

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

May 17, 2026/Seventh Sunday of Easter



And it came to pass, whilst He blessed them, He departed from them, and was



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.

CONTACT US

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www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org
www.stkaterichurch.org

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, May 16

5:00 PM Justin Turcotte
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

10:15 AM Lillian Boldin (Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Monday, May 18 St. John I, Pope & Martyr

9:00 AM Benefactors of St. John School

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM Rosemarie Kushwara (Lucia Stover)

Wednesday, May 20 St. Bernadine of Sienna

8:00 AM The Health of Jeanne Thompson
(Deacon Tom & Shirley)

Thursday, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes

6:00 PM Angelo Rose (The Rose Family)

Friday, May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

8:00 AM Ordination Anniversaries of Fr. Brian
(27 yrs) & Deacon Tom (22 yrs)

Saturday, May 23

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM All Priests, Living & Deceased
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

10:15 AM Evon Boldin
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, May 23 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/David Files
Lector: Christine Surovec
Servers: Kamdyn Brungard/Michael Maney
Music: Jay Zimmerman

Sunday, May 24 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul McCloskey/Jeff Drapcho
Lector: Jeff Drapcho
Servers: Alivia Smithmyer/Matt DeRemer
Music: Traditional

Sunday, May 24 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik/Kevin King
Lector: Teresa Jurewicz
Servers: Blair Lewis/Lilly Weiser
Music: Youth

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, May 17

12:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 24

12:00 PM Milton E. Turner (Jan & Millie Turner)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, May 19th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

The ROSARY 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.

ST. KATERI MINISTERS

Lector

May 17: Jim Hodgson
May 24: Gail Anderson

Eucharistic Minister

May 17: Gail Anderson
May 24: kb Boomer

Hospitality

May 17: Diane Brown, kb & Rick BB
May 24: No hospitality today and until the fall

CROSS CATHOLIC VISIT

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Donation envelopes will be provided. Please be generous and be sure to say hi after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach.

GREETERS WANTED: at St. John and St. Kateri

We are interested in setting up a system where parishioners greet other parishioners and guests as they enter the church before the scheduled Masses. The commitment would be for a half hour before the scheduled Mass time on the day and time that you normally attend. Frequency would be once every other month. Individuals, couples and families are invited to participate. Contact the Parish office if interested.

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

Sat. May 16	Young Adult Group (after 5PM Mass)
Sun. May 17	8:30-Noon KOC Breakfast
Mon. May 18	9:30 AM Adoration
	1:00 PM St. Johns in Stitches
Thurs. May 21	6:30 PM Healing through Faith

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP:

Are you a young adult looking for ways to meet other people your age within the parish? Please join our group! We meet every third Saturday of the month after the 5pm mass in front of the church. Our mission is to foster community through fun experiences, spiritual reading, and charity. Our main form of communication is through our WhatsApp group chat! Use this link to join the group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FKsi3SOY6o0605hllxqrL> or email Abigael Fisher (abigael.f.20@gmail.com) for more information. Our next meeting is May 16! See you there!

Carmelite Community of the Word Golf Tournament

The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, lunch will be served, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. Final deadline for Registration is May 27 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all! If you cannot golf, but would like to make a donation, contact our offices. Thank you!

PRAY FOR AMERICA: The prayer group will be meeting after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, May 17th in the rectory basement. All are welcome! Please join us to pray 'The Divine Mercy Chaplet' as well as prayers for America and any special intentions. Copies of the Pray for America prayer booklet are available in the entryway of the church. Email Stan and Tanya at tsechrist260@comcast.net with any questions.

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.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of May 10, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,896.15
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,897.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 5.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 992.00
Latin Mass	\$ 85.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 220.15

ORDINARY TOTAL \$11,095.30

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 225.00
Maintenance:	\$ 590.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 815.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 11,910.30

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 470.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Home Mission	\$ 27.00
Mothers Day	\$ 565.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 205.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

May 3, 2026	\$ 2,119.00
May 10, 2026	\$ 1,512.75

Thank you for your generosity!

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST on Sunday, May 17th 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.

SAVE THE DATE: St. John Church Picnic June 28



CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of the 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Confirmation Class for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Mark on Wednesday, April 22nd.

