

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

April 5, 2026/Easter Sunday



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.

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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, April 4

8:00 PM Marjorie Rackoski Spear (Family)

Sunday, April 5

8:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Monday, April 6

9:00 AM Louise Drapcho (Family)

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 AM Barbara Pearce
(Diane & Scott Burkett)

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, April 9

6:00 PM Clinton Swartz (Susan Swartz)

Friday, April 10

8:00 AM Health & Wellbeing of Luke, Katie, &
baby Luca Pankoe
(Rich & Kim Fornicola)

Saturday, April 11

5:00 PM Shelia Neidigh Frankenfield
(Anspauch, Neidigh, & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, April 12

8:00 AM The Napoli Family
(Richard & Linda Struble)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, April 11 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hallahan/Sandy Kowalski

Lector: Lucia Stover

Servers: Oliver St. Amant/Michael Maney

Music: Jay Zimmerman

Sunday, April 12 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb & Art Ardire

Lector: David Harry

Servers: Alivia Smithmyer/Matthew DeRemer

Music: Folk

Sunday, April 12 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Paula & Tony Roland

Lector: Michael Jurewicz

Servers: Grant & Jack Wintersteen

Music: Folk

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, April 5

12:00 PM Geralyn Kaminski Kraus & Joseph D. Kraus
and their parents (Geralyn Kaminski Kraus)

Tuesday, April 7

11:00 AM David Surkosky (Cathy Surkosky)

Sunday, April 12

12:00 PM Ann Butz (Larry Butz)

WEEKDAY MASS There will be Mass this Tuesday, April 7th at 11:00 AM.

CONFESSION CHANGE

Confessions at St. Kateri for this month will be next weekend (Divine Mercy Sunday) rather than this weekend (Easter Sunday).

ST. KATERI MINISTERS

Lector

April 5 Millie Turner

April 12: Jim Hodgson

Eucharistic Minister

April 5 Gail Anderson

April 12: kb Boomer

Hospitality

April 5: Easter Sunday—No hospitality

April 12: Connie Corl & Stephanie Perrot

April 19: Teacher Appreciation Dinner

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of Louise Drapcho
From Family

THANK YOU TO THE K of C AND CDA

This year's Fish Frys were a great success and we are so grateful to all the members of the Knights and Catholic Daughters who worked so hard to make it so. Your dedication is so greatly appreciated!

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

Easter

St. John: Vigil: 8:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am; 10:15 am

St. Kateri: Sunday: 12:00 pm

Mon. April 6 9:30 AM Adoration

Wed. April 8 9:00 AM Healing through Faith

Thurs. April 9 6:30 PM CDA Meeting
6:30 PM KOC Meeting

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.

THE APRIL CDA MEETING has been changed from April 2nd to April 9th due to Holy Week.

PRAY FOR AMERICA & ALL THAT IS GOOD: The initial meeting of the prayer group was held on Sunday, 03/08/26. There was a wonderful turnout of twelve participants! Everyone expressed their joy and appreciation for the chance to unite and pray for America, as well as numerous other requests. The prayer group will be meeting again after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, April 12th, in the rectory basement. Copies of the Pray for America prayer booklet are available in the entryway of the church. Please email Stan and Tanya at tsechrist260@comcast.net if you have any questions and/or to let us know that you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, April 6 (9:30-1:00 pm)

Monday, April 20 (9:30-1:00 pm)

Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in April. All are welcome!. You can come and go as you please - there is no sign-up. Whether your visit is short or long, whatever you can offer to the Lord He will multiply. It is a beautiful way to spend quiet, one-on-one time with our Lord.

If you would like to join our Adoration email list (used only for reminders and cancellations due to weather, funerals, etc), contact Liz Forstmeier at lforstmeier@gmail.com

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP:

Have you been desiring to be more involved and meet other young adults in the parish? Are you interested in hiking, reading, charity work, and other activities? If you are between the ages of 21-31 years old, our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the rectory basement. Please email Abigael Fisher (abigael.f.20@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of March 29, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,422.30
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,642.50
Children's Offertory:	\$ 16.50
Special Monthly:	\$ 175.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 219.15

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 10,475.45

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 791.00
Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Maintenance:	\$ 100.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 891.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 11,366.45

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 145.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Land	\$ 415.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Jesus Calls	\$ 360.00
Easter	\$ 2,140.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 1,225.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

March 22, 2026	\$ 1,138.00
March 29, 2026	\$ 968.93

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00

CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENT

International Cultural Exchange Service is in need of a host family for the upcoming school year for a Catholic exchange student. Simona, aged 16, is from Slovakia and will be coming to the US next fall as an exchange student. She enjoys Church Activities or Clubs, Cooking, Fitness. She attends church weekly and has no dietary preferences or allergies. More information is available from the rectory and interested parties can contact Laura with ICES at lfulton@icesusa.org.

