

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PO Box 159
3503 Penns Valley Rd,
Spring Mills, PA 16875

May 3, 2026/Fifth Sunday of Easter



MASS SCHEDULE

St. John: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

St. Kateri: Sunday 12:00 p.m.
Weekday: Varies—see weekly Mass
schedule

CONFESSION

St. John: Saturday: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
St. Kateri: First Sunday: 1:00 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

CONTACT US

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www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org
www.stkaterichurch.org

Join us on FlockNote!
Text "SJ814" to the number 84576

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, VF, Pastor |
Deacon Tom Boldin
Fr. Joshi Narisetti, HGN, Parochial Vicar
Lorraine Fello and Rose Truglio: Office Staff
Kristina Tice: St. John School Principal
Religious Education:
Tony and Paula Roland: Directors-St. John
Millie Turner: Director -St. Kateri
Confirmation Program:
Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin: Directors-St. John
kb Boomer: Director-St. Kateri
David Harry: O.C.I.A. Coordinator
Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator
Joe Baummer: Maintenance

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the rectory
O.C.I.A.: Call the rectory
Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months
in advance

St. John Masses for the week

Saturday, May 2 St. Athanasius

8:00 AM Recently Deceased

5:00 PM Lee Marshall (Gingher Family)

Sunday, May 3

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Helen & Henry Grote
(Fabian & Monica Grote)

Monday, May 4

9:00 AM Mary Gindhart
(St. John's in Stitches)

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 AM Debbie McDonald (Nagel Family)

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, May 7

6:00 PM Charlotte Burcin (Cynthia Danks)

Friday, May 8

8:00 AM Bill & Molly Sieg
(Jim & Cay Hoy Family)

Saturday, May 9

5:00 PM All Law Enforcement living &
Deceased (Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Sunday, May 10

8:00 AM Sylvia Swartz (Susan Swartz)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, May 9 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Pavone/Cindy Hallahan
Lector: Doreen Koleno
Servers: Mallory White/Cameron Niemann
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, May 10 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Art & Deb Ardire
Lector: Art Ardire
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
Music: Traditional

Sunday, May 10 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Paula & Tony Roland
Lector: Lorraine Fello
Servers: Evelynn Martin/Alec Rudella
Music: Folk

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, May 3

12:00 PM Walter Johnson (Johnson Family)

Tuesday, May 5

11:00 AM Mary Kaminski & Alice Kraus
(Daughter & Daughter-in-law)

Sunday, May 10

12:00 PM Tom Klana (Diane Klana)

The ROSARY is prayed before Mass most Sundays beginning at 11:30 am. Why not come a little early to church that day to pray the rosary to Our Lady with us! Contact Millie Turner (mlt3557@verizon.net) If you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

ST. KATERI MINISTERS

Lector

May 3: Deb Cusatis
May 10: kb Boomer

Eucharistic Minister

May 3: Sister Judith
May 10: Millie Turner

Hospitality

May 3: Connie Corl & Celina Jovel
May 10: Mother's Day- no hospitality
May 17: Diane Brown, kb & Rick BB

GREETERS WANTED: at St. John and St. Kateri

We are interested in setting up a system where parishioners greet other parishioners and guests as they enter the church before the scheduled Masses. The commitment would be for a half hour before the scheduled Mass time on the day and time that you normally attend. Frequency would be once every other month. Individuals, couples and families are invited to participate. Contact the Parish office if interested.

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM:

The Vocation Crucifix will be available to travel from home to home for one-week intervals. During that week the host family will be asked to make a special effort to pray together with emphasis on an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as a clear understanding as to the vocation Christ is calling each family member. A booklet of prayers will accompany the crucifix. Sign-up by calling or emailing the Church Office.

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2026:

Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are June 14, September 13, and December 13. For additional information or questions contact Deacon Tom Boldin at 814-355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or email stboldin@verizon.net

Weekly events

Mon. May 4
Thurs. May 7

9:30 AM Adoration
6:30 PM CDA Meeting

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, lunch will be served, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. Final deadline for Registration is May 27 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all! If you cannot golf, but would like to make a donation, contact our offices. Thank you!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER INDOOR YARD SALE

May 16, 8am-2pm

The Catholic Daughters will be holding a one-day indoor yard sale in the school auditorium. Yummy ham and cheese sandwiches will also be sold! Stop by and check out the various items for purchase!

