

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

August 23, 2026/21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
Matthew 16:18-19



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 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
FRIDAY CLOSED

CONTACT US

(814) 355-3134 | saintjohnsoff@gmail.com
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, August 22 Queenship of Mary

5:00 PM Toby Capparelle
(Marilyn & Mike Ivicic)

Sunday, August 23

8:00 AM Mary Capparelle (Vickie Wolfe)

10:15 AM Patricia Grote
(Fabian & Monica Grote)

Monday, August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle

9:00 AM Mary Fannon (Family)

Tuesday, August 25 St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

8:00 AM LaCroce Family
(Rosemary Truglio)

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 AM James Ficarro
(Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, August 27 St. Monica

6:00 PM Toby Capparelle
(Rosemary Truglio)

Friday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

8:00 AM Katie Saylor (Fr. Brian)

Saturday, August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM June Raleigh
(Daniel & Barbara Materna)

10:15 AM Jerry Fenush (Joan Fenush)

4:00 PM Anna Mae ("Oma") Stitzer
(St. John Faculty & Staff)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, August 29 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Marshall/Lorraine Fello
Lector: Doreen Koleno
Servers: Cristiano & Josiah Pacheco
Music: Natalie Stanton

Sunday, August 30 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Kevin Trimpey
Lector: Kevin Trimpey
Servers: Oliver St. Amant/Matt DeRemer
Music: Traditional

Sunday, August 30 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Leoni Martins/Adam Rawding
Lector: Adam Rawding
Servers: Peter Levandoski/Kamdyn Brungard
Music: Folk

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, August 23

12:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 30

12:00 PM For the 57th Anniversary of Ann & Larry Butz
(Larry Butz)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, August 25th 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

August 23 Jim Hodgson
August 30 kb Boomer

Eucharistic Minister

August 23 Deb Cusatis
August 30 kb Boomer

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.

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2026: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are 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

Cards for Father's father.

If you would like to send a card or note to Fr. Brian's dad, Richard, as he recovers from his fall, they can be sent to:

Richard Saylor
825 S. 94th Street
Chandler, AZ 85224

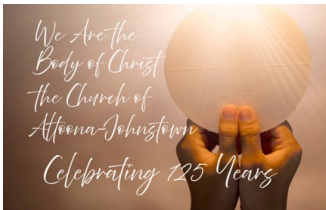
Thank you for all the prayers on his long journey to recovery.

Weekly events

Sun. August 23 **3:00 PM Holy Hour for Vocations**
Thurs. August 27 **6:30 PM Fr. Joshi Bible Study**

CCD CLASSES

CCD classes will start in mid-September. There are registration forms by the confessional in the back of the church for students that are new to the CCD program or students/parents that may need to update their contact information. Completed forms can be placed in the collection baskets or delivered to Tony or Paula Roland. CCD classes for grades K-8 will be held weekly from 9:00-10:00 am in the St. John's School.



DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE Saturday, September 19, 2026

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg

In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of

Altoona-Johnstown, the annual diocesan men's, women's, and youth conferences have been combined into one signature event for all ages. The theme of the conference is "We Are the Body of Christ, The Church of Altoona-Johnstown" in celebration of the family of believers that has shaped the 125-year legacy of faith in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

This family conference offers opportunities for men, women, married couples, single individuals, young adults, teens and youth. There will be a keynote address for all and breakout sessions for the groups mentioned above. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass as part of the day, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and an Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be available.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 4

Registration can be completed online at www.dioceseaj.org/diocesan-family-conference-2026/ or by mail (pick up a registration booklet from the parish).

OCIA Classes begin in September! If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) class will begin in September. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. These sessions are not only for those who have decided to join, but also those who are curious about the faith – all are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact the rectory office, or OCIA coordinator David Harry at 814-680-4908 or at centreplayhouse@aol.com. **There will be an informal meeting for those interested on Monday, August 24th in the rectory basement at 6:30 pm – Walk-ins are Welcome!** We are also looking for faithful Catholics interested in joining the OCIA team – we need people to help with the program and to serve as sponsors for our candidates and catechumens. We look forward to hearing from you!

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 16, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,328.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,186.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 5.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 118.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 203.00

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 9,840.00

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 30.00
Cemetery	\$ 40.00
Maintenance:	\$ 135.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 205.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 10,045.00

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 1,202.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 6,620.00
Assumption	\$ 1,313.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

August 9, 2026	\$ 1,547.50
August 16, 2026	\$ 1,200.50
Food Bank	\$ 9.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00
\$45,045.00 as of July 31, 2026

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00
\$15,240.00 as of July 31, 2026

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

The contact person for our parish prayer chain is Sara Nagel. For any prayer requests please email Sara at: donalnagel@verizon.net, or you may call her at 814-353-1010.

Save This Date

September 12 @ 1:30 -- A Rosary Rally is scheduled at Boal Mansion led by Fr. Joshi.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE WITH

FR. BRIAN

October 4-14, 2027

Fr. Brian invites you to join him for a pilgrimage to France.

WHERE YOU'LL GO: Paris • Lisieux • Omaha Beach • Mont St. Michel • Nevers • Paray-Le-Monial • Lourdes

COST: \$5,800.00

An informational session will be held Sunday, September 20 at 2:00 PM in the rectory basement.

For more information contact Pam Callahan

(psb146@msn.com) or Fr. Brian Saylor

(bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or 814-355-3134) or

L.P. Pilgrimage (1-833-944-8242 or booking@Lpjp.org).



