

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 30, 2026/22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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
Michelle Russell: 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 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)

Monday, August 31

9:00 AM Toby Capparelle
(Deb Charles-Savage)

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 AM Barbara Gillespie (Family)

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 AM Joe & Connie Moseri
(The Brezler Family)

Thursday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

6:00 PM Rosemarie Kushwara (CDA)

Friday, September 4

8:00 AM Marilyn Fanfera (Family)

Saturday, September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 AM Jeremy Herbstritt (Mom)

5:00 PM Bill Moerschbacher Jr.
(Doug Moerschbacher)

Sunday, September 6

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Bernice Capperella
(Rich & Kim Fornicola)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, September 5 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: David Files/George Callahan
Lector: Steve Brezler
Servers: Elliott Brezler/Oliver St. Amant
Music: Joe Lexon

Sunday, September 6 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Art & Deb Ardire
Lector: Art Ardire
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
Music: Traditional

Sunday, September 6 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Annie McDermott/Shirley Boldin
Lector: Patrick McDermott
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Frankie McDermott
Music: Jay Zimmerman

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, August 30

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

Tuesday, September 1

11:00 AM Marjorie Turner (Jan & Millie Turner)

Sunday, September 6

12:00 PM Anniversary of Jan & Millie Turner

WEEKDAY MASS There will be Mass this Tuesday,
September 1st at 11:00 AM.

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 30 kb Boomer
September 6 Gail Anderson

Eucharistic Minister

August 30 kb Boomer
September 6 Gail Anderson

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.

On behalf of my father, I would like to thank everyone for
the cards and notes sent to him during his recovery.
It has been very rough going and they really boosted his
spirit which has been pretty low.

We really appreciate all your kindness and prayers.

Fr. Brian

Weekly events

Thurs., September 3

6:30 PM CDA meeting

CCD Classes Resume

ST. JOHN

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.

ST KATERI

CCD classes begin on Sunday September 20 from 10:15-11:45 the first and third Sunday with some variations during Easter season. Classes are offered for students in grades Kindergarten through 9th grade. Only new students need to register. Forms are on the bookshelf in the church foyer. Contact Millie Turner if you have questions. 814-883-6474 or mlt3557@verizon.net

ATTENTION 9th GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS – Father Brian and the Confirmation Team will be having a meeting to introduce the Confirmation preparation process on September 20th after the 10:15 Mass. This meeting involves all ninth-grade religious education students, Home School students and St. Joseph's students.

It is required that the Candidate and at least one parent be present

Questions - please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or email at stboldin@verizon.net

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in September. All are welcome!.

St. Mother Theresa famously said, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth."

Monday, September 7 (9:30-1:00 pm)

Monday, September 21 (9:30-1:00 pm)

Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Vocations

If you would like to join our Adoration email list (used only for monthly reminders or cancellations due to weather, funerals, etc), contact Liz Forstmeier at lforstmeier@gmail.com.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 23, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 5,873.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 860.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 4.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 100.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 169.50

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 7,006.50

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Maintenance:	\$ 125.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 125.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 7,131.50

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 305.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 4,350.00
Assumption	\$ 100.00
Jesus Calls	\$ 40.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

August 16, 2026	\$ 1,200.50
Food Bank	\$ 9.00
August 23 2026	\$ 1,001.00
Outreach	\$ 10.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00
\$44,425.00 as of June 30, 2026

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00
\$12,980.00 as of June 30, 2026

PRAY FOR AMERICA: The prayer group will be meeting after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, September 13th in the rectory dining room. 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.

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).



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.

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.

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 staceyjburns@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.

A big thank you to all the Volunteers who cleaned the Church last week!!

Box of Joy 2026

St John in Stitches is excited to announce the Box of Joy Christmas Shoebox campaign for 2026. We will be collecting for 5 weeks from Sept 6th - October 11th. Our goal is to provide 50 gift boxes for girls and boys 10-14 years old living in Central and South America. The sewing group has been busy making small dresses, headbands, drawstring bags, wash cloths and hacky sacks.

We are asking our parish family to help fill the boxes with additional items such as: small toys & games, lip balm, boys and girls socks and underwear (large youth), sunglasses and flip flops. Items should be **SMALL**. Space is limited in the shoeboxes. Please drop your donations in the collection bins in the vestibule of the church.

Financial help: Each shoebox costs \$9 to ship. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make checks payable to "St John's in Stitches" with "Box of Joy" in the memo, place it in a clearly marked envelope for Box of Joy and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. ***Thank you for caring for these children in need. We couldn't do it without your help and generosity!***

As part of the **Diocesan Mission Cooperative**, next weekend we welcome Rev. Vincent Marube of the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru in Kenya-East Africa. Hunger and lack of water are rampant as well as a high rate of poverty. This has led to children living on the streets and the diocese runs orphanages to care for many of these abandoned children. The diocese also run education and health programs to take care of the underprivileged. Your donations help in their vital work.

Mark Your Calendars!

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



 **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**
LOCK HAVEN

 **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.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Saint John Parish Family,

This year at Saint John Catholic School, we're setting out on an adventure, and our theme, Adventure Ahead: Watch for the Signs, reminds us that every day here is a chance to look for God's hand at work. In Scripture, God is always leaving signs for His people to follow: a star over Bethlehem, a pillar of fire in the desert, a still, small voice. This year, our students will learn to watch for His signs too, in a lesson that clicks, a friend who needs kindness, or a simple moment of quiet prayer.

What makes Saint John School different is that we don't just teach children to succeed. We teach them to notice where God is leading them, and to have the courage to follow. That is the adventure we're inviting every student into this year.

Thank you to our parish for the prayers and support that make this mission possible, and to our school families for walking this adventure with us. May God bless our students, families, faculty, staff, and parish as the journey unfolds.

In Christ,

Michelle Russell

Principal of Saint John Catholic School

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

- 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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

The school would like to give a special thanks to Joe Baummer, David Files, Rich Fornicola, Pat Kelley, Bob Kucas, Joe Lexon, Ed Mulfinger, Mike Pavone, Genny Robine, Stan and Tonya Sechrist, Henry St. Amant, Katey Smoyer, Nancy Swartzell, and Mary Lou Whitman. Thank you for the time, energy, and care you gave in preparing our school over the summer. Your hard work—often behind the scenes—has created a welcoming space for our students to learn and grow this 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 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this Gospel, Jesus teaches that true discipleship involves taking up the cross and following Him. For those discerning or living a religious vocation, His words reveal a central truth: a vocation is not built on comfort or self-preservation, but on self-giving love. Christ invites us to let go of whatever keeps us from fully offering our lives to Him.

Peter's resistance to the path of the cross mirrors our own hesitations. Yet Jesus gently but firmly redirects him — and us — toward the deeper wisdom of God. A vocation grows when we allow Christ to reshape our instincts, reorder our desires, and lead us beyond fear into generous surrender.

A vocation rooted in this Gospel is a life that chooses Christ over convenience, mission over comfort, and love over self-interest — discovering, in the end, that in losing ourselves for His sake, we find who we were made to be.

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.

