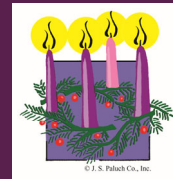


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 20, 2020 | Fourth Sunday of Advent



IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM BISHOP MARK ON COVID-19 VACCINES

Excerpts from *Proclaim!* article by Tony DeGol:

Bishop Mark Bartchak is joining other bishops in the United States in clarifying recent confusion regarding the "moral permissibility" of vaccines for COVID-19.

According to Bishop Kevin Rhoades and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, vaccines from Pfizer Inc. and Moderna did not involve the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue from an aborted baby.

Bishop Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, is the chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine. Archbishop Naumann of Kansas City is the chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Bishop Mark echoed the message from Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann.

"Church teaching prohibits the direct use of cells taken from aborted babies, but that is not the issue here," the Bishop said. "I am confident in advising people that based on research by qualified experts in moral theology and bioethics that the vaccines by Pfizer and Moderna appear to be acceptable for use by Catholics according to official Church teaching."

He also urged his fellow Catholics to remain vigilant.

"We must always continue to advocate for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, and the faithful should make known to researchers and pharmaceutical companies to observe this fundamental principle concerning human life and not use cells from aborted babies," Bishop Mark urged.

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:

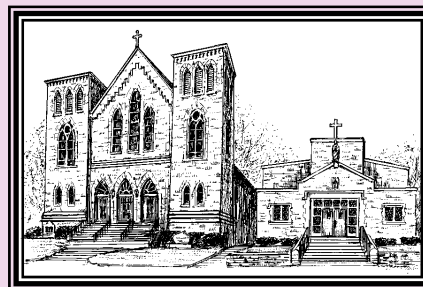
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Fridays: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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Masses for the week

Saturday, December 19th

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

Sunday, December 20th

8:00 AM Jerry Robine (Wife, Genevieve)

10:15 AM Jerome Basalla (Wife, Genny)

Monday, December 21st

9:00 AM Frank Menna (The Brezler Family)

***Please note—This Mass is open to the public.**

Live stream: <https://youtu.be/NygNI-5fr8I>

Tuesday, December 22nd

8:00 AM No Mass

Wednesday, December 23rd

8:00 AM No Mass

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM—Confession

Thursday, December 24th

2:00 PM Toni Nastase Sr. (The Family)

5:00 PM Margaret Rogus (Rosie & Mary Lou)

7:00 PM Owen & Bessie Herniman (Dick & Nancy Taylor)

9:00 PM Priests & Deacons of the Altoona-Johnstown
Diocese (Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Friday, December 25th—Christmas Day

9:00 AM Nellie Dunn & Family (Suzi Egli)

Saturday, December 26th

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Priests (Anonymous)

Sunday, December 27th

8:00 AM Barbara Louise Waite (The Family)

10:15 AM Frank Menna (Jeff & Cindy Field)

Christmas Schedule



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

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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.

"Last Chance" Confession

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd @ 6PM-6:30 PM

***Please note:**

**There will be NO regular Confession on
Saturday, December 26th at 4:00 pm.**

**Regular Saturday Confession will resume
January 2nd from 4:00 pm—4:30 pm.**

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 24	2:00 PM	Natalie Stanton
	5:00 PM	Joe Lexon
	7:00 PM	Stephen St. Amant
	9:00 PM	David Harry
Friday, Dec. 25	9:00 AM	David Harry
Saturday, Dec. 26	5:00 PM	David Harry
Sunday, Dec. 27	8:00 AM	Natalie Stanton
Sunday, Dec. 27	10:15 AM	Natalie Stanton

RECTORY OFFICE— Holiday Hours

The rectory office will be closed:

Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 23-25

Back to regular office hours Monday the 28th

Merry Christmas from the office staff! Liz & Doris

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Parish News

Wishing everyone a Merry, Holy Christmas and many blessings for 2021! Thanks for all your support and participation in the parish!

*All the best—
Fr. George Jakopac*

CCD RETURN DATE **January 10, 2021** **Grades 7-11**

We will be resuming CCD classes on Sunday, Jan 10th. That week is for the Upper Grades 7-11.

YEAR-END TAX LETTERS

Looking ahead to tax season. We are making a change to how parishioners receive their year-end donation letter. **NEW THIS YEAR**—If you would like to receive a year-end donation letter for your taxes, please email the rectory at saintjohnsoff@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, please call the rectory at 355-3134 to make your request. Email is preferred. We will then mail your letter to you. This decision was made with the support of the church Finance Council.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be **NO Adoration** on **Monday, December 21st**. We will resume Adoration on Mon, Jan 4 from 10AM—1PM.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Share in the gift of WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM this Christmas! Enjoy special Christmas programming beginning on Christmas Eve @ 5pm and continuing throughout the octave season. 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**. God bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution to support our spiritual work of mercy. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers at Christmas.

For Weekend of December 13, 2020

No collection report—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.

