

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

April 6, 2025/ Fifth 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: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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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, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

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

Sunday, April 6

8:00 AM Clinton Swartz (Susan Swartz)

10:15 AM Louise Drapcho (Drapcho Family)

Monday, April 7

9:00 AM Abie & Rosemary Hoy (Hoy Family)

Tuesday, April 8

8:00 AM Mary Jane Davidson
(John & Donna Basalla)

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 AM John Dellontonio (Phyllis Austin)

Thursday, April 10

6:00 PM No Mass-Bus Trip

Friday, April 11

8:00 AM Rose & Ed Bolick (Fannons)

Saturday, April 12

5:00 PM Lena Napoli
(Richard & Linda Struble)

Sunday, April 13

8:00 AM John & Marjorie Rackoski (Family)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school

April 6th—Class Reconciliation, 4th-6th Grades

April 13th—Class, Reconciliation 7th & 8th Grades

April 20th—No Class (Easter)

April 27th—Last day of CCD Classes

11th Grade Confirmation Class

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

Sunday, April 6—No Class

Sunday, April 13—Class—Saint Reports

Sunday, April 20—No Class Easter

Sunday, April 27—Class—Saint Reports

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 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

OTHER AREA PENANCE SERVICES:

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

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

Penn State (Pasquerilla Center) 6:30 PM April 15

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.

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, April 12 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/Michael Pavone

Lector: Lorraine Fello

Servers: Elizabeth & Elliott Brezler

Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, April 13 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding/Carolyn Marshall

Lector: Adam Rawding

Servers: Sara McElhinny/Alivia Smithmyer

Music: Folk

Sunday, April 13 10:15 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Leoni Martins/Mary Margaret Gorzelnik

Lector: Teresa Jurewicz

Servers: Grant & Jack Wintersteen

Music: Youth

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Louise Drapcho
From The Drapcho Family

RELIC DISPLAY CASE:

Five new relics have been placed in our Relic Display Case:

- ◇ St. Terese of Lisieux
- ◇ St. Dominic Savio
- ◇ St. Sophia of Rome
- ◇ Soil from the grave of St. Pope John XXIII
- ◇ Piece of St. Padre Pio's Vestment

The five relics have been donated by Father Brian.

Weekly events

Monday April 7 9:30 AM Adoration
 Wednesday April 9 9:00 AM Healing Through Faith
 Thursday April 10 No Mass—Bus Trip
 6:30 PM KOC Meeting
 Friday April 11 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 4:00 PM-7:00 PM Fish Fry
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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

Tickets will be on sale this weekend and 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.

ART CONTEST:

The annual Catholic Daughter Art in Education contest for 2025 is completed. We thank Rachelle Weiser for instructing the 4th & 5th grades at St. Johns, with their art. Thank you to all who participated. The themes this year were "He who forgives an offense seeks love, Proverbs 17:9" and "How do I feel when I forgive?" The winners this year are "1st: Jane Jennings 2nd: Braxton Hosterman, 3rd: Alexis Fisher. First place was sent on to the state competition. Thank you again to everyone who helped in any way to make this contest so exciting.



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TRIP Our first Pilgrimage Trip to Queen of Archangels in Clarence was a great success! Our next trip will be on April 13th to Our Lady of Victory in State College. Please contact the Rectory Office at 814-355-3134 if you would like to participate.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
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 Monday, Lenten Weekday
 Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday
 Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday
 Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday, Lenten Weekday
 Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday, Lenten Weekday
 Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday, Lenten Weekday
 Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
 Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of March 30, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

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| Adult Offertory (regular & online): | \$ 9,002.25 |
| Loose Offertory: | \$ 1,085.01 |
| Children's Offertory: | \$ 18.09 |
| Special Monthly: | \$ 315.00 |
| Votive Candles: | \$ 169.10 |

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 10,589.45

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

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| Local Family | \$ 445.00 |
| Cemetery | \$ 6,030.00 |
| Maintenance: | \$ 790.00 |

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 7,265.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 17,854.45

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 395.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

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| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 130.00 |
| Catholic Home Mission | \$ 10.00 |
| Holy Land | \$ 45.00 |
| Easter | \$ 275.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE
\$54,600.00

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 to schedule an appointment.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP: The cemetery maintenance crew will be doing a Spring Clean-Up at St. John's Cemetery, Bishop St. on **Monday, April 14**. Please make sure that all items are removed from the cemetery plots by Saturday, April 12th. If you want to keep vases, wreaths etc. please take them for safekeeping. On April 14th, any remaining items will be discarded. As a reminder- No planting of any permanent shrubs, flowers or trees are permitted at grave sites. Any questions contact Joe Schoch at 814-359-2302.

