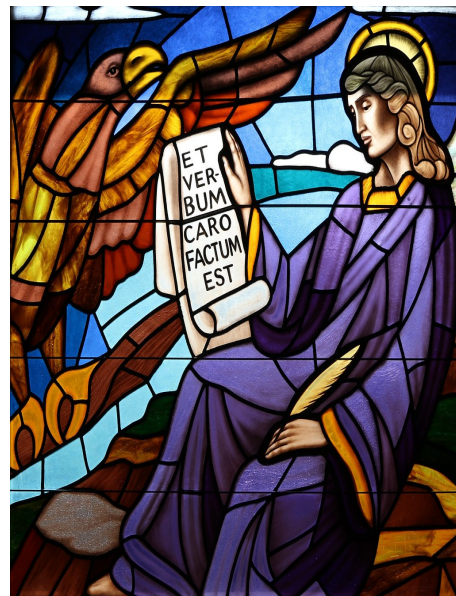


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

February 23rd, 2025/ Seventh 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: 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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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: R.C.I.A. Coordinator

Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin:

Confirmation Directors

Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator

Joe Baummer: Maintenance

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**

Masses for the week

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM For the Health of Sherri Gehringer
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Monday, February 24

9:00 AM Richard Torsell
(Grace Torsell)

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 AM Michael Renosky
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

Wednesday, February 26

8:00 AM Frank Tessitore
(Marilyn Bergner)

Thursday, February 27

6:00 PM Nancy Palfey
(David Files)

Friday, February 28

8:00 AM Ralph Capparelle
(Vickie Wolfe)

Saturday, March 1

5:00 PM Marian & Felix Albarano
(Joe & Toni Beigle)

Sunday, March 2

8:00 AM William Luther
(The Luther Family)

10:15 AM People of The Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, March 1 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/Stephanie Mullin
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Elizabeth & Elliott Brezler
Music: Joe Lexon

Sunday, March 2 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: David Harry/George Callahan
Lector: David Harry
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Matthew DeRemer
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, March 2 10:15 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin King/Leoni Martins
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Blaire Lewin/Makenzie Kellog Music:
Folk

Wednesday March 5 6:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers Shirley Boldin/Cindy Hallahan
Lector Lucia Stover
Servers Blaire Lewis/SaraMcElhinny
Music Stephen St. Amant

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school
February 23rd—Class
March 2nd—Class
March 9th—Class, CCD Mass 5th & 6th grade
March 16th—Class

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium
Sunday, February 23—Class
Sunday, March 2—Class
Sunday, March 9—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

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2024: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. Class dates for 2025 are March 9, June 8, 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

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The Traveling Vocation Crucifix will began traveling the First Sunday of Advent! 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday, Weekday
Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, Weekday
Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, Weekday
Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday, Weekday
Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18; 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday, Weekday
Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 - 9:1
Saturday, Weekday
1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Weekly events

Sunday February 23 **3:00 PM Holy Hour for
Vocations**

Monday February 24 **1:00 PM St. John's in
Stitches**

Around the Diocese

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

SATURDAY March 8;

9:00 am—6:00 pm

St. Francis University, Immacu-
late Conception Chapel

Use QR code to register:

Pre-register by March 1 \$10;

Day of Registration \$20.

Questions? Contact Andrew

Potopa at apotopa98@gmail.com



**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN
CHRIST Men's Conference**-Sunday, March 30th,
2025 from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius Col-
lege, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch,
Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testi-
monies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic
men. There is no cost to attend. Visit
www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those un-
able to register online, paper registration forms can be
found at each parish to complete and return via mail.
Registration closes March 21st. Online registration is
encouraged due to limited seating.

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT SERIES

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting the "Empowered by the
Spirit Series" on 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning March
18th, at St. Michael Activity Center & Church,
Hollidaysburg. The prayer experience begins at 7PM and
includes dynamic speakers, testimonies, praise &
worship, small group discussions and more!
Refreshments and fellowship will begin in the Activity
Center at 6:30PM. The purpose of the series is to explore
and equip the faithful for evangelization through the
power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no charge, but
registration is required: holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or
calling 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting
series.

PARISH MISSION, Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg:

Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will have their Lenten
Parish Mission with retired U.S. Elite Navy Seal, Dom Ra-
so on Friday, March 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the church. All
are welcome to attend.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of February 16, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 11,693.35
Loose Offertory:	\$ 668.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 15.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 640.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 133.55

ORDINARY TOTAL **\$ 13,149.90**

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 100.00
Maintenance:	\$ 315.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: **\$ 415.00**

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: **\$ 13,564.90**

SCHOOL COLLECTION: **\$ 737.00**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 125.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity!