Religious Education

St. John

CCD GRADES K-8

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

Please note the following class schedule

April 5—No CCD EASTER

April 12 —CCD

April 19—Last Day of CCD Classes

9th , 10th , 11th Grade Confirmation Class

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

Sunday, April 5 No Class EASTER

Sunday, April 12 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, April 19 Group Mass & Class

Tuesday, April 21 6:30 pm Confirmation Practice

Wednesday, April 22 7:00 pm Confirmation

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

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.

St. Kateri

April 5—No CCD Happy Easter

April 12—CCD Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19—Last day of CCD

April 26—First Holy Communion



VOCATION CORNER

EASTER SUNDAY

As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season, we are reminded that the Risen Christ calls each of us by name. Our vocation — whether in family life, priesthood, religious life, or service in the community — is a personal invitation to share in His mission of love.

The journey through Lent prepared our hearts to listen; Easter now sends us forth with courage and joy. Just as the disciples moved from fear to faith after encountering the Risen Lord, we too are called to step forward in trust, using our gifts to bring hope to others.

This week, let us pray for open hearts — that we may hear God's call clearly and respond generously, becoming living witnesses of the Resurrection in our homes, workplaces, and parish.

"Lord, help me to hear Your voice and follow You with joy. May my life reflect Your love to all I meet."

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.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

Alumni Support: John Dahmus

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

EASTER BLESSINGS FROM SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

As we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter, we are reminded of the promise of new life and the many blessings God has bestowed upon our Saint John School family.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our parish and families throughout the year. Your generosity, encouragement, and prayerful partnership make all that we do possible.

Since 1890, Saint John Catholic School has been blessed with a rich tradition of faith, academics, and community. We are proud to carry that legacy forward each day, nurturing our students to grow in both knowledge and love of Christ. May the light of the Risen Lord fill your hearts with peace, joy, and renewed hope this Easter season.

Happy Easter!

NATIONAL ARTS IN EDUCATION CONTEST

We are grateful to the Bellefonte Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #448 for once again sponsoring the Arts in Education contest! Your continued support and dedication to our students and school community is a true blessing. Thank you for helping our young artists shine!

A special thank you to Mrs. Weiser, our Art Teacher, and Mrs. Barb Uadiski, Mrs. Ellen Dyakiw, Mrs. Pam Vaiana, and Mrs. Kelly Berkey, our contest judges, for sharing their time and talent.

Congratulations to our top three winners: First Place: Jack Stauffer (5th grade); Second Place: Karina Turco (5th Grade); Third Place: Ali Nasoni (4th Grade) and to the honorable mention winners: Nathan Snyder (4th Grade) and Kelly Beaton (4th Grade CCD). Jack's entry has been submitted for judging at the state level.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

At this time, both our 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Pre-K classes are full, and we have begun a waiting list.

Our Kindergarten class is filling quickly, and limited spaces remain in Grades 1-5.

The online Registration link can be found on our website. To complete the application process, the following items must be submitted to the school office:

- Completed Registration Form
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of the most recent Immunization Records
- \$100 Registration Fee

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit.

We would love to welcome you into our Saint John School family - where small seeds grow into great things!

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

A Saint John Catholic School education is more affordable than you think.

Scholarship Income Guidelines

- ✓ A family with three qualifying dependents and an income level below \$177,339 is eligible for scholarships for their Preschool through 5th grade children.

Additional Financial Support

- ✓ Active Parishioner Scholarship
- ✓ Multi-Child Scholarship

Avg Monthly Tuition Payment

- ✓ \$259 a month over 10 months in 2025-2026 for K-5 families

More Information

- 814-355-7859
- www.saintjohnsch.net
- inquire@saintjohnsch.net



Give your child the gift of a Catholic education.

