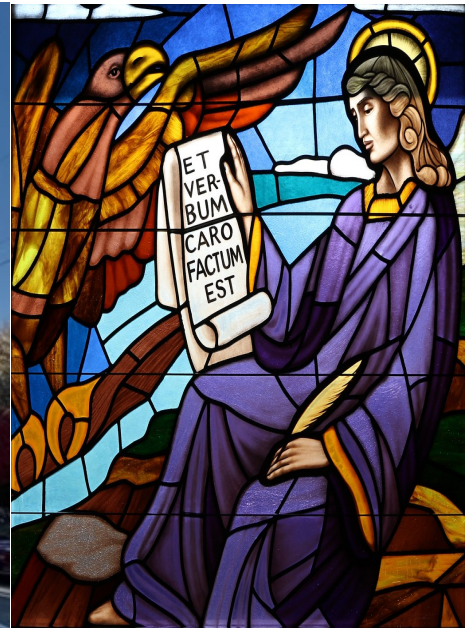


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

September 7, 2025/ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

CONTACT US

(814) 355-3134 | saintjohnsoff@gmail.com
www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

Join us on FlockNote!
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: O.C.I.A. Coordinator
Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin:
Confirmation Directors
Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator
Joe Baummer: Maintenance

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Baptism: Call the rectory
O.C.I.A.: Call the rectory
Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months
in advance

Masses for the week

Saturday, September 6

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife Genny)

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM For the Health of Jeanne Thompson
(Deacon Tom & Shirley)

Monday, September 8 Nativity of the Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Gino Napoli
(Richard & Linda Struble)

Tuesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver

8:00 AM John Napoli
(Richard & Linda Struble)

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM Andrew Modis (Art & Deb Ardire)

Thursday, September 11

6:00 PM Jonas Martin Panik (The Family)

Friday, September 12 Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM Mary Shoemaker
(Richard & Linda Struble)

Saturday, September 13 St. John Chrystoam

5:00 PM Henry & Anne Haranin
(Anspauch, Neidigh, & Kowalski families)

Sunday, September 14 Exaltation of the Cross

8:00 AM Robert Basalla Sr.
(Mary Jane Davidson)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, September 13 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Stephanie Mullin/Cindy Hallahan
Lector: Stephanie Mullin
Servers: Elliott Brezler/A..J. Cleaver
Music: Joe Lexon

Sunday, September 14 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding/Kevin Trimpey
Lector: Adam Rawding
Servers: Mallory White/Alivia Smithmyer
Music: Traditional

Sunday, September 14 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik/
Lorraine Fello
Lector: Lorraine Fello
Servers: Grant & Jack Wintersteen
Music: Folk

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.

CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes begin Sunday, September 14th 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.

ATTENTION 9th, 10th and 11th GRADE STUDENTS – For the past three years the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been working to update the preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Confirmation revision involves all ninth, tenth and eleventh grade religious education students, Home School students and St. Joseph's students. Father Brian and the Confirmation Team will be having a meeting to introduce the new Confirmation preparation process on September 7th after the 10:15 Mass.

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

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2025: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. Class dates for 2025 are 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Monday, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Tuesday, Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday
Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday
Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday, Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Weekly events

Monday September 8

6:00 PM Bingo

Thursday September 11

6:30 PM Bible Study

Box of Joy 2025

St John's in Stitches is excited to Kick-Off the Box of Joy Christmas Shoebox campaign today! There will be collection bins in the vestibule of the church from August 30 through October 11/12. Our goal is to provide 150 shoeboxes for boys and girls in Central and South America in 3 age groups: 2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs, 10-14 yrs. The sewing group has been busy making washcloths, headbands, small stuffed animals and drawstring bags. *(Note - We have sunglasses, flip flops and glue sticks - we no longer need those items)*

We are asking our parish family to help fill the boxes with items such as (see today's bulletin insert for a complete list): SMALL notebooks (4"x6"), coloring books, bars of soap, toothbrushes, boys and girls socks and underwear, toys/games and small deflated balls and hand pumps. *ALL donations should be SMALL. Space is limited in the shoeboxes. **NEW THIS YEAR - they will no longer be collecting toothpaste.**

Each shoebox also needs \$9 for shipping and handling. 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 and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

Thank you!

Foundations of Faith:

A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Part One: Tuesdays October 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4 . from 10 a.m. to 12 N at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA 16641. Part Two will be scheduled in the spring of 2026.

Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the ultimate way to encounter the wisdom of the Catechism and deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith. This study is a spiritual pilgrimage that will transform the way you understand Catholic teachings and live the Catholic Faith. Using a DVD series by educators such as Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and others, this study walks you through the Catechism from beginning to end, unpacking its rich insights and showing you how to apply them to your daily life. Participants will find it helpful to have their own copy of the Catechism for this study. (This series will be offered on same dates from 6 – 8 PM at Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto.) Registration is requested by Sept 30. CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com, or 814-886-4098, or srmarilynw@CCWcommunity.org. A free-will offering is appreciated.

2025 Wedding Anniversary Liturgies: 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 2025 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21 in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 28 in Johnstown at St. John Gaulbert Cathedral**. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location **begin at 2:00 PM**. 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 our parish office for either celebration by Friday, September 12th. Call the rectory office to register at 814-355-3134.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 31, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,110.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,560.00
Children	\$ 7.29
Special Monthly:	\$ 370.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 210.55

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 10,257.84

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 690.00
Cemetery	\$ 00.00
Maintenance:	\$ 753.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,443.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 11,700.84

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 2,755.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Assumption	\$ 15.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$
Missionary Coop	\$ 9.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Cash BINGO: St. John's Bingo Returns Monday September 8th at St. John's Catholic School Auditorium. Paying out \$850 each evening. Doors will open to the public for food and Games of Chance at 6PM, and the first BINGO will begin at 7PM. \$20 for 20 Games. Walk-ins welcome! Smoke Free Facility. We will have plenty of homemade baked goods and items for dinner. Benefits the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus. Bingo is the second Monday of each month thru June, except December (third Monday).

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 RCIA coordinator David Harry at 814-880-8427 or at centreplayhouse@aol.com. We are also looking for faithful Catholics interested in joining the RCIA 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!

CONGRATULATIONS to Justin & Caitlin Leiter! Their daughter Saylor Leiter was baptized on August 23, 2025. May they continue to grow in the Faith.

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

Sunday, September 7

12:00 PM

Marjorie Turner
(Millie Turner)

Sunday September 14

12:00 PM

Brett & Rachel Turner
(Millie Turner)

LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 7

Deb Cusatis

September 14

kb Boomer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

September 7

Sister Judy

September 14

Millie Turner

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

(regular & online)

August 24, 2025

\$ 810.00

August 31, 2025

HOSPITALITY

September 7: Barb Cole & kb and Rick BB

September 14: Millie Turner and Panera Bread

September 21: Shelly Ash and Stephanie Perrot

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, August 26th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

ST. KATERI RELIGIOUS ED

First day of CCD is September 21. Only new students need to register for CCD. registration forms are in the back of the church. We now have a kindergarten starting this year so any kindergarten student will need to register. CCD will be offered the first and third Sunday of the month.

Box of Joy 2025

Collection for the **Box of Joy** campaign kicks off today and runs through October 11/12! Collection bins will be placed in the back of St. Kateri church. See the announcement in the St. John section of the bulletin and today's insert for more details.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: End of Summer Specials

- Check out our End of Summer Special: All Adult Shorts, Capris, Sleeveless Tops and Bathing Suits are 50% off.
- We have Penn State Apparel available.
- Keep an eye out for Hunting Apparel that will be coming soon.

Are you looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? Consider joining us as a Donation Greeter, Sorter or Cashier. If you are interested in learning more, please stop by the Thrift Store or call 814-867-3131. Donations are accepted Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 3:30 pm and Friday and Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm ONLY.

The Thrift Store is open Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.

Join us for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Women's Conference at Mount Aloysius College on Saturday, September 20, 2025!

The day includes light breakfast, lunch, a keynote address by speaker Megan Hjelmstad, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop Mark.

Megan Hjelmstad, a Catholic author, speaker, and hockey mom residing in Denver, will be the keynote presenter at the 2025 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Women's Conference on September 20. Hjelmstad spent 15 years in the United States Army and currently serves the Church through Blessed is She, a global Catholic women's ministry. Register at www.dioceseaj.org/2025-womens-conference/ or call Brittany Boland at the diocese at 814-695-5579 or with the form in the main entry way.

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

\$8,500.00

\$18,550.00 as of June 30, 2025

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025.

Important Notice: We are taking reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The cost of the Bus is \$70.00 per person and does not include meals or the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at **EXACTLY** 6:00 AM from the Walmart parking lot, Benner Pike, State College.