11th Grade – Galen Bloom, Lena Brown, Cane Capparelle, Benjamin Clark, Samuel Clark, Talia Cotter, Abigail Hacker, Althea Helms, Jamesyn Kelleher, Madison Kellogg, Michael Larson, Zachary Lehman, Francesco Long, Gavin Lucas, Evan Mattern, Maxwell O’Leary, Quinn Park, Bella Pereira, Emily Roland, Brody Sell, Connor Smithmyer, Harper Waite, Margaret Yurick

10th Grade - Eric Burns, Benjamin Cherinka, Jonathan Gasper, Cody Gehringer, Nolan Hockenberry, William Hoover, Isaac Johnson, Adrienne Masullo, Rachel McElhinny, Ava McNichol, Leah Ondish, Stella Puhala, Henry St. Amant, Emma Roland, Teagan Toner, Brogan Waite, Megan Weiser

9th Grade - Elizabeth Brezler, Frank Cotter, Emily Culley, Anthonino Danneker, Paul Hacker, Ethan Karmelita, Finn Kelleher, Joshua McElhinny, Dante Pighetti, Jr., Henry Roland, Derek Torres, Owen White, Patrick Woomer, Daniel Yurick

May the Holy Spirit remain close to you and may you always have the courage to say YES to God. God bless you on your Confirmation!

Travel with Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor of St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bellefonte, PA on our Pilgrimage/Cruise to Alaska with Fr. Brian S. trip

Where: Anchorage, Lake Hood Harbor, Alaska Railroad Depot, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Whittier, Skagway, AK, Juneau, AK, Ketchikan, Vancouver

Trip Dates: Sep 04-13, 2026

Cost: \$5,699.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370.

You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com

The Saint John's in Stitches sewing group will meet on Monday May 18 at 1 p.m. in the rectory basement. This will be our last meeting until September, as we break for the summer. Thank you to all who have contributed and support the efforts of Saint John's in Stitches.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY 2026

Registrations for our diocesan summer camp, Camp Zacchaeus (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 Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy. Any family that would like to apply for a scholarship is encouraged to do so.

Camp Zacchaeus – 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.

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at the Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CATHOLIC FAMILY FAITH NIGHT at the SPIKES BASEBALL GAME

Friday, June 19, 2026

6:35 PM (Gates Open at 5:25 PM)

Discounted Field Box Section 203 Tickets: **\$13.00**

National Anthem (before the game) and God Bless America (7th inning stretch) will be performed by adults and youth members of the Parishes/Schools

Please Contact: Chris Kirkpatrick @

chris@ourladyofvictory.com or call 814-237-7832 ext. 421 for information and reservation.

P.S. you don't have to sing to join in the FUN. Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church/Spikes game. 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. Deadline is June 10th.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

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

COME AND JOIN OUR SCHOOL:

We still have **2 spots remaining in our 3-Year Pre-K program!** Our **4-Year Pre-K is currently full** with a waiting list, and we have a **few openings left in Kindergarten through 5th grade.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us at mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net. We would love to welcome you to our Saint John School family!

MAY CROWNING:

We would like to say thank you to those that brought flowers in to help us celebrate May Crowning on Monday, May 4th. Your thoughtful contributions help make the event especially beautiful and meaningful. This year, 5th grader Karina Turco was selected to crown Mary.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL - PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/REGISTRAR POSITION OPEN FOR 2026-2027:

We share both gratitude and a bit of bittersweet news with our school community. After 20 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Tina Wendt will be retiring from her role as our School Office Manager and Registrar. For two decades, Tina has been the heart of our office, welcoming families, supporting students and staff, and gracefully navigating the many needs, demands, and changes that come each day. Her kindness, steady presence, and deep love for Saint John School have touched countless lives. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school family and wish her every blessing in this next chapter. As we celebrate Tina's well-earned retirement, we are also seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant/Registrar to join our team. This position plays a vital role in the daily life of our school, serving as the first point of contact for families and supporting essential office and registration functions. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact the school office.

Please join us in thanking Tina for her years of faithful service!

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

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inquire@saintjohnsch.net



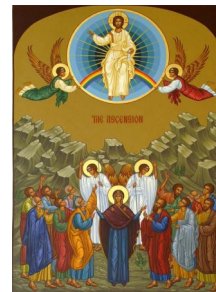
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VOCATION CORNER

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Seventh Sunday of Easter reminds us that vocation begins in Christ's prayer for His disciples. Jesus asks the Father to protect them, to keep them united, and to strengthen them in truth as He sends them into the world. Our calling flows from this same prayer: to remain rooted in God's word, to live in unity with one another, and to carry Christ's mission into our daily lives. Supported by His intercession and guided by the Spirit, we are called to witness to God's love wherever we are.



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.