

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 13, 2026/24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,
'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my
brother or sister who sins against me?
Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I
tell you, not seven times, but
seventy-seven times.



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 12 Most Holy Name of Mary
BVM

5:00 PM Georgeanna Yahner
(Yahner Family)

Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM Bill & Margaret Moerschbacher
(Doug Moerschbacher)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday, September 14 Exaltation of the Cross

9:00 AM Sr. Dolores Dunn, IHM
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM Marian Albarano (Joe & Toni Beigle)

Wednesday, September 16 Ss. Cornelius, Pope,
Cyprian, Bishop

8:00 AM Barb Surovec
(Dorothy & Richard Surovec)

Thursday, September 17 Ss. Robert Bellamine,
Hildegard of Bingen

6:00 PM Riley & Bergner Families (Family)

Friday, September 18

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Saturday, September 19 St. Januarius

5:00 PM Rose Granite (Phil & Karen Pipta)

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM Every Heartbeat on Earth
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

10:15 AM Davis, Haranin, & Ivicic Family
(Family)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, September 19 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Pavone/Cindy Hallahan
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Cameron Niemann/Luke Russell
Music: David Harry

Sunday, September 20 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Kathy Kresovich
Lector: Jean Goulka
Servers: Matt & Josi DeRemer
Music: Jay Zimmerman

Sunday, September 20 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Leoni Martins/Kevin King
Lector: Teresa Jurewicz
Servers: Ali Nasoni, Evelyn Martin/
Sophie Reed
Music: Stephen St. Amant

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 20

12:00 PM People of the Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service
this Tuesday, September 15th 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 13 kb Boomer
September 20 Deb Cusatis

Eucharistic Minister

September 13 Sandy Rockey
September 20 Shelly Ash

Hospitality

September 13: Diane Brown & kb & Rick BB
September 20: Millie Turner & Shelly Ash
September 27: Connie Corl & Celina Jovel

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

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

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

Weekly events

Sun. Sept. 13 11:15 AM Pray for America
 Mon. Sept. 14 6:00 PM BINGO
 Thurs. Sept. 17 6:30 PM Healing Through Faith

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, September 20th 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.

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.

NOTARY SERVICES

Michael Levandoski, a local attorney and parishioner at St. John's, is offering free notary services to St. John's parishioners as a service to the parish. He is in Bellefonte every Wednesday, and can be reached at mlevandoski@mkclaw.com to schedule an appointment.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of September 6, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,033.95
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,951.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 12.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 500.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 199.25

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 10,692.20

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Maintenance:	\$ 310.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 310.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 0.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 2,785.00
Assumption	\$ 30.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 3,411.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

August 30, 2026	\$ 1,348.00
September 6, 2026	\$ 2,125.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 345.00
Outreach	\$ 7.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00
\$46,350.00 as of August 31, 2026

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00
\$15,00.00 as of August 31, 2026

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday September 13th at 6:30pm in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather it will be at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Fr. William Shee, TOR will be the homilist **We encourage you to Bring a Friend!**

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

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).



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.

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 will meet every fourth Thursday of the month after the 6pm mass in the rectory basement. 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/FKsi3SOY6o0605hllexqrl>

or email Abigail Fisher (abigail.f.20@gmail.com) for more information. Our next meeting is on September 24th! See you there!

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.

Helping Our Ukraine Friends As the war rages on in Ukraine, our friends still desperately need our prayers, our help and support. They have been so thankful and grateful for our past help. So again they need the following supplies

- Cereal, tea, coffee, pasta, cookies, peanut butter, jelly, honey, ketchup, raisins, tuna, corn and soups
 - Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, body soap and hand soap
 - Pull ups, diapers, wipes, pads, underwear for men and women as well as disposable underwear.
- Socks of all sizes

Please place your donated items in the tubs located in the vestibule by September 28. And, again many, many thanks for your continued generosity and prayers.

St. John School News

In Memory of Anna Mae "Oma" Stitzer: Gary and Cathy Himmel ; Fedele Sisters

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

Parish News continued

BULLETINS

Did you know that you can have our bulletins mailed directly to you or someone you know who is homebound and would like a copy of it? Call the Rectory at 814-355-3134 to sign up.

Bulletins are also online at our website:
www.bellefontecatholicchurch.com

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!

VOCATION CORNER 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matthew 18:21-35 reveals that vocation is inseparable from **mercy**. When Peter asks how often he must forgive, Jesus stretches the limits far beyond comfort—because a life rooted in God cannot hold onto resentment. The parable of the unforgiving servant shows that we are called to share the same compassion we have received.



A religious vocation grows from this awareness: we live by God's generosity, not our own strength. Those discerning priesthood or religious life are invited to become signs of God's limitless forgiveness—people who restore, reconcile, and heal. Christ teaches that mercy is not optional; it is the very shape of discipleship.

To embrace a vocation is to let God's forgiveness flow through us, forming communities where compassion becomes the measure of our 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.