PRAY FOR AMERICA: The prayer group will be meeting after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, May 17 th in the rectory basement. All are welcome! Please join us to pray 'The Divine Mercy Chapel' as well as prayers for America and any special intentions. Copies of the Pray for America prayer booklet are available in the entryway of the church. Email Stan and Tanya at tsechrist260@comcast.net with any questions.

ST. JOHN'S IN STITCHES FUNDRAISER

St. John's in Stitches will be holding a "Christmas in May" Sidewalk Sale Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16 from 8am-1pm on the sidewalk in front of the church during the Bellefonte Community Yard Sale. We will be selling Christmas nativity sets, wreaths, decorative snowmen and more. These items were donated to our group from the private collection of St John's parishioners Jim and Nancy Swartzell. You don't want to miss this sale!

Family Hospice Seeks New Volunteers Family Hospice is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Volunteer and Bereavement Coordinator Carole Palmer at 814-569-9193 or palmerc5@upmc.edu

ST. JOHN MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Received in Memory of
Owen Herniman
From Bonnie & Dave Hampton

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of April 26, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,357.80
Loose Offertory:	\$ 2,302.25
Special Monthly:	\$ 117.00
<u>Votive Candles:</u>	<u>\$ 171.50</u>

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 9,948.55

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Cemetery	\$ 1,358.00
<u>Maintenance:</u>	<u>\$ 492.00</u>

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,850.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 11,798.55

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 777.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Jesus Calls	\$ 350.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 187.00
Mother's Day	\$ 1,309.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 365.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

April 19, 2026	\$ 1,168.00
Food Pantry Donations	\$ 107.00
April 26, 2026	\$ 1,429.00
Food Pantry Donations	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00

\$30,360.00 as of March 31, 2026

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00

\$10,365.00 as of March 31, 2026

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CATHOLIC FAMILY FAITH NIGHT at the SPIKES BASEBALL GAME

Friday, June 19, 2026

6:35 PM (Gates Open at 5:25 PM)

Discounted Field Box Section 203 Tickets: **\$13.00**

National Anthem (before the game) and God Bless America (7th inning stretch) will be performed by adults and youth members of the Parishes/Schools

Please Contact: Chris Kirkpatrick @

chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or call 814-237-7832 ext. 421 for information and reservation.

P.S. you don't have to sing to join in the FUN. Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church/Spikes game. 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. Deadline is June 10th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE
FEATURES FOR MAY:

FABRIC Blowout! Several tables of fabric all at 50% off.

We have Shorts, Capris and Sleeveless Tops for the upcoming warm weather.

Check out our display of prom gowns, wedding dresses, and men's suits!

Are you looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? To learn more about joining our team, please call 814-867-3131 or stop in and ask for the manager. We need Donation Greeters for Saturdays (10 am to 1 pm) and to fill in as substitutes. Cashiers and Sorters are also needed for various days. Training will be provided.

The Thrift Store is open Monday through Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Donations are accepted Monday through Thursday, 10 am – 3:30 pm and Friday and Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm ONLY.

Centre Gives 2026. The 15th annual Centre Gives, the highly successful online giving event sponsored by Centre Foundation, will take place from 8 am May 6th thru 8 pm May 7th. Why participate in Centre Gives? The event includes a large stretch pool that will be distributed to participating organizations based on the total donations they receive. St. Vincent de Paul is a participating organization. So, donating to SVdP or to your favorite non-profit during Centre Gives will enhance your donation! Go to <https://centregives.org/organizations> to participate.

PILGRIMAGE TO ALASKA WITH FR. BRIAN

Travel with Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor of St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bellefonte, PA on our pilgrimage to Alaska

Where: Anchorage, Lake Hood Harbor, Alaska Railroad Depot, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Whittier, Skagway, AK, Juneau, AK, Ketchikan, Vancouver

Trip Dates: Sep 04-13, 2026

Cost: \$5,699.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508)

340-9370. You can also register online at

www.proximotravel.com

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY 2026

Registrations for our diocesan summer camp, Camp Zachaeus (Grades 4-9) and are now being accepted!