Christmas Flowers



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Given in Memory/Honor of:

Jack Fellin; Barbara & Robert Kucas; 1st Sgt. Stephen Kucas; Mark Kucas; Dorothy & George Kucas; Helen Northamer; Dottie Dodds; Deceased family members; M/M Lawrence Pavone; M/M Daniel Melville; Sister Marie McTarnoghon; Deceased of the Rouss Family; Charles E. Robertson; Ann V. Robertson; Donald & Vilma Anspauch; Ivicic Family; Anspauch Family; Neidigh Family; John & Margaret Burke; Aurelio Andrade; Luz Andrade; Joe Gardner; Dan Boone; Bill & Wilma Suelter; Chet Materna; Jack & June Raleigh; Anthony J. Golis; Marie A. Golis; Thomas A. Golis; Timothy Golis; Emmanuel Akpodia; Richard Akpodia; Cecilia & James Akpodia; John Oghojewe; Douglas J. Russell; John & Gerry Russell; Joseph & Luci Fodor; Agnes Bordas; Sandra Mullens; Michael R. Rudella; Paul Rodosky; Elizabeth Rodosky; Roger Hasselman; Mary Hasselman; Eugene Nagel; Jane Nagel; Joseph Hartle Family; Al Hartle Family; Ed Houtz Family; Tony Masullo; Dick Lambert; Betty Jo & Bill Hall; Deceased of Masullo Family; Deceased of Lambert Family; Deceased of Yearick Family; Matt Fultz; Lisa Fultz and Family; Deb Stitt; Chuck Stitt and Family; Alfred & Violet Nowicki; William & Evelyn MacMath, Jr; Betty & James Raws; Matthew Wellheuser; Suzanne Raws; Louise & Sam Ray; Richard & Colin McAtee; Don & Donna Musser; Brian, Jennifer, Mitchell Ray; Catherine & Charles Simco; Margaret & Paul Saxion; The Granite Family; The Pipta Family; The Basalla Family; The Renda Family; David & Lilian Litz; Herbert Reese; Doris Capparelle; Ralph & Mary Capparelle; Francis & Rose Plozner; Doris Capparelle; Ralph & Mary Capparelle; Angelo & Nancy Russell; James Malia; Mary & Ralph Capparelle; Albert & Josephine Ebeling; Waite & Schlegel Family; Drees Family; Thomas Farrington, Jr; George & Cecilia Zong; Dorothy, Lydia Belle; Dorothy, Sophie "Abel/Dawson"; Charles; Fredrick; Walter; James; Barr-Polansky Family; Michael Polansky; Shelby Arroyo; Gilbert H. Brezler; Edith N. Brezler; Joseph Moseri; C. Moseri; Dr. Hugh Rogers; Michael & Julianna Kersavage; Roseanna Kersavage; Robert Kersavage; Jonathan Halderman; M/M Stephen Gasper Jr; John R. Sweda; Mary Gasper; Genevieve Tychinski; Dawna Antolick; Dorothy Sweda; Dorothy & Ollie Kohlucker; Ira Mulfinger; Harry & Annie Hassinger; Robert Davidson; Christina Hull; Rev. Bernard Mully; William Cruse; Robert & Rita Schiesler; Laura Moyer; Ambrose & Katherine Brem; Edward Thorne; Sam & Verna Borello; Clinton & Sylvia Swartz; Anthony & Lena Quaranta; Richard Yost; Jason Carroll; Paul & Emily Beck; Paul Beck; The Melchiorre Family; The Eilert Family; Mario Truglio; Richard & Miriam Meier; Jeremy Herbstritt; Owen Herniman; Bessie Herniman; Richard Taylor; Jean Taylor; Barbara Louise Waite; C. Merrill Waite; Patricia Waite Riglin; Marcella & Harvey Hoover; Deceased members of Copenhaver Family; Steven & Verna Luckovich; Jerry Luckovich; Marlin & Dorothy Fisher; Chesterann Monko; James Roland; Mary Hoover; Judy Kaschak; James Stehle; Evelyn Stehle; Zachary Tice; M/M Jos. J. Cingle; M/M Stephen Surovec; Sr. Elizabeth Kochik; Fr. Bernard O'Malley; Anna Mae Zetts; Connie Petrof Surovec; George (Mick) Harris; Mary E. Harris; Marion Stringer; Agnes Wilson; Mary Kushwara; Michael Kushwara; Anna Kushwara; Peter Kushwara; Deceased members of Heisler & Rohrbach Families.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church



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Mass Time—Sunday at 12:00 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20th

12:00 PM Florence & Sylvester Gibas
(The Gover Family)

Sunday, December 27th

12:00 PM Vicki Frederick (Bill & Sandy Rockey)

Sunday, January 3rd

12:00 PM People of the Parish

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

TUESDAYS Communion Service/Holy Hour

Communion Service at 11:00 AM. Adoration to follow until 12:00 PM. **Next service: Tuesday, December 22nd**

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

Dec. 6	\$ 2,180.00
Dec. 13	<i>Not available at time of printing</i>

CCD NEWS

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PRAYER TO ST. KATERI TETAKWITHA

St. Kateri, Star of the Native People and bright light for all!
We thank God for your heroic courage, constant perseverance
and deep love of the Cross.

Pray for us that our love for Christ may deepen.
And may we imitate you in following God's will even when difficulties arise.
In Jesus's name we pray.
Amen.

St. John School News



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MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

-We appreciate the generosity of our alumni and would like to thank **J. Ronald Hughes** for his donation in support of our students and Catholic education.

-We have received a donation to the Angel Fund from **Genevieve Robine**. This donation will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This is a week designated to celebrate what makes Catholic Schools special. Please watch upcoming bulletins and our website for information regarding Catholic Schools Week at the end of January.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a part time job, two hours a day, Monday through Friday? A job that will put lots of smiles and sunshine in your day?

Bellefonte Borough Police Department has openings for the position of **Crossing Guards** at the elementary schools, including here at Saint John School. Applications can be picked up in the Bellefonte Borough Police Department office Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm. Applicants must pass all background clearances.

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 21 is: <https://youtu.be/NygNI-5fr8I>

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

*The Students, Faculty and Staff of
Saint John the Evangelist
Catholic School
wish you and your family a
Merry Christmas and a
Healthy, Happy New Year!*

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
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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.

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