currently enrolled in the three-year-old Pre-K must re-register for the four-year-old class. Please be sure to bring birth certificate, immunization records and a \$75 non-refundable registration fee with you to register. Please call Tina in the school office at 355-7859 for more information.

DIRECT YOU PA TAXES TO ST. JOHN SCHOOL!

The PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program or EITC allows businesses and qualified individuals to re-direct their PA taxes to approved Scholarship Organizations like St. John Catholic School. If you are interested in learning more, please stop by and see Ellen Konkle after any Mass next Sunday, March 4th. She will be available after the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services to provide information and answer questions. You are also welcome to reach out to Ellen with any questions or to obtain more information via her email at ekonkle@gmail.com or via phone at 814 571-0576.

EITC is a wonderful way for you to support St. John Catholic School and to keep your taxes in the local community.

ST. JOE'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY POSITION AVAILABLE

There is a Theology and Campus Ministry position available at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy. The School is seeking a qualified individual to lead the campus ministry program and to teach theology classes for the 2018-19 academic year. Candidates must have a background/education in Theology or Religious Studies. Candidates may send a resume along with a cover letter to Jean Kozak, Interim Head of School to the following email address: jkozak@stjoeacad.org.

THE SURLY BIRD

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. I guess.....
"The surly bird catches the germ."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES PROJECT

Last fall, Centre Crest residents listed several needed and/or wanted items. Students and teachers in our CCD Classes responded. Both big and small boxes of tissues were collected as well as puzzles, boxes of colored pencils, pencil sharpeners and seek-n-find books. In total, 128 items were collected and delivered to Centre Crest in November. **Thank you** to all CCD students, parents and staff who participated in this community project.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTER NEWS

CD of A MARCH MEETING DATE & LOCATION CHANGE



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their March meeting at Sunny Days located on the Benner Pike **next Wednesday, March 7th**. The social will begin at 6:30 PM & the meeting begins at 7:00PM. Hostesses for this meeting are Jennifer Gill & Mindy Terpak. **Not**

yet a Catholic Daughter member? Interested women of the Parish are always WELCOME to attend ! Please plan to come.

CD of A FOOD BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

Attention all Catholic Daughters: Please bring your donations for the Spring Food Basket Raffle to any Fish Fry or to the school auditorium **this Tuesday, February 27th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**. Mark your items "CDA Raffle" so they may be designated properly. They can also be brought to the Catholic Daughter meeting on March 7th at Sunny Days on the Benner Pike. If you have any questions, please contact either Gerry Dreese or Marian Wayne.



DIVINE MERCY ROSARY RECITATION

The Catholic Daughters will pray the Divine Mercy Rosary **next Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 PM in our Church**. This rosary will be recorded and prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

All members of our parish are invited to attend and join in praying this Rosary. The air date of this recording will be Tuesday, March 13th at 11:00 AM and at 11:00 PM and can be heard on radio stations WJVM 90.3 FM & WEJO 104.7 FM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

KNIGHT AT THE RACES HORSES & SPONSORS



Next month our Knights of Columbus Group will again sponsor the popular yearly event "KNIGHT AT THE RACES" on **March 24th** at the Milesburg Community Center. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the post time for the first race is 6:15 PM. The "Races" is a fun, family friendly evening. In addition to the 12 horse

aces and a few other games, there will be raffles, Chinese auction, gift card boards, a silent auction and live auction and rip tickets available. There will be a concession stand with food and drinks and you can bring your own food in as well. The \$5.00 entry fee includes complementary soft drinks and \$5 of "funny money". Prior to the event, if you would like to sponsor a race, the cost is \$60 and a great way to advertise your business. To purchase a horse is \$15. You can obtain information from any Knights of Columbus member or call Terry Neidigh at 355-7836 OR Sam Brezler at 353-4241 for info and to obtain a form.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus are always accepting new members. Membership in the Knights has many benefits including Family, Youth, and Religious Activities; Scholarship Opportunities for Members and their Children; and Community Service; to name a few. Membership Dues are only \$35 each year and you can participate in any amount of our various programs and activities as your schedule allows. One of our lesser known benefits is our optional insurance programs, which is why the order began in 1882. Many members of St. John's Church already belong and we'd love to add more to our ranks. K of C is not a secret society, but simply a group of Catholic Gentlemen who work together to support our parish and community as well as our families. ***This year our Council #1314 in Bellefonte celebrates 110 years of service*** to the Bellefonte, Bald Eagle, and Penns Valley Communities. If you are a practicing Catholic man that is at least 18 years old and are interested in joining or have any questions, please ask a Brother Knight at a Fish Fry, Breakfast, or Bingo. We can also be reached at bellefonteknightsofcolumbus@gmail.com

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