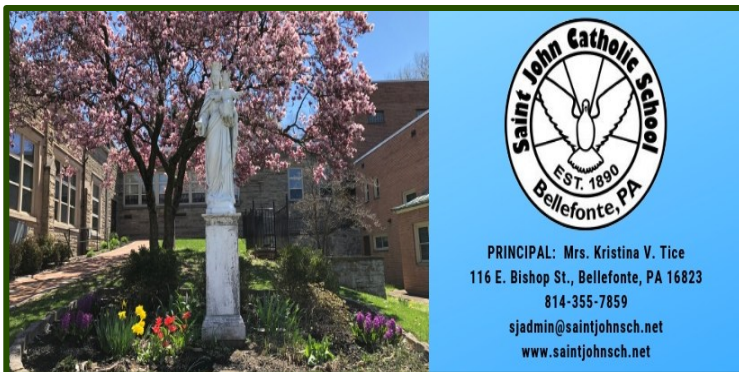
ONLY 2 BUSES with 100 SEATS are available.

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to St. John the Evangelist Parish, please call 814-355-3134. More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event.

Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Northern Deanery area.

HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one or experiencing any other form of grief? Consider joining the Ministry of Consolation team and others as we come together to support one another through our faith. The next "Healing Through Faith" meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th at 9:00AM in the Rectory dining room and then on Thursday, September 18th at 6:30PM in the Rectory basement. **All are welcome!** For more information call Ed Mulfinger at (814) 280-2755, Connie Davis at 355-1280 or Barbara Materna at 359-0354.



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

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

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR SAINT JOHN OKTOBERFEST:

Join us for a fun and festive evening to benefit Saint John School.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Location: The Shop – 129 Snyder Brook Lane, Bellefonte

Cost: \$40 per person (must be 21 or older)

Each ticket includes:

- One beverage
- One meal
- One dessert
- Door prize entry
- Custom mug
- Live entertainment by The Little German Band

Tickets can be purchased three ways: before and after Mass on 9/6 and 9/7, at the school or rectory office, or securely online at <https://www.saintjohnsch.net/oktoberfest>. Tickets will be available through September 27 and will not be sold at the door. For questions or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact us at 814-355-7859 or oktoberfest@saintjohnsch.net. We hope to see you there in support of Saint John School.

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 Kristina Tice at principal@saintjohnsch.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.

SAINT JOHN Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 6-9 PM
The Shop – 129 Snyder Brook Lane, Bellefonte

TICKET INCLUDES:
ONE BEVERAGE | ONE MEAL | ONE DESSERT
DOOR PRIZE ENTRY | CUSTOM MUG
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY THE LITTLE GERMAN BAND

Purchase tickets at school or rectory office,
or pay securely online using QR code
to pick up your tickets at the event.

Contact us at
814-355-7859 or oktoberfest@saintjohnsch.net
with any questions or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.
Tickets will be sold until September 27
and will not be available at the door.

ON SALE NOW
\$40/PERSON
must be 21 or older

TICKETS FROM THIS 21+ EVENT TO BENEFIT SAINT JOHN SCHOOL








Calling All Youth Singers!



The Saint John Youth Choir is looking for more voices to join our joyful music-making! If you're in grades 3–12, love to sing, and want a fun way to get involved in our church family, we'd love for you to come check us out.

Questions? Contact Natalie Stanton — Youth Choir Director & Church Music Coordinator — at nstanton@saintjohnsch.net.

Church Memorial Donation

Received in Memory Of

Grace Torsell

From Richard & Cathy Torsell

GIFT BEARERS

If you, with your family or a friend would be willing, we are always looking for people to present the gifts during Mass. Just take the egg when you come in for Mass and then return it when the collection begins. It is a beautiful way to be more a part of the Mass.

VOCATION CORNER

“None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”
Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?



Luke 14:25-33 outlines the radical commitment required for Christian discipleship, emphasizing that following Jesus demands a complete and unwavering devotion that may even require prioritizing Him above close family relationships and personal possessions. It highlights the need to "count the cost" before committing to discipleship, using the examples of building a tower and going to war to illustrate the importance of careful consideration and resourcefulness in undertaking a major endeavor.

Contact our Vocation Office to learn more about how you can serve God and others through a vocation in the Church. Fr. Peter Crowe: vocations@dioceseaj.org