

# 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

December 28, 2025/ Feast of the Holy Family



## 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

(814) 355-3134 | [saintjohnsoff@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnsoff@gmail.com)

[www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org)

[www.stkaterichurch.org](http://www.stkaterichurch.org)

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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, December 27 St. John the Evangelist

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

### Sunday, December 28 The Holy Family

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

**10:15 AM** Elsie & Sam Nastase (Miller Family)

### Monday, December 29

**9:00 AM** Mitchell Taylor (Aunt Joan & Crew)

### Tuesday, December 30

**8:00 AM** Barbara L. Waite (Family)

### Wednesday, December 31

**6:00 PM** Robert Saylor (Fr. Brian)

### Thursday, January 1 Mary, Holy Mother of God

**9:00 AM** Happy Birthday Fr. Brian

### Friday, January 2 Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops

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

### Saturday, January 3

**8:00 AM** Anne Riddle (Nagel Family)

**5:00 PM** People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 4 Epiphany of Our Lord

**8:00 AM** Michael Gerber  
(Doug Moerschbacher)

**10:15 AM** Barb Surovec (Deb & Art Ardire)

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

#### Saturday, January 3 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/Janie Provan  
Lector: Doreen Koleno  
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant  
Music: Stephen St. Amant

#### Sunday, January 4 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Kathy Kresovich  
Lector: Kevin Trimpey  
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Alivia Smithmyer  
Music: Jay Zimmerman

#### Wednesday, January 4 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Barry Pearce/Kevin King  
Lector: Teresa Jurewicz  
Servers: Grant & Jack Wintersteen  
Music: Folk

## St. Kateri Masses for the week

### Sunday, December 28

**12:00 PM** Sylvester Gibas (Stephanie Gover)

### Thursday, January 1

**7:00 PM** Fr. Robert Ruston (Fr. Brian)

### Sunday, January 4

**12:00 PM** People of the Parish

**COMMUNION SERVICE** There will be **NO Communion Service or Adoration** this Tuesday, December 30 .

**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](mailto:mlt3557@verizon.net)) If you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

### ST. KATERI MINISTERS

#### Lector

December 28 kb Boomer  
January 1 Deb Cusatis  
January 4 Millie Turner

#### Eucharistic Minister

December 28 kb Boomer  
January 1 Shelly Ash  
January 4 Jim Hodgson

#### Hospitality

December 28: Merry Christmas-no hospitality  
January 4: Happy New Year-no hospitality

### NEW YEAR Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/

#### Music

#### Wednesday, December 31 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Phyllis Austin  
Lector: Doreen Koleno  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed  
Music: David Harry

#### Thursday, January 1 9:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Pavone/George Callahan  
Lector: Pam Callahan  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed  
Music: Jay Zimmerman



## Weekly events

December 28	3:00 PM Holy Hour for Vocations
December 31	6:00 PM Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass
January 1	9:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass

### THANK YOU

Fr. Joshi, Deacon Tom, and I would like to express our deep appreciation for all the kindness you have shown us this Christmas. May God's blessings come upon you and bless you for your goodness.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: As the New Year approaches, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are so grateful to all of you who have donated items or shopped in our Thrift Store. 2025 was a record year for sales in the Store, and, thanks to your help, we serve on average more than 150 adults and children every month in Centre County. God bless you for your support. The Thrift Store remains closed this week. We look forward to reopening on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 10 AM.

### 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.

### 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.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Christmas Octave

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Christmas Octave

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Day in the Christmas Octave

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday, Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday, Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

## Weekly Financial Report

Due to early deadlines for this bulletin, there is no weekly financial report.

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$54,600.00

\$44,390.00 as of November 30, 2025

St. Kateri Parish: \$8,500.00

\$28,145.00 as of November 30, 2025

### Online Giving at St. John's! It's easy and safe to use.

You can use **YOUR** checking/savings account or debit/credit card.

You can also schedule gifts to occur automatically.

#### How to donate online:

Go to our website: [www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org)

and click the Give Now button **OR**

Go to: <https://abundant.co/stjohntheevangelistc>  
and you will go directly to a giving page.

### The greatest of gifts: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please contact the rectory. We are happy to offer the Mass for your intentions. Mass cards are available to let the person or their family know the Mass is being offered for them or their loved ones. The 2026 calendar is open.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for helping to make this year's Giving Tree project another huge success. This was the 30th year for the project and with the 300 gifts supplied this year we have reached a total of over 7500 gifts distributed to children, adults, and families in the area since the program began. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity and amazing support to our church and community. And thank you for helping to make this Christmas more special for so many people.

**Merry Christmas!!**

### BULLETINS

Did you know that you can have our bulletins mailed directly to you or someone you know who is homebound and would like a copy of it? Call the Rectory at 814-355-3134 to sign up.

**Bulletins are also online at our website:**  
[www.bellefontecatholicchurch.com](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.com)



# Religious Education

## St. John

### CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes have resumed! Grades K-8<sup>th</sup> class times are Sunday 9:00-10:00 in St. John School. Please contact Tony ([tcroland@hotmail.com](mailto:tcroland@hotmail.com)) or Paula Roland ([proland@dioceseaj.org](mailto:proland@dioceseaj.org)) for new student registration or with any questions.

Please note the following class schedule

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>—No CCD

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>—No CCD

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>—CCD

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>—CCD 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD Mass

### 9<sup>th</sup> , 10<sup>th</sup> , 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

Mass at 10:15 am - Followed by Class from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the School Auditorium.

