

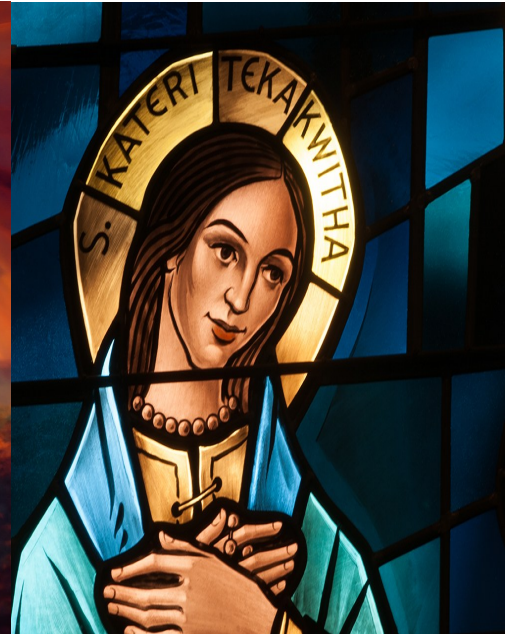
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PO Box 159
3503 Penns Valley Rd,
Spring Mills, PA 16875

September 6, 2026/23rd 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 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
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, September 5

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
(Kim & Rich Fornicola)

Monday, September 7

9:00 AM Michelle Russell (A Friend)

Tuesday, September 8 Nativity of the Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Rose Granite (Connie Davis)

Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 AM Arthur Auman, Jr. (His Family)

Thursday, September 10

6:00 PM Andrew Modis (Art & Deb Ardire)

Friday, September 11

8:00 AM Lt. Jonas M. Panik
(Panik Family)

Saturday, September 12

5:00 PM Georgeanna Yahner
(Yahner Family)

Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM Bill Moerschbacher
(Doug Moerschbacher)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, September 12 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe & Toni Beigle
Lector: Marie Lingle
Servers: Cristiano & Josiah Pacheco
Music: Joe Lexon

Sunday, September 13 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Drapcho/Janie Provan
Lector: Jeff Drapcho
Servers: Grant Wintersteen/Mallory White
Music: Traditional

Sunday, September 13 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Paula & Tony Roland
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Michael Maney/Alec Rudella
Music: Jay Zimmerman

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, September 6

12:00 PM Anniversary of Jan & Millie Turner

Sunday, September 13

12:00 PM Charles Hall (Phil & Kathy Bosak)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, September 8 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

September 6	Gail Anderson
September 13	kb Boomer

Eucharistic Minister

September 6	Jim Hodgson
September 13	Sandy Rockey

HOSPITALITY RESUMES NEXT WEEK!

September 13: Diane Brown & kb & Rick BB

September 20: Millie Turner & Shelly Ash

September 27: Connie Corl & Celina Jovel

**Sanctuary Candle in memory of
Rose Granite from
Connie Davis**

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

Weekly events

Wed. September 9 9:00 AM Healing
Through Faith
Thurs. September 10 6:30 PM Fr. Joshi Bible
Study
6:30 PM KOC Meeting

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Due to the Labor Day holiday Adoration on
Monday, September 7th will be CANCELED

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.

COME CELEBRATE THE WONDER, WARMTH, AND MAGIC OF THE SEASON!

Father Brian will be hosting a bus trip to Lancaster to see the all-new American Music Theatre live, original musical Christmas Show: Winter Wonderland.

Step into the magic of the season with Winter Wonderland, American Music Theatre's 2026 Christmas show! From a charming Bavarian village to the festive North Pole, this dazzling production features stunning sets, gorgeous costumes, and live performances of your favorite sacred and secular holiday songs. With our sensational cast, live orchestra, and even a visit from Santa, it's a joyful experience for the whole family—and a holiday tradition for all!

