

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

FIRST SUNDAY

OF
Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockerow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



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NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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

CONFESSION:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.—4:30 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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

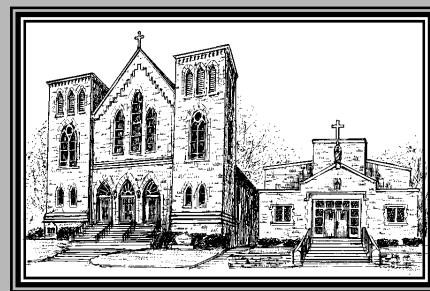
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Fridays: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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Kristina Tice

Mark & Denise Leskovansky

David Harry

Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin

Natalie Stanton

Joe Baummer

Masses for the week

Saturday, November 28th

5:00 PM Haranin & Ivicic Families
(Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, November 29th

8:00 AM The Dunn/Egli Families (Suzanne Egli)
10:15 AM Elsie & Sam Nastase (The Miller Family)

Monday, November 30th

9:00 AM Joseph Shutica (Robert Shutica)
**Please note—No School— public is welcome to this Mass.*

Tuesday, December 1st

8:00 AM Robert Uncapher (The Family)

Wednesday, December 2nd

8:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, December 3rd

6:00 PM Timothy Kurutz (Doris Mayers)

Friday, December 4th

8:00 AM Emro Drapcho (The Family)

Saturday, December 5th

5:00 PM Judy Kaschalk (The Family)

Sunday, December 6th

8:00 AM Vilma Anspauch
(Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)
10:15 AM Steve Kutches (Dave & Miss)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle this week is in **Memory of Emro Drapcho** requested by the Family.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for **2021** is now open for booking. Please call or email the rectory to schedule your intentions.

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 5 5:00 PM Natalie Stanton
Sunday, Dec. 6 8:00 AM David Harry
Sunday, Dec. 6 10:15 AM Joe Lexon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th—Christmas Eve*

2:00 pm Children's Mass

The Bishop has allowed an earlier start time. Strongly recommend that only those bringing young children attend this Mass.

Evening Masses:

5:00 pm | 7:00 pm | 9:00 pm

Friday, December 25th—Christmas Day

9:00 am

*Note: All Christmas Eve Masses will be on YouTube and overflow may attend in the gym. Seating is 1st come 1st serve.

Christmas Confessions

Please take advantage of Confession early!

Friday, Dec 11th 6:30PM-7:00PM
Extra Priest Available
(we will have 6PM Mass that night)

Saturday, Dec 12th 10AM– 10:30AM
Extra Priest Available
4PM—4:30 PM
Extra Priest Available

Thursday, Dec 17th 6:30PM-7:00 PM

Friday, Dec 18th 9AM-9:30 AM

Wed, Dec 23rd 6PM-6:30 PM
"Last Chance"

Religious Education

CCD Schedule (through December)

Nov 29 NO CCD
Dec 6 Lower Grades (K-6)
Dec 13 Upper Grades (7-11)
Dec 20 Lower Grades (K-6)
Dec 27 NO CCD

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15-12:30 pm in the school auditorium.

Sunday, December 6—No Class

Sunday, December 13—Class 11:15-12:30

Questions- please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or email at stboldin@verizon.net.

Parish News

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. John's 25th annual Giving Tree project has begun. This program helps to provide gifts for area children and families as well as elderly residents in nursing homes.



The "angels" are in the back of the church. Please take an angel if you are sure you can return the gift by Dec. 13th.

All of the gifts should be returned wrapped with the angel attached to the outside. **If your gift is a gift certificate in a card or envelope, please do not leave it in the back of church with all the other packages.** Consider wrapping it in a larger box or bag or drop it off at the rectory.

Each year, we usually have about 4-6 angels that are not returned. Gifts still need to be bought for these angels. If you would like to give a financial donation to help with the cost of providing gifts for the ones that are not returned, please drop off your donation in the collection or to the rectory.

Return gifts to the back of church on the weekends of Dec. 5th and 13th only. Please do not return gifts before December! All gifts must be received by 11:30 on Sunday Dec. 13th to ensure delivery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **Sunday, December 6, 2020** from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the rectory basement. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom Boldin at stboldin@verizon.net.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Adoration will be **Monday, December 7th from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM.** Come and spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord.

For Weekend of November 22, 2020

No collection report available
due to the early bulletin deadline.