Sunday, December 28 No Class

Sunday, January 4 Group Mass & Class

Saturday, January 10 Confirmation Retreat 8:30 am-6 pm

Sunday, January 11 No Class

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

## St. Kateri

Dec. 28—No CCD Christmas-New Years

Jan. 4—CCD

Jan. 11—No CCD

Jan. 18—CCD

**BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2025:** Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are March 8, 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

### MILITARY PRAYER LIST

If there is a family member serving in the military that you would like us to add to the prayer list, please call the church office or email the secretary at [saint-johnsoff@gmail.com](mailto:saint-johnsoff@gmail.com)

### **Our Lady of Victory's St. Kateri Pilgrimage including, Montreal and Quebec, Canada: May 3-9, 2026**

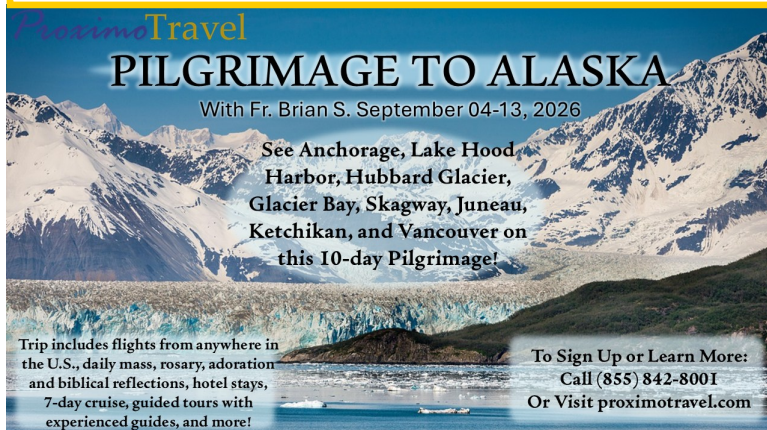
*A Journey of Faith, Heritage, and Sacred Discovery led by Fr. Brian Saylor*  
Experience a spiritually enriching **seven-day pilgrimage** through Montreal, Quebec City, Lake George, and sacred sites in both the United States and Canada. This carefully curated journey blends prayer, history, culture, and natural beauty—designed to deepen faith and inspire reflection.

- **\$500 deposit due:** January 8, 2026 (non-refundable)
- **50% of total cost due:** February 19, 2026 (non-refundable)
- **Final payment & rooming list due:** March 19, 2026 (non-refundable)
- **Travel Insurance** is available through USI Affinity Travel Insurance Services.

Please visit <https://www.travelinsure.com/fullingtonontours/> for more information.

**Pricing** \$2,600 per person, double /\$3,207 per person, single

**Further Information:** Chris Kirkpatrick, Director of Development 814-237-7832 ext. 421 [chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com)



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### *Please pray for those serving in the military*

LTC William Smith, US Army  
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, US Army  
CPT Everett K. Benson, US Army  
CPT Alexis Franks, US Army  
CPT Peter J. Muto, US Army  
CPT Nicholas Taylor, US Army  
1 LT Caleb Eyster, US Army  
SSG Matthew Bickle, US Army  
LtCol Tim Jackson, USMC  
LtCol T.J. Valley, USMC  
Maj Jared Swancer, USMC  
Maj Alaina Valley, USMC  
CPT Andrew Malia, USMC  
LCDR Jared T. Hallahan, US Navy  
LT Joshua Malia, US Navy  
LT Patricia Wilson, US Navy  
LT Steven Wright, US Navy  
ENS Matthew Goodpaster, US Navy  
CWO James Decker, US Navy  
PO2 Andrew Kaschalk, US Navy  
CPT Olivia Hale, US Air Force  
2d Lt Caleb Gindhart, US Air Force  
2d LT Jacob Nieto, US Air Force  
MSgt Joseph Trimpey, US Air Force  
SrA Shane Kaschalk, US Air Force  
A1C Ethan Scicchitano, US Air Force  
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard  
SGT Toby Dugal, Army Nat'l Guard  
PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army Nat'l Guard  
CPT James Bickle, US Army Reserve  
Col Gordon Frankenfield, Air Nat'l Guard  
MSgt Kristina Roberts, Air Guard  
PV2 Trevor D. Cort, US Army  
ENS Luke Sicard, U.S. Navy  
Madison Ripka, HM3, U.S. Navy  
David Rodriguez USMC

# St. John School News

## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

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

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our parishioners and parish family, for your continued prayers, generosity, and support of Saint John School. Your kindness and commitment allow our students to grow in faith, knowledge, and love each day. May the joy and peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. Warmest Christmas blessings,  
Kristina Tice, Principal

## 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, which 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 [sjad-min@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:sjad-min@saintjohnsch.net).

## Previous Distinguished Graduate Awardees:

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 Zellars  
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  
2021 - John M. Luckovich  
2022 - Steven J. McCulley  
2023 - Thomas G. Brezler  
2024 - Aaron W. Cleaver  
2025 - Jennifer Gill

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814-355-7859  
[inquire@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:inquire@saintjohnsch.net)  
Registration documents can be found online  
[www.saintjohnsch.net/enrollment](http://www.saintjohnsch.net/enrollment)



**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.

## VOCATION CORNER

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rooted in love, guided by faith  
— like the Holy Family, say ‘yes’  
to God’s call.”



Today we honor Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — a family rooted in faith, love, and trust in God’s plan. The Holy Family reminds us that every vocation begins in the home, where God’s call is nurtured through prayer, example, and encouragement. Jesus grew up in a family that put God first. Mary and Joseph trusted God with their whole lives — and God used them to change the world. God might be calling *you* to do the same through priesthood, religious life, or another path of service. Pray about it. Talk to someone you trust. And remember — saying “yes” to God is the start of the greatest adventure of your life. Listen for His voice, and be not afraid to say “yes,” just as Mary and Joseph did.

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](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org).