Camp Z as it is fondly referred as, is an amazing week-long camping opportunity that offers participants An opportunity to learn more about their faith while enjoying the great outdoors.

A week full of FAITH~FUN~FRIENDSHIP!

Funds are available to help give campers the blessing of Camp Z!

We do not want any child to miss camp because of financial concerns.

Due to the generosity of many of the faithful in our diocese there are Angel Fund scholarships available to help offset the cost of camp for any family who is interested. Every year we have had a pool of donors that continue to support the Angel Fund. We have been very blessed that we have never have had to turn any down any family that wanted to send their child to Camp Zachaeus or Camp Timothy. Any family that would like to apply for a scholarship is encouraged to do so.

Camp Zachaeus – July 19-24, 2026

For more information or an application, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646 or at fswope@dioceseaj.org.

MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at the Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

KNIGHT'S BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

The Bellefonte Knights of Columbus Council 1314 will kick off their 5th Annual Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign MOTHER'S DAY weekend May 9th -10th. Members of the Knights will be at all the church entrances before all masses passing out the "Children Are A Gift" Baby Bottles

Please support this critical campaign by taking one of the bottles and filling it with your spare change, cash or checks over the following six weeks and return them on Father's Day weekend June 20th -21st. The Knights thank you for your continued support.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

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

ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all of our amazing spellers who participated in our Saint John School Spelling Bee! A special shoutout to Samantha Davidson, our 1st place winner, and to Jeremiah Cleaver, who earned the title of first runner-up. We're proud to announce that Samantha will represent Saint John School at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on May 7th. Our eight fourth and fifth grade finalists were: Sadie Brown, Jeremiah Cleaver, Crew Cunningham, Samantha Davidson, Audrey Hallman, Ali Nasoni, Nathan Snyder and Karina Turco.

MAY CROWNING:

All parishioners are invited to join our students on Monday, May 4, during the 9:00 am School Mass for the May Crowning celebration

WHOLE SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT AND ART SHOW:

All parishioners and families are invited to join our students on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00pm for a Whole School Music Concert and Art Show. We will begin with the Music Program in the Church and then transition to the school for the Art Show.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL - PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/REGISTRAR POSITION OPEN FOR 2026-2027:

We share both gratitude and a bit of bittersweet news with our school community. After 20 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Tina Wendt will be retiring from her role as our School Office Manager and Registrar. For two decades, Tina has been the heart of our office, welcoming families, supporting students and staff, and gracefully navigating the many needs, demands, and changes that come each day. Her kindness, steady presence, and deep love for Saint John School have touched countless lives. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school family and wish her every blessing in this next chapter. As we celebrate Tina's well-earned retirement, we are also seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant/Registrar to join our team. This position plays a vital role in the daily life of our school, serving as the first point of contact for families and supporting essential office and registration functions. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact the school office.

Please join us in thanking Tina for her years of faithful service!

EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) PROGRAM:

Let your PA tax dollars help Saint John School! We have partnered with RedefinED Advisors to help local businesses and individuals direct 90% of their already owed tax dollars to help Saint John School through the Educational Improvement Credit (EITC). Please contact Brooke Sheesley if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-270-1871 | brooke@redefiningeducation.org | redefiningeducation.org

MAY CROWNING

Monday, May 4th

9 a.m. Mass

followed by the crowning of
Our Blessed Mother



SAINT JOHN FAMILIES

Please send fresh cut flowers to school with your children on Monday, May 4th. Flowers will be arranged into vases for our classroom May altars.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS!

April 22nd Bishop Mark Confirmed 54 students from St. John and 6 from St. Kateri.

April 25th 23 of our students received their First Communion at St. John's.

April 26th 4 of our students received their First Communion at St. Kateri.

Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped bring them to these special days in their Faith Journeys.

VOCATION CORNER

FIFTH SUNDAY EASTER

John 14:1-12 calls us to a vocation rooted in **trust**. Jesus urges His followers not to be troubled but to place their confidence in Him. He reveals Himself as **the way, the truth, and the life**, reminding us that vocation begins in relationship, not achievement. To see Jesus is to see the Father, and our calling is to make God visible through our lives.



Empowered by Christ, we share in His mission, doing "greater works" as signs of God's presence in the world.

If you sense an invitation to consider the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at email: vocations@dioceseaj.org.