

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

March 9, 2025/ First Sunday of Lent



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, March 8

5:00 PM Mary Jane Davidson
(Marilyn & Josephine Konachik)

Sunday, March 9

8:00 AM Aurelia Dilla
(Rober & Karen Alstine)

10:15 AM For the Health of Jeanne Thompson
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Monday, March 10

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Roger Hasselman
(Nagel Family)

Tuesday, March 11

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Nagel
(Nagel Family)

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 AM Jim, John & Kevin Nagel
(Nagel Family)

Thursday, March 13

6:00 PM Walter Dunn & Family
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Friday, March 14

8:00 AM Herbert & Mary Riddick and Fred & Wilhemina Nagel (Nagel Family)

Saturday, March 15

5:00 PM Ivicic Sisters (Anspauch, Neidigh,
& Kowalski Families)

Sunday, March 16

8:00 AM Jerry Luckovich (Family)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, March 15 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hallahan/David Files

Lector: Marie Lingle

Servers: Elizabeth & Elliott Brezler

Music: Folk

Sunday, March 16 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding/Shirley Boldin

Lector: John Hillard

Servers: Alivia Smithmyer/Braxton Hosterman

Music: Traditional

Sunday, March 16 10:15 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fello/Kevin King

Lector: Teresa Jurewicz

Servers: Grayson Evans/Kamdyn Brungard

Music: Traditional

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school

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, March 9—No Class

Sunday, March 16 —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

****Attention 9th, 10th and 11th grade CCD Classes****

PLEASE NOTE CLASS DATE & TIME CHANGE

Sunday March 16th—Class

Sunday March 23rd—No morning class

6:00 PM Parents meeting following Stations of the Cross **Candidate and at least one parent must be present**

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

PENANCE SERVICES

St. John will hold our Lenten Penance Service **March 30th** at 3:00 PM

OTHER AREA PENANCE SERVICES:

Holy Spirit, Lock Haven Sunday 3PM March 16th

St Joseph, Renovo Wednesday 6PM March 19th

Most Holy Trinity, Huntingdon 7PM March 20th

Queen of Archangels, Clarence 6:30 March 26th

Immaculate Conception, Dudley March 27th

Good Shepherd, Port Matilda 7:00 PM April 8th (Bishop Mark presiding)

Our Lady of Victory, State College 6PM April 13th

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday, Lenten Weekday

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Weekly events

Sunday March 9	12:00 PM Latin Mass
Monday March 10	6:00 PM BINGO
Thursday March 13	6:30 KOC Meeting
Friday March 14	1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
	4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry
	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference-Sunday, March 30th, 2025 from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable 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 Raso on Friday, March 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the church. All are welcome to attend.

ST. JOHN'S CASH BINGO: Monday, March 10th at St. John's school auditorium. Paying out \$850 each evening. Doors will open to the public for food and Games of Chance at 6PM and the first BINGO will begin at 7PM. \$20 for 20 Games. Walk-ins welcome! Smoke Free Facility. See Facebook for this month's menu!

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of March 2, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$11,951.55
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,590.82
Children's Offertory:	\$ 5.29
Special Monthly:	\$ 2,507.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 162.55

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 16,217.21

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 290.00
Maintenance:	\$ 1,140.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,430.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 17,701.21

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 840.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 0.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 90.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH **OLIVE WOOD BLESS THIS HOME PLAQUE RAFFLE**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$12.00. Tickets may be purchased at the church office or see Father Brian before or after Mass. Drawing will be on Easter Sunday at the 10:15 Mass. The plaque is on display in the Sanctuary.

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.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is now accepting applications for students entering grades 9-12 in the 2025-2026 school year. **Contact us to book a tour, arrange a Shadow Day with a current student, or learn more about our Admissions process and affordable, faith-based education.** Visit stjoacad.org for more details, call us at 814-808-6118, or email Mrs. Anna Rupprecht, SJCA Principal at arupprecht@sjacademy.org today!

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, March 9

12:00 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, March 16

12:00 PM

David Surkosky
(Cathy Surkosky)

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

February 23, 2025 \$ 1,228.00

March 2, 2025 \$ 1,834.27

HOSPITALITY

March 9 Soup Fundraiser Sr. Judith's food bank Nigeria

March 16 Stephanie Perrot and kb & Rick BB

March 23 Diane Brown & Shelly Houser

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, March 11th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

CCD SCHEDULE

March 9—No CCD

March 16—CCD

LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 9

Jim Hodgson

March 16

Gail Anderson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

March 9

Sister Judy

March 16

Sandy Rockey

Spring Priest Presentations

Featuring talks from three
diocesan priests on the Eucharist



Father Jozef Kovacic



Father George Jakopac



Father Brian Saylor

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

JFK Student Center at Saint Francis University, Loretto

Register online at

dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentations or by mail
with a form found at each parish in the diocese

Contact llamagna@dioceseaj.org with questions regarding the event



Sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-
Johnstown Office of Evangelization as part of
the National Eucharistic Revival



Saturday, March 29: OLV Bus Trip to Spring Priest Presentations at St. Francis University, Loretto, PA

and Holy Year Pilgrimage to St. Michael the Archangel Basilica and Tomb of Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin.