VISIT TO MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Please consider joining us as we continue to visit other Catholic Churches in our diocese. Our next visit will be **Sunday, September 20** to Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Huntingdon for the **10:30 Mass**. We plan to meet in the old Weis parking lot at 9:15 to carpool.

If you haven't been part of any of these visits, please consider joining us. The experience is very rewarding and enjoyable in meeting other parishioners in our diocese.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE:

AUGUST SPECIALS

- PRE-Winter Coat and Vest Sale – Only \$5.
- Move-In Sale. . .check out domestic, houseware and appliances at great prices.

If you have free time and are looking for something fun to do, why not consider joining our team of Volunteers? Training will be provided. To find out more about opportunities to help, please call 814-867-3131.

The Thrift Store is open Monday through Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Donations are accepted Monday through Thursday, 10 am – 3:30 pm and Friday and Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm ONLY.

JESUS CALLS:

Here is a picture of the priests and seminarians that your generous donations have helped and inspired.



ANNUAL WEDDING LITURGY

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 13** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 20** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.

ANNUAL SCOUT MASS

Scouts and families, If you are interested in earning your Catholic Religious Emblem, or if you have turned in the paperwork to receive one since last summer, please contact Stacey Burns, Committee Chair, at staceyburns@gmail.com no later than September 1. This year, the Scout Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be October 3 at 12 Noon. This Mass is open to the public.

Mark Your Calendars!

— JOIN US FOR —
FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC Adoration
WITH
FR. LEO PATALINGHUG
"The Cooking Priest"



 **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**
LOCK HAVEN

and

 **ST. JOSEPH PARISH**
RENOVO

 **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**
TO
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

 *A special time of prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic Adoration.*

 **WATCH FOR UPDATES!**
Details & Schedule Coming Soon!

 **LEARN MORE ABOUT FR. LEO AND HIS MINISTRY:**
<https://platinggrace.com/>

 **COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS.**
All Are Welcome!

St. John School News

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS:

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

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

AUGUST: Wednesdays from 8:30 - 12:30 p.m. and by appointment. Items may be dropped off at any time in the box by the main entrance at the top right of the courtyard. Although the box will be checked regularly, we would appreciate a quick email or call to notify us of your drop-off. To schedule appointments or notify of an item being dropped off: Please email mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net or call 814-355-7859.

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

- ◆ Thursday, August 20th - Kindergarten Kick-Off - 6:15 - 7pm
- ◆ Sunday, August 30th - Mass/Blessing of Backpacks @ Governors Park - 4pm
- ◆ Tuesday, September 1st - New school year begins for K-5th grade (full day)
- Wednesday, September 2nd - 4-year-old Pre-K orientation - 9am
- Thursday, September 3rd - 3 year-old Pre-K orientation - 9am
- ◆ Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th - **No School in observance of Labor Day**
- ◆ Tuesday, September 8th - School resumes and first day of 3 year-old Pre-K
- ◆ Wednesday, September 9th - First day of school for 4 year-old PreK

CLASSROOM CULTIVATORS:

A big thank you goes out to the following Classroom Cultivators:

- 3YR PK - Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Denise Leskovansky
- 4YR PK - Mr. Ed Jedrzejewski and Ms. Barbara Eddy
- Kindergarten - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Louise Rogers
- First Grade - Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cathy Himmel
- Second Grade - Anonymous
- Third Grade - Ms. Barbara Carver and Ms. Kay Uncapher
- Fourth Grade - Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cathy Himmel
- Fifth Grade - Mrs. Gloria Rogers
- Art - Mr. and Mrs. Jason and Taylor Doksa
- Music - Deacon Tom and Mrs. Shirley Boldin
- Library - Mrs. Cecelia Ebeling-Doty and Mrs. Rosalie Ebeling-Bailey
- PE - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Louise Rogers
- STREAM - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Melissa Yahner
- Faith Formation - Mr. and Mrs. Doug and Kristina Tice
- ◆ After School Care - Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Barbara Materna
- ◆ Drama Club - Mr. and Mrs. David and Deborah Zanzalari

Classroom Cultivators have bloomed! Every classroom and special space has been sponsored by a generous donor.

Thank you to everyone who planted a seed of support; your gifts will directly help our students learn, create, and grow throughout the year!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE OKTOBERFEST:

Get ready to roll out the barrel at our 3rd Annual Oktoberfest!

Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 6 PM - 9 PM
The Shop in Zion.

\$40 donation per ticket includes a full meal, live entertainment and a whole barrel of fun! All proceeds benefit the amazing staff of Saint John School.

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses beginning August 22, 2026. You can also contact the school office at 814-355-7859 or oktoberfest@saintjohnsch.net.



VOCATION CORNER 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?", He invites them into a moment of deep personal revelation. Peter's bold confession — "You are the Christ" — becomes the foundation of his mission. For those discerning or living a religious vocation, this Gospel reminds us that every call begins with this same encounter: recognizing who Jesus truly is and allowing that truth to shape our lives. This is the heart of **personal encounter** in vocation.



Peter's vocation does not arise from his perfection but from his willingness to answer the question with honesty and love. Christ builds on that openness. So it is with us. A vocation grows when we dare to respond to Jesus' question with our whole heart and let His identity define our own — a moment of **trusting surrender** that becomes the seed of mission.

A vocation rooted in this Gospel is a life that says, again and again, "You are the Christ" — and then follows where that confession leads, with courage, humility, and love.

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.