The bus trip is on **Thursday, November 19**, for the 10:30 am showing. Travel will be by Fullington Trailways. We will be stopping after the show at Cracker Barrel in Harrisburg. The bus will be boarding in front of St. John's at 6:00 am and returning approximately at 7:00 pm. Cost of the trip is **\$140.00 per person** which includes show ticket and transportation. Meals will be on your own.

All reservations and money must be received in St. John's parish office by Friday, October 9th. Please note – no reservations will be accepted without payment. Space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact St. John's parish office at (814) 355-3134.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 30, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7687.05
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1528.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 10.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 22.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 193.60

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 9440.65

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Stitches (Box of Joy)	\$ 20.00
Maintenance:	\$ 172.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 192.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 9632.65

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 112.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 2405.00
Assumption	\$ 82.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

August 23, 2026	\$ 1,001.00
Out reach	\$ 10.00
August 30, 2026	\$ 1348.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Religious Education

St. John

CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes begin **Sunday, September 13th at 9 AM**. Registration forms are available at the back of the church by the confessionals for any students not already registered. Please return completed forms to the church office or bring the first day of class.

We will hold a brief parent meeting the first week in the school auditorium. Students will gather with their grades and proceed to their rooms after the meeting has ended.

Starting 9/20 we can update it to:

CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes have resumed! Grades K-8th class times are Sunday 9:00-10:00 in St. John School. Please contact Tony (tcroland@hotmail.com) or Paula Roland (proland@dioceseaj.org) for new student registration or with any questions.

Please note the following class schedule

Sept 20th - Class

Sept 27th - Class

Oct 4th - Class

Oct 11th - Class- 7th & 8th grade mass (10:15)

Oct 18th - NO CLASS

ATTENTION 9th GRADE 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 in the school auditorium. 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

Congratulations to

Zachary & Emma Ohl parents of Victor Edward who received his Baptism August 15, 2026. May they continue to grow in the Faith.

Congratulations to

Vlad & Sarah Damian parents of Alexandru Sorin who received his Baptism August 15, 2026. May they continue to grow in the Faith.

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

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.

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:

School Collection (August): \$2164

School Lunch Program: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Worrick

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

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE OKTOBERFEST:

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

Mark your calendars: Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 6 PM - 9 PM The Shop in Zion.

A \$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.

SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES:

We are accepting applications for substitute teachers. Candidates must possess a valid Pennsylvania teaching certificate and be able to obtain all state and federal clearances. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Catholic Church and be able to provide for the academic and spiritual health of our students.

Interested applicants should contact Michelle Russell at principal@sainjohnsch.net.

SCHOOL LUNCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NEEDED:

As part of our Saint John family, we often hear from parishioners looking for ways to support our school and students in a significant way. If you would like to make a daily impact in the life of a student, we would be greatly appreciative of donations geared directly toward offsetting lunch fees for our students in need.

Saint John School does not receive government funds for school lunches, but we still have students who qualify for reduced lunches. Donations can be sent to the school office via a labeled envelope in the collection basket, dropping it off directly, or mailing to 116 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte, PA 16823. If you have any questions, please contact Erin St. Amant at estamant@saintjohnsch.net or 814-355-7859. We are grateful for your consideration.

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).

VOCATION CORNER 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matthew 18:15–20 offers a practical and deeply spiritual picture of what a vocation rooted in Christ looks like. Jesus calls us to be people who seek reconciliation rather than division, who approach one another with honesty and compassion when relationships are strained. This is not easy work, but it is holy work.



A religious vocation grows out of this commitment to healing. It begins with the willingness to speak truth gently, to listen humbly, and to take the first step toward restoring peace. When reconciliation requires the support of others, Jesus reminds us that the community becomes part of the vocation. We do not discern or serve alone; the Church accompanies us in truth and charity.

At the heart of this passage is Christ's promise: **"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."** Every effort to mend relationships, every conversation seeking understanding, every act of forgiveness becomes a place where Christ is present. A vocation to priesthood or religious life is shaped by this presence—by the desire to build unity, foster mercy, and reflect Christ's reconciling love in the world.

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.