

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

August 17, 2025/ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Weekday: Varies—see weekly  
Mass schedule

St. Kateri Church: 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday

## CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

## *RECTORY OFFICE HOURS*

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY CLOSED

## CONTACT US

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin

Fr. Joshi Narisetti, HGN, Parochial Vicar

Lorraine Fello and Rose Truglio: Office Staff

Kristina Tice: St. John School Principal

Tony and Paula Roland: Directors of Rel. Ed.

David Harry: O.C.I.A. Coordinator

Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin:

Confirmation Directors

Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator

Joe Baummer: Maintenance

## SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Baptism: Call the rectory

O.C.I.A.: Call the rectory

Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months  
in advance

# Masses for the week

## **Saturday, August 16**

**5:00 PM** Raymond Rose & Effie Mae Neidigh  
(Neidigh Family)

## **Sunday, August 17**

**8:00 AM** Fred Buttenschon  
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

**10:15 AM** Kristina Cleaver  
(Kim & Rich Fornicola)

## **Monday, August 18**

**9:00 AM** Fr. Eddie Morin (Fr. Brian)

## **Tuesday, August 19**

**8:00 AM** Barb Surovec (A Friend)

## **Wednesday, August 20** St. Bernard

**8:00 AM** Emma Russino (Fr. Brian)

## **Thursday, August 21** Pope Pius X

**6:00 PM** Peter Suelter  
(Daniel & Barbara Materna)

## **Friday, August 22** Queenship of Virgin Mary

**8:00 AM** James Ficarro (Kathleen Ficarro)

## **Saturday, August 23**

**5:00 PM** Mary Capparelle (Vickie Wolfe)

## **Sunday, August 24**

**8:00 AM** Consuella Koenig Geiser  
(Her Loving Family)

**10:15 AM** People of the Parish

## **Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music**

### **Saturday, August 23 5:00 pm**

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/Mike Pavone  
Lector: Marie Lingle  
Servers: Cameron Niemann/AJ Cleaver  
Music: Natalie Stanton

### **Sunday, August 24 8:00 am**

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Trimpey/Barry Pearce  
Lector: Kevin Trimpey  
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Sara McElhinny  
Music: David Harry

### **Sunday, August 24 10:15 am**

Eucharistic Ministers: Leoni Martins/Kevin King  
Lector: John Hillard  
Servers: Kamdyn Brungard/Michael Herzing  
Music: Youth

# Religious Ed News

## **ATTENTION 9th, 10th and 11th GRADE STUDENTS –**

For the past three years the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been working to update the preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Confirmation revision involves all ninth, tenth and eleventh grade religious education students, Home School students and St. Joseph's students. Father Brian and the Confirmation Team will be having a meeting to introduce the new Confirmation preparation process on September 7th after the 10:15 Mass. \*It is required that the Candidate and at least one parent be present\*

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

**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 chalice. Sign-up by calling or emailing the Church Office.

**BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2025:** Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. Class dates for 2025 are September 14, December 14. 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sunday, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53  
Monday, Weekday  
Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday, Weekday  
Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday, Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday, Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope  
Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14  
Friday, Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday, Weekday  
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12  
Sunday Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**MASS INTENTIONS** Going forward Mass Intentions for an individual intention by a particular individual/family will be limited to 5 Mass intentions for the year to be published in the Bulletin. Mass Intentions above that for the same individual will be said by concelebrating Priests but will not be published in the Bulletin.

# Weekly events

Monday August 18

9:30 AM Adoration

**ADORATION NOTES:** If you come to the Church for Adoration and the Blessed Sacrament is not exposed, please check with the Church Office. The Eucharist may not be exposed if no one is present, so if Father is unable to fill the time, it must be reposed until someone arrives.

## Box of Joy 2025

St. John's in Stitches sewing group is excited to coordinate the Christmas **"Box of Joy"** program again this year. Our goal is to provide **150 shoeboxes** for children (in 3 age groups: 2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs, 10-14 yrs) in Haiti and Central and South America. The shoeboxes will be filled with various items like school supplies, toys and necessities. While the program won't start in earnest until the end of August, we didn't want to miss summer sales and summer related items that are currently in the stores. If you are interested in shopping now, please consider the following items:

- ~ Shorts and t-shirts (ages 2-14, both male and female, light-weight material)
- ~ Hats - bucket and baseball
- ~ Summer Dresses
- ~ School Supplies (crayons, notebooks 4"x6" or smaller, stickers, flashcards, small board books)

**Please note that we already have plenty of flip flops, sunglasses and glue sticks from last year's collection. We do not need any of those items.**

What to do with your items? You can either hang on to them until we set out collection bins or you can drop them off at the rectory office. Look for our official Box of Joy kick-off in August. Thank you!