*If you have any offertory envelopes, please mail them
to the rectory or drop them in the box on the
steps of the rectory office.*

Catholic Daughters



MEETING

Our next CDA meeting will be held on **Thurs, Dec 3, 2020** starting promptly at **6:30pm** since there is no social. For this meeting we will experiment with a Zoom Meeting. Pam Callahan has provided a Zoom Link to those members that have an email address via e-blast.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass schedule for the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation:

Monday, December 7 - 6:00 PM (Vigil)

Tuesday, December 8 - 9:00 AM

ADVENT GIFT

During the Advent season, a gift will be available **for each parish family** to enjoy and share with others. Each gift will include a Matthew Kelly book, a rosary, a Litany of Trust prayer, a home blessing kit, a St. Benedict medal, holy water, and a brown scapular, each intended to help deepen home devotion and prayer. Each family is free to pick one up to take home. Take one for yourself and one for a friend as an act of evangelization. The gifts will be in the vestibule.

OPLATKI

Christmas Oplakti is now available for purchase in the rectory. \$5 for a pack of 4 wafers. Each wafer is 3" x 6". The tradition: Carrying "oplatek" from house to house was an old Polish custom for families to wish their neighbors a Merry Christmas. As each person shares this bread, they are asked to forgive any hurts that may have occurred over the past year and to wish the person all possible health and happiness in the coming year.

Diocesan News & Events

CATHOLIC RADIO

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM this Advent!

The WAOB family of stations offers special programming and Advent homilies by a number of our nation's bishops during this time of preparation. 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.**

St. Paul Class via Zoom

This 6 week course, taught by Christopher Klopp, investigates the life and writings of St. Paul within the context of early Judaism. Classes will begin Tuesday, January 5, 6:30-9:00 PM. Costs for this class include a registration fee of \$45 and the required book *Paul A New Covenant Jew*, by Brant Pitre, which can be purchased online at Amazon.com or through the Office of Lay Ministry for \$35. Also suggested, but not required is the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament* available online at Amazon.com. For further information and to register for this class please contact Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome to attend! Please register by December 16, 2020

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church of Penns Valley

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www.stkaterichurch.org

Rev. George Jakopac, Pastor
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Mass Time—Sunday at 12:00 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29th

12:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 6th

12:00 PM Frank & Mary Jane LaNasa (Miller Turner)

Sunday, December 13th

12:00 PM James West (Bob & Shelly Ash)

To schedule a Mass intention please contact St. John's rectory at saintjohnsoff@gmail.com or call 814-355-3134.

CHILDREN'S MASS

The Children's Mass has been moved to **Sunday, December 6th**. The CCD students will participate in Mass with reading and music. Please plan to attend this Mass to support our students!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The annual CCD Christmas pageant will be held **Sunday, December 20th** during Mass.

TUESDAYS Communion Service/Holy Hour

Communion Service at 11:00 AM. Adoration to follow until 12:00 PM. **Next service: Tuesday, December 1st.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

Nov. 15 \$ 904.00

Nov. 22 \$ Not available due to early bulletin deadline

DECEMBER CONFESSION

Confession will be offered at St. Kateri on **Sunday, December 13th at 10:30 AM.**

Christmas at St. Kateri

With all of the regulations due to the Covid Pandemic which severely limits our seating capacity, we unfortunately cannot have Christmas Eve Mass at St. Kateri this year. I apologize for the disappointment and inconvenience caused by this decision. It is simply a matter of numbers. We can only safely fit 100 people in St. Kateri's for the Mass. Also, St. John's capacity has been cut in half, but we are able to project the Mass via YouTube in the gym which helps us accommodate more people. So, the decision comes down to whether I hold a Mass at St. Kateri for 100 people or one at St. John's for potentially 300 people. For the greater good, it is wiser to have that extra Mass at St. John's.

~ Fr. George

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CCD NEWS

Schedule for 1st-8th grades:

Sunday, Nov. 29— No CCD

Sunday, Dec. 6—CCD Classes

Please pray for those serving in the military:

LT Steven Wright, U.S. Navy
SSG Matthew Bickle, U.S. Army
CPT Nicholas Taylor, U.S. Army
LTC William Smith, U.S. Army
LT Patricia Wilson, U.S. Navy
TSgt Joseph Trimpey, U.S. Air Force
SrA Floyd Meeker III, U.S. Air Force
ILT Peter J. Muto, U.S. Army
SrA Shane Kaschak, U.S. Air Force
AIC Ethan Scicchitano, U.S. Air Force

