

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

September 14, 2025/ Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## 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

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[www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org)

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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 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

**Monday, September 15** Our Lady of Sorrows  
**9:00 AM** Mary Kushwara  
 (Rose Marie Kushwara)

**Tuesday, September 16** Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
**8:00 AM** Bergner & Riley Families  
 (Marilyn Bergner)

**Wednesday, September 17**  
**8:00 AM** Donna Kelley Neidigh (Trish Long)

**Thursday, September 18**  
**6:00 PM** Sharon Pavone (Tom Bender Family)

**Friday, September 19**  
**8:00 AM** James Ficarro (Kathleen Ficarro)

**Saturday, September 20** Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions Martyrs  
**5:00 PM** Henry & Anne Haranin (Family)

**Sunday, September 21**  
**8:00 AM** Rose Granite (Karen & Phil Pipta)  
**10:15 AM** Sam Berenty (Family)

## Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

### Saturday, September 20 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Pavone/Sandy Kowalski  
 Lector: Marie Lingle  
 Servers: Cameron Niemann/Matthew DeRemer  
 Music: Jay Zimmerman

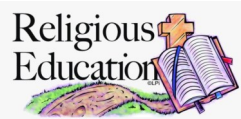
### Sunday, September 21 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Drapcho/George Callahan  
 Lector: Jeff Drapcho  
 Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Braxton Hosterman  
 Music: Traditional

### Sunday, September 21 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Paula & Tony Roland  
 Lector: Teresa Jurewicz  
 Servers: Michael & Grace Herzing  
 Music: Youth

**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.

## 9th, 10th, 11th Grade Confirmation Class

Mass at 10:15 am - Followed by Class from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the School Auditorium.

Sunday, September 14 – No Class  
 Sunday, September 21 – Group Mass & Class  
 Sunday, September 28 – No Class  
 Sunday, October 5 - Regular Mass  
 Sunday, October 12 – Group Class & Mass  
 Sunday, October 19 – No Class  
 Sunday, October 26 – Group Mass & Class  
 Sunday, November 2 - No Class

Questions - please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 814-355-4234(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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday, **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**  
 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday, **Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs**  
 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, **Weekday**  
 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, **Weekday**  
 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, **Weekday**  
 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, **Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15  
 Sunday, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

## Weekly events

<b>Sunday September 14</b>	<b>12:00 PM Latin Mass</b>
<b>Monday September 15</b>	<b>9:30 AM Adoration</b>
<b>Thursday September 18</b>	<b>6:30 PM Healing through Faith</b>

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fr. Brian and Fr. Joshi would like to invite all parishioners to our twice-monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! It is every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Adoration, simply put, is quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You can come and go as you wish throughout the 3 1/2 hours. We hope you will take a few minutes to stop in the church to visit with Our Lord. What better way, outside of Mass, to grow closer to God. We encourage you to read the enclosed flyer to learn more about Adoration. Our next scheduled Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Monday, September 15th from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

If you are interested in joining our St. John's Adoration email group, please contact Liz Forstmeier at [lforstmeier@gmail.com](mailto:lforstmeier@gmail.com).

### Box of Joy

Please consider donating the following items for the Box of Joy.

This week's collection focus: **Toys & School Supplies**

Toys that are great for the kids: Small bouncy balls, cards, MatchBox cars, Yo-Yo's, mini Etch-a-Sketch, small trucks, jump rope, Slinky, Kazoos & whistles. School Supplies: scissors, colored pencils, markers, small notebooks & crayons.

Financial help: Each shoebox costs \$9 to ship. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make checks out 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!

**HELPING OUR UKRAINE FRIENDS:** Once again our friends in Ukraine need our help with food & hygiene supplies. If you could please help with **FOODS**- pasta, peanut butter, jelly, raisins, coffee, tea or **HYGIENE ITEMS**- tooth brushes, toothpaste, soaps, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, diapers, wipes, pads, it would be greatly appreciated!

Containers will be in the back of the church /vestibule at **both St. Kateri & St. John's**. Since the shipment is leaving in late September, we'd appreciate your donations by September 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Ukraine friends say a huge thank you!!

### 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.

## Weekly Financial Report

**For the Weekend of September 7, 2025**

### ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 10,464.55
Loose Offertory:	\$ 5,141.00
Children	\$ 7.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 1,844.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 208.40

**ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 17,664.95**

### EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 296.00
Cemetery	\$ 65.00
Maintenance:	\$ 720.00

**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,081.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 18,745.95**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 270.00**

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### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)**

Assumption	\$ 100.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 28,236.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 45.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 50.00
Catholic University	\$ 5.00
Priests Medical & Retirement	\$ 45.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**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](mailto: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!