OLV is sponsoring a bus trip to support our local Pastors as they lead the Diocesan Spring Priest Presentation on the Eucharist. The day will conclude with a Holy Year Pilgrimage to St. Michael the Archangel Basilica and Tomb of Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin.

Itinerary:

6:30am - Bus onsite at OLV Back Parking Lot

7:00am - Depart from OLV

8:30am - Arrive at JFK Student Center, St. Francis University, Loretto, PA

9:00am to 11:30am - Spring Priest Presentation

11:45am to 12:45pm - Lunch in Torvian Dining Hall

12:45pm - Depart for St. Michael the Archangel Basilica and Tomb of Fr. Gallitzin

2:00pm - Depart for OLV

3:15pm - Arrive back at OLV

Suggested Donation: \$40/person to cover the bus and registration to the talks. We want all to be able to attend so if the donation is a problem please contact Chris Kirkpatrick. Deadline for Registration Wednesday, March 19. Information and Registration contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832, ext 421.

Now Enrolling Future Saints

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inquiries@saintjohnsch.net
Registration documents can be found online at
www.saintjohnsch.net/enrollment



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

School Collection (February): \$2,547

School Lunch Program - Ed Mulfinger, Gennaro DeLuca and Wanda Villatore

Easter Candy Sale donations - Ed Mulfinger, Nancy & Jim Swartzell

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SERVICE PROJECTS:

During Catholic Schools Week, our students lived out our theme, "Saints in the Making: Prayerful Hearts, Radiant Souls", by engaging in meaningful service projects that reflected the love of Christ in action.

- Pre-K joyfully created Birthday Bags filled with cake mix, frosting, and party supplies to bring happiness to families served by the local food bank.
- 1st and 4th Grades showed their compassion for animals by collecting pet supplies for Hope's Dream Rescue and Sanctuary.
- Kindergarten and 3rd Grade honored the Blessed Mother with a Baby Shower for Mary, gathering much-needed baby items for The Gabriel Project and mothers in need.
- 2nd and 5th Grades shared their generosity by donating essential items for The Arc Group Homes, supporting individuals with disabilities.

We are so proud of our students for embracing service as a way of living their faith. Thank you to all who contributed to these projects, your support helps us instill in our children a heart for giving and a spirit of love.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

We are grateful to the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus for their generous \$1,500 donation, which will provide six \$250 scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year. These scholarships are not based on financial need or academic excellence, but were awarded by random draw, with one student from each grade receiving support to assist their family with next year's tuition.

Congratulations to Maxwell Greenland (K), Isaiah Young (1), Eli Struble (2), Charlotte Miller (3), Audrey Hallman (4), and Evelyn Martin (5)!

May God bless the Knights for their generosity and unwavering commitment to our school and Catholic education!

SAINT JOHN DRAMA CLUB: Join the Saint John Drama Club on March 16th for their performance of Rumpelstiltskin Private Eye. Show times are 3pm and 6pm in the school auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

SAINT JOHN DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS



RUMPELSTILTSKIN PRIVATE EYE

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025
3:00 PM & 6:00 PM
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
TICKETS \$5

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 the same as those 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. Out-of-town family and friends can order online and support the school when they reference Group ID# 10-0987 at GardnersCandiesFundraising.com. Online orders ship directly to the buyer. Orders submitted to the school will be available for pick-up at the School Office after 1 PM on Friday, 4/4/25. We appreciate your support!

VOCATION CORNER

Lenten Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is not only the first day of the Lenten season, it's also a powerful invitation to repent and make yourself 100% available to God. How available to God are you? 50%? 75%? 96.4%? No matter what your answer, Ash Wednesday is a beautiful opportunity to decide that you will spend this Lent increasing that number.

This simple Ash Wednesday prayer will invite you to make yourself more fully available to God and all the wonderful ways he wants to collaborate with you during the Lenten Season:

*God of goodness and mercy,
Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to make myself 100% available to you every day as I prepare for Easter.
Amen.*