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

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| <u>Sunday, April 6</u> 12:00 PM | People of the Parish |
| <u>Sunday, April 13</u> 12:00 PM | David Surkosky (Cathy Surkosky) |

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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| April 6 | Norma Muck |
| April 13 | Jim Hodgson |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

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| April 6 | kb Boomer |
| April 13 | Deb Cusatis |

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

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| March 23, 2025 | \$ 1,074.50 |
| March 30, 2025 | \$ 1,336.00 |

HOSPITALITY

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| April 6 | Adam Bowser & Mandy Stitzer |
| April 13 | Palm Sunday: Teacher Appreciation Dinner |

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, April 8th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

CCD SCHEDULE

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| April 6—CCD |
| April 13—CCD |

EASTER FLOWERS: There are envelopes in the back of the church for Easter Flower Donations.

ST. KATERI CCD TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

There will be a CCD teacher appreciation dinner after the Palm Sunday mass. Everyone welcome! Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass or just come and thank the teachers for their willingness to volunteer to teach our youth this past year. Contact Millie Turner with questions. Phone 814-883-6474.

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.

FOOD BANK

Reminder: Food Bank donations are welcome, needed and collected year-round. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries in the bin located in the vestibule just outside of the prayer room and beneath the large painting of the crucifixion. Our donations are taken regularly to the Faith Centre Food Bank. **Thank you for your generosity.**

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Spring Features!

- April Showers are here! Check out our large selection of raincoats
- Graduation caps and gowns are now available
- Check out our selection of Prom Gowns, Wedding Dresses and Men's Suits
- Thanks to huge donations of supplies, our Crafts Section will feature Scrapbook Sellebration. Capture your memories with patterned pages, page protectors, scrapbook covers, and hundreds of stickers and embellishments. Come give volunteering at our thrift store a try. Most volunteers work a 3-hour weekly shift. We are sure you will enjoy working together to serve those in need in our community. Stop by the Thrift Store (open 10:00am-4:00pm Monday - Saturday) for a tour and to learn more; or call 814-867-3131 for more information.

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM for Passion Devotions throughout Lent! "Behold the Pierced One" airs weekdays @ 3pm. The hour-long program features devotions such as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, and the Way of the Cross, followed by sacred music. For the remainder of the hour, a bishop or priest offers guided meditations on the Passion of Our Lord and the Mercy of God. Wherever you find yourself this Lent, WAOB's programming and prayers will accompany you. Tune into either of our two local stations, or visit www.waob.org to stream the radio content as well as daily meditations, Mass readings, and the Liturgy of the Hours. 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 keep the members of our local OCIA programs in your prayers this Lenten season.

JOIN SAINT JOHN SCHOOL
MONDAY, APRIL 7
6:30 - 7:30 PM



Family Adoration Night

Saint John Catholic Church

Experience the peace and beauty of praying before the Blessed Sacrament, and deepen your faith as Father Brian shares the powerful gifts of Adoration. Don't miss this sacred opportunity to grow together in prayer!



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Gardner Candy Sale donations— Cossman Family

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.

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.

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 | Redefiningeducation.org

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL - 5th GRADE TEACHING POSITION OPEN FOR 2025-2026

Saint John School is seeking a passionate and dedicated educator to join our faculty as a 5th Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. As we look ahead, we also take a moment to express our deep gratitude to Mrs. Mary Park, who will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Park has spent the last three years at Saint John School, bringing her wisdom, kindness, and unwavering commitment to her students. Her work here is the beautiful culmination of a long and meaningful career in education. She has touched the hearts of many students and colleagues, and her presence will be greatly missed. We pray that her retirement is filled with joy, peace, and well-deserved rest. Interested candidates for the 5th grade teaching position are invited to apply. Contact Mrs. Tice for more information.

Please join us in thanking Mrs. Park for her incredible contributions and in praying for a bright future for our next 5th grade teacher.

GARDNERS EASTER CANDY: It's not too late to order your Easter candy & support Saint John School! Visit- www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com and enter Saint John School Group No: 10-0987 to order through the online catalogue. These orders will ship directly to the buyer. The sale is open through April 13th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INCREDIBLE EDUCATORS!

We are thrilled to share that every one of our classroom teachers has successfully completed the rigorous, two-year LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) course and certification! This was no small feat—it required many hours, dedication, and a commitment to deep learning. This accomplishment is a testament to our teachers' passion for professional growth and their unwavering dedication to providing the highest quality literacy instruction for our students. LETRS equips educators with a strong foundation in the science of reading, giving them powerful tools to help every child become a confident, capable reader. Please join us in congratulating our outstanding educators on this remarkable milestone. We are so proud of their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence!

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VOCATION CORNER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

“Thanks to men and women obedient to the Holy Spirit, many forms of charitable work intended to promote development have arisen in the Church: hospitals, universities, professional formation schools, and small businesses. Such initiatives demonstrate the genuine humanitarian concern of those moved by the Gospel message, far in advance of other forms of social welfare.”



Through our prayers for vocations and our sacrifices for the common good, God seeks holy men and women to minister to His flock.

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.