**2025 Wedding Anniversary Liturgies:** Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years** of Marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21 in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 28 in Johnstown at St. John Gaulbert Cathedral**. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location **begin at 2:00 PM**. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families.

**Reservations must be made through our parish office for either celebration by Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Call the rectory office to register at 814-355-3134.**

# Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 3, 2025

## ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,359.70
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,674.00
Latin Mass	\$ 190.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 330.09
Votive Candles:	\$ 159.75

**ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 9,713.54**

## EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 60.00
Cemetery	\$ 40.00
Maintenance:	\$ 706.00

**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 806.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 10,519.54**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 65.00**

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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Assumption	\$ 125.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$
Missionary Coop	\$ 1,030.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

**\$54,600.00**

**\$34,885.00 as of June 30, 2025**

**OCIA Classes begin in September!** If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) class will begin in September. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. These sessions are not only for those who have decided to join, but also those who are curious about the faith – all are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact the rectory office, or RCIA coordinator David Harry at 814-880-8427 or at centreplayhouse@aol.com. We are also looking for faithful Catholics interested in joining the RCIA team – we need people to help with the program and to serve as sponsors for our candidates and catechumens. We look forward to hearing from you!

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

P.O. Box 159, 3503 Penns Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875 | [www.stkaterichurch.org](http://www.stkaterichurch.org) | Rev. Brian Saylor, Pastor

**Mass is celebrated Sunday at 12:00 Noon | Confession: 1st Sunday after Mass (1:00 pm)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 17

12:00 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, August 24

12:00 PM

Ann Butz (56th Wedding  
Anniversary of Ann & Larry Butz)

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

August 17

Jim Hodgson

August 24

Shelly Ash

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

August 17

kb Boomer

August 24

Deb Cusatis

## WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

(regular & online)

August 3, 2025 \$ 1,555.50

August 10, 2025 \$ 956.00

ROSARY at St. Kateri 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](mailto:mlt3557@verizon.net)) if you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a Communion Service this Tuesday, August 19th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

## 2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

**\$8,500.00**

**\$18,550.00 as of June 30, 2025**

Thank you and shout out to Patchwork Farms – Eda and Scott Case, for donating the beautiful flowers to decorate the outside of our church. Also, thank you to the Simply Blessed Farm workers who come over weekly to weed and take care of the flowers. Please patronize them when you can as they will not take any payment for doing this work. Also thank you to Liz and Mandy Stoltzfus and Millie Turner for planting the flowers in the spring. Our little church in the valley looks beautiful.

Bellefonte Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone for your overwhelming support of our 4th Annual Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign. In a time, after Roe, when many people think the need to support women before, during and after abortions is diminishing, parishioners at St John's and St Kateri have again proven them wrong. This year you have generously donated \$7824.02. An awesome testament to your belief life begins at conception. This year we will be donating to the Diocesan Respect for Life Committee, ELMs, Gabriel Project, Citizen's Concerned for Human Life, PRC and Pa Pro-Life Federation/ Education. You are the ones that make it possible for us to help support these local groups. The Knights want to thank you again for generously supporting life through our Baby Bottle program.

## NOTARY SERVICES

Michael Levandoski, a local attorney and parishioner at St. John's, is offering free notary services to St. John's parishioners as a service to the parish. He is in Bellefonte every Wednesday, and can be reached at [mlevandoski@mkclaw.com](mailto:mlevandoski@mkclaw.com) to schedule an appointment.

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025.

Important Notice: We are taking reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The cost of the Bus is \$70.00 per person and does not include meals or the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at EXACTLY 6:00 AM from the Walmart parking lot, Benner Pike, State College.

## ONLY 2 BUSES with 100 SEATS are available.

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to St. John the Evangelist Parish, please call 814-355-3134. More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event.

Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Northern Deanery area.

## PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

The contact person for our parish prayer chain is **Sara Nagel**. For any prayer requests please email Sara at: [donaldnagel@verizon.net](mailto:donaldnagel@verizon.net), or you may call her at 814-353-1010.