CPT James Bickle, U.S. Army Reserve
Maj T.J. Valley, USMC
CWO James Decker, U.S. Navy
Amn Chandler Ross, U.S. Air Force
ENS Matthew Goodpaster, U.S. Navy
LT Jared T. Hallahan, U.S. Navy
Maj Jared Swancer, USMC
CMSgt Douglas Campbell, U.S. Air Force
PO2 Andrew Kaschak, U.S. Navy
TSgt Jacob Nieto, U.S. Air Force

SGT Toby Dugal, Army Nat'l Guard
LtCol Tim Jackson, USMC
CPT Jacob Jude Pipta, U.S. Army Reserve
Maj Alaina Valley, USMC
LCPL Hunter M. O'Neil, USMC
ILT Alexis Franks, U.S. Army
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, U.S. Army
LTC Jason Meier, U.S. Army
SPC Christian Callahan, PA Army Nat'l Grd
CPT Andrew Malia, USMC

SGT Brad D. Coder, Army Nat'l Guard
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard
PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army National Guard
ZLT Caleb Gindhart, U.S. Air Force
LtCol Gordon Frankenfield, U.S. Air Force
SSgt Kristina Roberts, Air Force Guard
LT Joshua Malia, U.S. Navy
SSgt Eric Roberts, Air Force Guard
SFC Eric Callahan, U.S. Army

~ 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.

St. John School News



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SCHOOL MASS

Monday is our school Mass day, but for safety reasons, all school Masses this year will be closed to anyone who is not a student or staff of Saint John School. To maintain social distancing for our students and staff, the entire seating area of the Church will be at capacity. We will live-stream the Mass for those of you who wish to join us from home. The link for the live stream on Monday, December 7 is: <https://youtu.be/aVaMMRzQjfs>

RACE FOR EDUCATION

Our 12th annual Race for Education truly was the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time)! This year's event raised \$32,539, which is more than any of the previous Race for Education fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who helped us nearly double our goal. We are extremely grateful for your continued support. Together we are...**SAINT JOHN STRONG**. Mrs. Tice will get to spend her day outside with her goat friends once the weather warms up. Thank you to the Dechow Family for offering to share their goats with us for that day. The students and staff are very excited for that fun event!

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

-Welcome to **Mrs. Rachelle Weiser** who recently joined our St. John School family as a School Aide, assisting us in whatever ways needed in the hallways, classrooms, cafeteria and at recess. We are extremely grateful that she has joined us in the care and education of our students during this very difficult year.

-Thank you to **Mrs. Ann Cavanaugh** who recently retired as our crossing guard after 15 year of faithful service in all temperatures and all weather conditions. Mrs. Cavanaugh's kind and concerned manner is definitely missed by the many students and parents that ask about her every day. We are grateful for her dedication to our school and the safety of our students. **Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement!**

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD

Each year during Catholic Schools Week, we honor an alum of Saint John School with the National Catholic Educational Association Distinguished Graduate Award. This award, that honors the achievements of Catholic elementary school graduates, was created as "a means of highlighting the people, who as adults, put into practice the values and ideals they learned in their Catholic elementary school." We are currently accepting nominations for this year's award. If you would like to nominate a former graduate of our school for this recognition, please send your nomination to sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net.

Previous Distinguished Graduate Awardees:

1995 – Mary Kathryn Zong Badger
1996 – Patricia J. Kersavage Mauk
1997 – Patricia A. Kohlbecker Mulfinger
1998 – Rose M. Quaranta Miles
1999 – Helen M. Brosky Jabco
2000 – Richard A. Fornicola
2001 – Tanya N. Lidgett Packer
2002 – Joseph R. Hartle, Jr.
2003 – Francis J. Bonfatto
2004 – Carol M. Luckovich Fisher
2005 – Regina E. Hartle Zellers
2006 – John H. McCulley
2007 – Deacon Thomas E. Boldin
2008 – Sr. Lila M. Sciabica
2009 – Francis G. Plozner
2010 – Marian E. Rider Wayne
2012 – Helene A. Allen Sheckler
2013 – Barbara L. Waite Carver
2014 – Edward A. Mulfinger
2015 – Captain Granger K. Benson, USMC
2016 – Carl R. Capparelle
2017 – Patricia A. Coder Hillard
2018 – Anthony C. Roland
2019 – Francis G. Clemson
2020 – John T. Saylor

The students, faculty and staff of Saint John School pray that everyone enjoyed a Thanksgiving filled with happiness, health and many reasons to give thanks. God Bless You!

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Thanks so much!
Liz