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of  
Joseph P. Reilly  
From Bellefonte Knights of Columbus # 1314



# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

P.O. Box 159, 3503 Penns Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875 | [www.stkaterichurch.org](http://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 14

12:00 PM

Brett & Rachel Turner  
(Millie Turner)

Sunday September 21

12:00 PM

People of the Parish

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 14

September 21

kb Boomer

Jim Hodgson

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

September 14

September 21

Millie Turner

Gail Anderson

## WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

(regular & online)

August 31, 2025

\$ 1,262.00

September 7, 2025

\$ 1,412.50

## HOSPITALITY

September 14: Millie Turner and Panera Bread

September 21: Shelly Ash & Stephanie Perrot

September 28: Celina Jovel & Connie Corl

**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](mailto:mlt3557@verizon.net)) if you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

**COMMUNION SERVICE** There will be a Communion Service this Tuesday, September 16th 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.

## **Dearest Fr. Brian, Fr. Joshi, Deacon Tom, Beloved Parishioners of St. John and St Kateri,**

As my time with you comes to a close, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the extraordinary hospitality and generosity you have shown me over the past three months. Your warmth, kindness, and unwavering support have made this season not only meaningful, but truly transformative.

From shared prayers to open doors, you welcomed me not just into your Parish, but into your hearts. I leave with cherished memories, renewed purpose, and a profound sense of community that will continue to inspire my ministry and spirit.

Thank you for being a living example of grace in action. May your Parish continue to flourish as a sanctuary of faith, compassion, and hope.

May God richly bless you all.

With sincere appreciation,

Fr. Ralph

## **Box of Joy 2025**

Collection for the **Box of Joy** campaign runs through October 11/12! Collection bins are in the back of St. Kateri church. See the announcement in the St. John section for details of this week's focus.

## 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](mailto:CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com), or 814-886-4098, or [srmarilynw@CCWcommunity.org](mailto:srmarilynw@CCWcommunity.org). A free-will offering is appreciated.

### **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/](http://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.

**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

**ON SALE NOW \$40/PERSON**  
must be 21 years of age or older

**TICKETS FROM THIS 21+ EVENT TO BENEFIT SAINT JOHN SCHOOL**

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](mailto: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.

**Robin Hood Brewing Co.**

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**Thank you** FOR VOTING SAINT JOHN SCHOOL CENTRE COUNTY'S

**FAVORITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOLD**

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**Saint John Catholic School**  
EST. 1890  
Bellefonte, PA

## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

School Collection (August): \$5,089

Lunch program donation: Molly Fisher

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

## Dear Saint John Family,

We are thrilled to share some exciting news! YOU helped us to be named one of Centre County's 2025

Favorites in three categories:

GOLD: Favorite Elementary School

GOLD: Favorite Private School

SILVER: Favorite Preschool

This recognition is such a wonderful affirmation of what we already know: Saint John Catholic School is a truly special place. But more than awards or titles, what makes us extraordinary is our families. The Saint John School Family is one of a kind. Your love, faith, and dedication to your children and to the success of our school shine every single day.

Thank you for making Saint John School not only a place of learning, but also a place of faith, community, and joy.

With love and gratitude,  
Kristina Tice, Principal

**OKTOBERFEST TICKETS ON SALE NOW!** Join us for a fun and festive evening to benefit Saint John School.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Location: The Shop in Zion

Tickets are just \$40 each and proceeds go directly toward helping bridge the salary gap between our teachers and their public school peers. Our teachers work tremendously hard each and every day, and this is our chance to show them how much we appreciate their dedication, love, and service. Enjoy live music from The Little German Band, authentic German food from Robinhood, refreshing drinks, raffles, door prizes, and more! (Yes—there will even be live streaming of any big football games!)

Tickets available after all Masses this week and through both the school and rectory office. Don't wait—get yours today and help us make this a night to remember!

## **2025 RACE FOR EDUCATION** - Ready, Set, Grow!

Saint John School will be holding our 17th Annual Race for Education on Thursday, October 23, 2025. The funds from this event help us to provide quality education with affordable tuition. This is our largest fundraiser and its success helps us determine the need for additional fundraisers throughout the year.

Please visit the school website for more information or to donate directly at [www.saintjohnsch.net/race](http://www.saintjohnsch.net/race) or see flyers located in the back of the church.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** The school would like to give a special thanks to Joe Baummer, Bob Kucas, Genny Robine, Henry St. Amant, Katey Smoyer, Nancy Swartzell, and Sam Yangula. 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.

## **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](mailto:nstanton@saintjohnsch.net).

## **VOCATION CORNER**

"So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Do you want to lift up others in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?



Every vocation—priesthood, consecrated life, married life, or single life—is a call to deeper holiness and stems from the redemptive act of Jesus Christ. It is personal participation in the love that He continues to give through the Eucharist.

The sacrificial love shown in the Cross is the essence of every gift of self. On this feast, renew the commitment to follow Christ, embracing the crosses in your life and allowing them to be transformed by His grace, bearing fruit for His glory and the good of others.

Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage, so that many more may respond to God's call to love and serve Him in these holy vocations.