## **MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:**

**General donation:** Sam and Kara Cross

**Alumni donation:** J. Ronald Hughes

In memory of Louise Masullo: Tina Carlin, Bill Masullo & family

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

**SUMMER HOURS:** Saint John School summer hours will be on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning June 4th, or by appointment. Feel free to call and leave a message as we will be answering any phones and scheduling appointments throughout the week. You can also email [mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net).

## **2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:**

- Thursday, August 21st - Kindergarten Kick-Off - 6:15 - 7pm
- Sunday, August 24th - Mass/Blessing of Backpacks @ Governors Park - 4pm
- Tuesday, August 26th - New school year begins for K-5th grade (full day)
- Wednesday, August 27th - 4-year-old Pre-K orientation - 9am
- Thursday, August 28th - 3 year-old Pre-K orientation - 9am
- Friday, August 29th and Monday, September 1st - No School in observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 2nd - School resumes and first day of Pre-K

## **CLASSROOM CULTIVATORS:**

It takes a village to help our garden grow and we are incredibly grateful to the following Classroom Cultivators:

- Preschool: Anonymous Cultivator
- Pre-K: Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cathy Himmel
- Kindergarten: Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Louise Rogers
- First Grade: Dr. and Mrs. Joe and Phyllis Martin
- Second Grade: Mr. and Mrs. James and Christine Surovec
- Third Grade: Ms. Barbara Carver and Ms. Kay Uncapher
- Fourth Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Barry and Barbara Pearce
- Fifth Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Ann Kubat
- Phys. Ed.: Mr. and Mrs. John and Torrey Hillard
- Art: Mr. and Mrs. Don and Sara Nagel
- Music: Deacon Tom and Shirley Boldin
- STREAM: OPEN
- Library: OPEN
- After School Care: Anonymous Cultivator

What are Classroom Cultivators? Classroom Cultivators are generous individuals or families who sponsor a specific classroom at Saint John School for the year with a \$500 donation. Their support helps ensure that teachers don't need to use their own funds to provide classroom materials, student resources, and special activities - planting the seeds for a joyful, faith-filled learning environment where great things grow! If you're interested in sponsoring one of our remaining classrooms, please contact the school office at [mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net) or 814-355-7859. Thank you for helping our students thrive!

## **LIMITED KINDERGARTEN SPACES REMAIN - ENROLL TODAY!:**

At Saint John School, we believe that from small seeds, great things grow. Our Kindergarten program nurtures each child's faith, curiosity, and love for learning, helping them blossom into bright, confident learners and leaders.

A few spaces remain for the 2025-2026 school year! Contact us today to schedule your family interview and tour so your child can begin their Saint John journey. Call (814) 355-7859 or email [mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net) for more information.

## **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR SAINT JOHN**

**OKTOBERFEST:** Join us for a fun and festive evening to benefit Saint John School.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Location: The Shop – 129 Snyder Brook Lane, Bellefonte

Cost: \$40 per person (must be 21 or older)

Each ticket includes:

- One beverage
- One meal
- One dessert
- Door prize entry
- Custom mug
- Live entertainment by The Little German Band

Purchase tickets at the school or rectory office, or securely online at <https://www.saintjohnsch.net/oktoberfest>. Tickets will be available through September 27 and will not be sold at the door. For questions or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact us at 814-355-7859 or [oktoberfest@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:oktoberfest@saintjohnsch.net). We hope to see you there in support of Saint John School.

## **Upcoming retreats at Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA**

7 Essentials with Elle Morgan as facilitator - \$275.00 per person - 9/5 - 9/7

Women's Retreat with Jeaninne Wonderling as facilitator - \$325.00 per person - 9/26-9/28

John Dear Known Violent Jesus - with John Dear - \$325.00 per person - 10/10 - 10/12

Icon Retreat with Peter Pearson facilitator - \$560.00 per person - 10/15 - 10/18

Contemplative Attitudes with Nancy Cord -Baran - \$500.00 person - 10/22 - 10/26

Drumming with Tom Campbell \$50 per person 10/26

## **VOCATION CORNER**

"Run the race which lies ahead." Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?



The readings this Sunday remind us that following Jesus requires courage and perseverance, even when facing opposition. If you're discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, remember that God equips those He calls. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith, and know that you are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses cheering you on.