2025 PARISH FISH FRIES

Parishioners who would like to volunteer their time or
desserts can contact Pam Callahan by
email psb146@msn.com or cell phone (814)571-0207, so
you can be put on the Fish Fry volunteer list.
If there are high school students looking to earn
community service hours this is a good way to do it.
Please contact Pam Callahan if you would like to
volunteer.

St. John's in Stitches will be meeting on Monday,
February 24th at 1 o'clock in the rectory meeting room.
We love to see new faces and hope you can join us.

St. John's in Stitches is in need of lap blankets for our
homebound parishioners. They can be knit, crocheted or
quilted and of any size. Completed blankets can be
dropped off in the rectory meeting room. If you have any
questions contact, Rosie Wood
rosieandwoody3@hotmail.com.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

P.O. Box 159, 3503 Penns Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875 | 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, February 23

12:00 PM

For Those Undergoing
Medical Treatment

Sunday, March 2

12:00 PM

For Those Struggling with
Their Mental Health

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 23 kb Boomer

March 2 Deb Cusatis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

February 23 Millie Turner

March 2 Gail Anderson

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

February 9, 2025 \$ 1,197.00

February 16, 2025 \$ 1,062.00

HOSPITALITY

February 23 Millie Turner and Barb Cole

March 2 kb and Rick BB and Mandy Stitzer

March 9 Soup Fundraiser: Sister Judith's Food Bank, Nigeria

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) if you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

COMMUNION SERVICE

There will be a Communion Service this Tuesday, February 25th at 11:00AM. followed by Adoration.

CCD SCHEDULE

February 23—No CCD

March 2—CCD

Our current relic is of SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

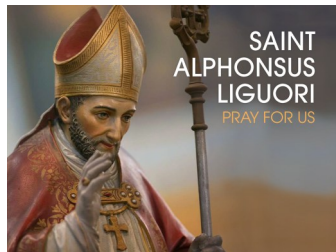
He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas.

Alphonsus' great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity. His great fame as a writer has somewhat eclipsed the fact that for 26 years he traveled up and down the Kingdom of Naples preaching popular missions. He was made bishop at age 66 after trying to reject the honor, and at once instituted a thorough reform of his diocese.

Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories of Mary* is one of the great works on that subject, and his book *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament* went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

Reflection

Saint Alphonsus was known above all as a practical man who dealt in the concrete rather than the abstract. His life is indeed a practical model for the everyday Christian who has difficulty recognizing the dignity of Christian life amid the swirl of problems, pain, misunderstanding and failure. Alphonsus suffered all these things. He is a saint because he was able to maintain an intimate sense of the presence of the suffering Christ through it all.



*Please pray for those serving
in the military*

LTC Jason Meier, US Army
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
SFC Eric Callahan, 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
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In memory of Mary & Joseph DeBraksy and Edward

Rose: Stanley, Bonnie, Philip and Alan DeBrasky

In memory of Dr. J. Henry Zanzalari: David and Deborah Zanzalari to the school lunch, music and tuition programs

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

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! Registration documents can be found on our website. Registration form, birth certificate, copy of the most recent immunization records, and \$100 registration fee must be submitted to the office to complete the application process. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or wish to schedule a visit.

GARDNERS EASTER CANDY

Saint John School is selling Gardners Easter Candy. Order forms are available in the back of the church. All items are priced identical to prices in the Gardners store locations. Order forms and payment (payable to Saint John School) are due to the school office by Monday, March 17, 2025. Orders will be available for pick-up at the School Office by Friday, April 4, 2025. We appreciate your support!

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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 Hayley Younkin if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-505-9835 | hayley@redefiningeducation.org | Redefiningeducation.org

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy

JOSEPH'S FUND ANNUAL CHALLENGE: Every \$1.00 donated to the St. Joseph's Annual Fund before February 28, 2025 will be matched 100% up to \$100,000.00. This fund supports student tuition assistance, scholarships, technology enhancements, educational enrichment activities and opportunities. All Annual Fund Challenge funds are tax-deductible and go directly to the students! Two ways to give: 1.) Go to the website www.stjoeacad.org and click on the bright orange Donate button on the homepage. 2.) Pay by check to: "St. Joseph's Catholic Academy" with "St. Joseph's Annual Challenge" in the memo. Drop by the school office, Mon.-Fri. 8:00-3:00 or mail to: 901 Boalsburg Pike, Boalsburg, PA 16827. Questions, call 814-808-6118 or email sjca@sjcademy.org.

NORTHERN DEANERY RAFFLE

Tickets for the Northern Deanery Raffle are again available. Tickets are \$10.00. Prizes include: 1st Prize: \$30,000 voucher at Miller Brothers Auto or \$25,000 cash; 2nd: 3 day Seven Points Ponton rental or \$1,500 cash; 3rd: Tussey Mountain Passes or \$750 cash; 4th: Yeti Tundra Cooler package or \$200 cash. Drawing June 7th, 2025 at Holy Spirit Festival, Lock Haven.

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