

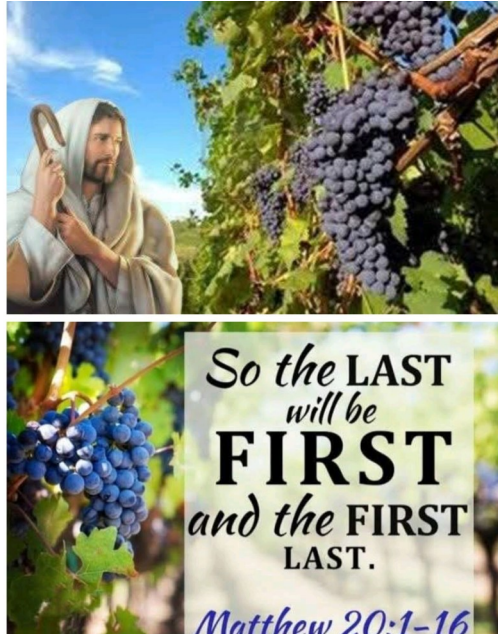
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

September 20, 2026/25th 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

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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 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)

Monday, September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle
9:00 AM Toby Capparelle
 (Marge & Steve Paolicelli)

Tuesday, September 22
8:00 AM John & Patricia Fellin
 (Tom & Lisa Chavara)

Wednesday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina
8:00 AM Madeline Schuster (Fr. Brian)

Thursday, September 24
6:00 PM Sam Berenty (Family)

Friday, September 25
8:00 AM James Ficarro (Kathleen Ficarro)

Saturday, September 26 Ss. Cosmas & Damian
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 27
8:00 AM Toby Capparelle
 (Joe & Diane Klimek)

10:15 AM Chris Burger (Janell Burger)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, September 26 5:00 pm
 Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Burkett/Connie McCulley
 Lector: Lucia Stover
 Servers: Cristiano & Josiah Pachec
 Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, September 27 8:00 am
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Trimpey/Adam Rawding
 Lector: Kevin Trimpey
 Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
 Music: Traditional

Sunday, September 27 10:15 am
 Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Herzing/
 MaryMargaret Gorzelnik
 Lector:: Jason Cossman
 Servers: Grace & Michael Herzing
 Music: Youth

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, September 20
12:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 27
12:00 PM Intentions of Brett & Rachel Turner
 (Jan & Millie Turner)

The COMMUNION SERVICE and Adoration is cancelled on Tuesday, September 22nd.

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 20 Deb Cusatis
September 27 Millie Turner

Eucharistic Minister

September 20 Shelly Ash
September 27 Jim Hodgson

Hospitality

September 20: Millie Turner & Shelly Ash
September 27: Connie Corl & Celina Jovel
October 4: Diane Brown & kb & Rick BB

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 is 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

CLASS DATES 2027: March 14, June 13, September 12 and December 12.

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. September 20 8:30 AM-Noon KOC Breakfast
 Mon. September 21 9:30 AM Adoration
 Thurs. September 24 6:30 PM Young Adult Group

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

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

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00
 \$15,000.00 as of August 31, 2026

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of September 13, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 4,700.00
Loose Offertory:	\$ 2,667.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 5.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 209.00
Latin Mass	\$ 125.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 162.50

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 7,868.50

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Maintenance:	\$ 635.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 635.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 8,503.50

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 305.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 2,125.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 675.00
Assumption	\$ 100.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

September 6, 2026	\$ 2,125.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 345.00
Outreach	\$ 7.00
September 13, 2026	\$ 641.00
Missionary Coop	\$

Thank you for your generosity!

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/FKsi3SOY6o0605hIlexqRL>

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

Religious Education

St. John

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

Mass at 10:15AM - Followed by Class from 11:15AM-12:30 PM in the School Auditorium

Sunday, September 20 Candidate/Parent Meeting after the 10:15AM Mass

Sunday, September 27 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, October 4 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, October 11 No Class

Sunday, October 18 No Class

Sunday, October 25 Group Mass & Class

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

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.

UPDATE

Thanks to your overwhelming response, we no longer need financial donations to cover the postage for mailing the boxes. We have met our goal of \$450! Thank you so much for your generosity. It's nothing short of amazing.

Thank you for caring for these children in need. We couldn't do it without your help and generosity!

Mark Your Calendars!

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

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH LOCK HAVEN and 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://platingraces.com/>

COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS. All Are Welcome!

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Lunch Program: Rich and Linda Struble, Helen Lowry

In Memory of John E. Pipta, Jr: Art and Deb Ardire

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

GOLD: 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,

Michelle Russell, Principal

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. 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@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.

St. John News continued

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.

VOCATION CORNER 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard reveals a vocation rooted not in **earning** but in **receiving**. Jesus tells of workers hired at different hours of the day, yet all are given the same wage. This is not a lesson in economics—it is a revelation of God's heart. Our vocation begins with grace.



Matthew 20:1–16 teaches that God calls each person at a different moment: some early, some late, some after long wandering or hesitation. Yet the dignity of the call is the same. In God's vineyard, the value of our work is not measured by hours logged but by the **faithfulness of our yes**.

The landowner's generosity unsettles those who compare themselves to others. But comparison is the enemy of vocation. Jesus invites us to see that God's call is personal, purposeful, and free from competition. The last and the first stand together as recipients of mercy.

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.