

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

March 16, 2025/ Second 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.

### CONTACT US

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

Join us on FlockNote!

Text "SJ814" to the number 84576

## 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 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

## **Monday, March 17**

**9:00 AM** Deceased members of the Suelter Family (Daniel & Barbara Materna)

## **Tuesday, March 18**

**8:00 AM** Donna Clemson (Frank Clemson)

## **Wednesday, March 19**

**8:00 AM** Chris Burger (Dorothy M. Lambert)

## **Thursday, March 20**

**6:00 PM** For the Health & Wellbeing of Barbara Pearce (Phyllis Austin)

## **Friday, March 21**

**8:00 AM** Philip Yahner (Yahner Family)

## **Saturday, March 22**

**5:00 PM** Chris Burger (Joe & Toni Beigle)

## **Sunday, March 23**

**8:00 AM** Bill & Margaret Moerschbacher (Doug Moerschbacher)

**10:15 AM** Sophie Mazurkiewicz (Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

# Religious Education

## **CCD grades k-10**

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school

March 16th—Class

March 23rd—Class

March 30th—Class Reconciliation 2nd & 3rd Grades

## **11th Grade Confirmation Class**

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

Tickets will be on sale this weekend and next after the Masses. 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.

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

### **Saturday, March 22 5:00 pm**

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/Michael Pavone

Lector: Doreen Koleno

Servers: Cameron Niemann/AJ Cleaver

Music: Stephen St. Amant

### **Sunday, March 23 8:00 am**

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Phyllis Austiin

Lector: Pam Callahan

Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti

Music: Traditional

### **Sunday, March 23 10:15 pm**

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Herzing/David Files

Lector: David Files

Servers: Grace & Michael Herzing

Music: Youth

# Weekly events

<b>Sunday March 16</b>	<b>8:30-Noon KOC Breakfast</b>
<b>Monday March 17</b>	<b>9:30 AM Adoration</b>
<b>Thursday March 20</b>	<b>6:30 PM Healing through Faith</b>
<b>Friday March 21</b>	<b>1:00 PM Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Stations of the Cross</b>

**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.

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST** on Sunday, March 16th hosted by the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus. Open to the public from 8:30 am until Noon. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and free for children under 7. The menu includes orange juice, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, French toast, pancakes, sausage gravy, oatmeal, hot syrup, peaches, waffles, coffee and hot chocolate. We make specialty eggs and Blueberry or Chocolate chip pancakes upon request. Please come enjoy a great breakfast at the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus Home at 315 Stoney Batter (up the hill from Dollar General). Eat in and Take out is available.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 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

### Monday, Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, and 13; Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Thursday, Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

### Friday, Lenten Weekday

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday, Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

*Scrutiny Readings:* Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

# Weekly Financial Report

## For the Weekend of March 9, 2025

### ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,616.45
Latin Mass Offertory	\$ 407.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,123.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 45.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 535.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 300.50

**ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 10,026.95**

### EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 105.00
Maintenance:	\$ 1,192.00

**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,297.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 11,323.95**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 445.00**

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### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 365.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 340.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 45.00
Mandeville Lenten Appeal	\$ 235.00

## 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.

## Make WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM part of your Lent!

Allow WAOB's programming and prayers to accompany you throughout Lent. Tune into either of our two local stations, or visit the newly updated [www.waob.org](http://www.waob.org) to stream the radio content as well as daily meditations, Mass readings, and Liturgy of the Hours. On the production side, we have four prayer recording slots available each month. If your family or organization would like to be scheduled for one of our spring airings, contact Sheryl Balkey at (814)238-6288 or [voiceofdivinemeracy@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofdivinemeracy@gmail.com) Remember, our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, please continue your prayers for the members of our local RCIA programs during the remainder of this Lenten season!

# 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, March 16**

12:00 PM

David Surkosky  
(Cathy Surkosky)

**Sunday March 23**

12:00 PM

People of the Parish

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 16

Gail Anderson

March 23

Millie Turner

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

March 16

Sandy Rockey

March 23

Shelly Ash

## CCD SCHEDULE

March 16—CCD

March 23—CCD

## WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

March 2, 2025 \$ 1,834.27

March 5, 2025 \$ 489.51

March 9, 2025 \$ 1,578.25

## HOSPITALITY

March 16 Stephanie Perrot and kb & Rick BB

March 23 Diane Brown & Shelly Houser

March 30 Mandy Stitzer & Millie Turner

**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, March 18th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

**Thanks for your huge support** of the soup fundraiser for the Bridget and Godwin Udechukwu Foundation's food pantry in Nigeria. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a much needed generator and into savings for the purchase of land to house the food pantry. We are helping to make a difference. The total raised is \$6,520.00!!

## OUR NEW RELIC ON DISPLAY

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family, and lost her mother at the age of three. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York.

After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond.

Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

**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](http://dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentations) or by mail with a form found at each parish in the diocese

Contact [Ilamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto:Ilamagna@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

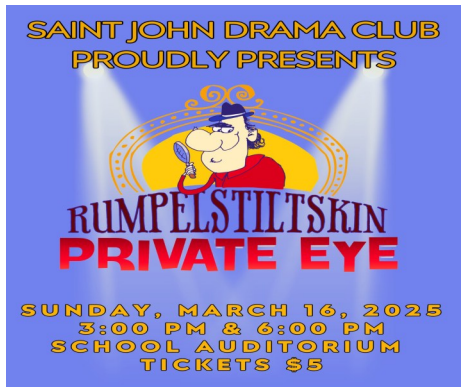
11:45am to 12:45pm - Lunch in Torvian Dining Hall

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](mailto:chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com) or 814-237-7832, ext 421.



### **MEMORIALS & DONATIONS**

Angel Fund & School Lunch Program: Connie Davis in memory of the Davis & Haranin Family  
 General: Sam & Cara Cross  
**Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and support of our school.**

**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.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Parishioners are invited to join Saint John School as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:00 pm during lent. During Holy Week, our 4th graders will present two Live Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, April 15th at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

### **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](http://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!

### **EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit):**

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](mailto:hayley@redefiningeducation.org) | [Redefiningeducation.org](http://Redefiningeducation.org)



**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 [stjoeacad.org](http://stjoeacad.org) for more details, call us at 814-808-6118, or email Mrs. Anna Rupprecht, SJCA Principal at [arupprecht@sjcacademy.org](mailto:arupprecht@sjcacademy.org) today!

## **VOCATION CORNER**

"God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2).

Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters." *Pope Francis*

### **Meditation**

"In the account of the calling of the prophet Jeremiah, for example, God reminds us that he continually watches over each one of us in order that his word may be accomplished in us." We are part of his plan for the salvation of humanity; we must accept His call.

### **Prayer**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.