

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

January 4, 2026/ The Epiphany of the Lord



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

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, VF, Pastor |

Deacon Tom Boldin

Fr. Joshi Narisetti, HGN, Parochial Vicar

Lorraine Fello and Rose Truglio: Office Staff

Kristina Tice: 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, January 3

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 4 St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 AM Michael Gerber (Doug Moerschbacher)

10:15 AM Barb Surovec (Deb & Art Ardire)

Monday, January 5

9:00 AM Barbara Gillespie (Family)

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 AM For those undergoing medical treatment

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, January 8

6:00 PM For the Health of James Swartzell (Mike & Mary Drapcho)

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

5:00 PM Nancy Buller (Susan & Bill Turcotte)

Sunday, January 11

8:00 AM Intentions of Paul Kutches (Marilyn Bergner)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, January 10 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Burkett/Cindy Hallahan
Lector: Marie Lingle
Servers: Elliott Brezler/AJ Cleaver
Music: TBD

Sunday, January 11 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Jeff Drapcho
Lector: Jeff Drapcho
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
Music: TBD

Sunday, January 11 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding /Paul McCloskey
Lector: Adam Rawding
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Makenzie Kellogg
Music: TBD

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, January 4

12:00 PM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 6

11:00 AM Soul of Patrick Soika (Stephanie Gover)

Sunday, January 11

12:00 PM Fr. Valentine Bradley (Lynn Ellen Dixon)

WEEKDAY MASS There will be Mass this Tuesday, January 6th at 11:00 AM.

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

January 4 Millie Turner
January 11 Jim Hodgson

Eucharistic Minister

January 4 Jim Hodgson
January 11 Gail Anderson

Hospitality

January 4: Happy New Year-no hospitality
January 11: Barb Cole & Diane Brown
January 18: Millie Turner and kb & Rick BB

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday, Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday, Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

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.

Weekly events

Monday, Jan. 5 9:30 AM Adoration
Thursday, Jan. 8 6:30 PM CDA Meeting

THANK YOU

Fr. Joshi, Deacon Tom, and I would like to express our deep appreciation for all the kindness you have shown us this Christmas. May God's blessings come upon you and bless you for your goodness.

THANK YOU to everyone for helping to make this year's Giving Tree project another huge success. This was the 30th year for the project and with the 300 gifts supplied this year we have reached a total of over 7500 gifts distributed to children, adults, and families in the area since the program began. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity and amazing support to our church and community. And thank you for helping to make this Christmas more special for so many people.

Merry Christmas!!

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.

HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS

The holiday season is here and can be difficult for those who have lost loved ones in the last year. Or you may be experiencing another form of grief? If you are looking for an opportunity to talk about your grief with others who have similar feelings, consider taking the time to attend our gatherings as we support one another through our faith. All are welcome! The next "Healing Through Faith" meetings will be on Wednesday January 14th at 9:00 AM and Thursday, January 15th at 6:30PM. Meetings are held in the rectory. Please note that during the winter months the meetings will be canceled if the school is closed. For more information call Ed Mulfinger at (814) 280-2755, Connie Davis at 355-1280 or Barbara Materna at 359-0354.

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

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM or WEJO 104.7-FM

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of December 21, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,079.85
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,904.00
Latin Mass:	\$ 109.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 42.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 65.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 245.45

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 10,445.30

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 105.00
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EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 105.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 10,795.75

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 1,141.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 175.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 195.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 87.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 3,260.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

December 14, 2025	\$ 893.00
Christmas	\$ 800.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 245.00
December 21, 2025	\$ 2,627.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Online Giving at St. John's! It's easy and safe to use.

You can use **your** checking/savings account or debit/credit card.

You can also schedule gifts to occur automatically.

How to donate online:

Go to our website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org
and click the Give Now button OR

Go to: <https://abundant.co/stjohntheevangelistc>
and you will go directly to a giving page.

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

Dec. 28th—No CCD

Jan. 4th—No CCD

Jan. 11th—CCD

Jan. 18th—CCD 7th & 8th grade CCD Mass

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, January 4 Group Mass & Class

Saturday, January 10 Confirmation Retreat 8:30 am-6 pm

Sunday, January 11 No Class

Sunday, January 18 Group Mass & 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

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: January Specials

Holiday Clearance – All items are at reduced prices to stock up for next Christmas.

We have winter coats, snowpants and ski wear. Check out our selection of Vintage clothing.

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer in 2026? We need cashiers for Mondays (10 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm) and Fridays (10 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm). Additionally, we are looking for donation greeters and sorters for various times. Training will be provided. To learn more about joining our team, please call 814-867-3131 or stop by the Thrift Store. 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

St. Kateri

Jan. 4—CCD

Jan. 11—No CCD

Jan. 18—CCD

Jan. 25—No CCD

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2025: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are March 8, June 14, 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

Our Lady of Victory's St. Kateri Pilgrimage including, Montreal and Quebec, Canada: May 3–9, 2026

A Journey of Faith, Heritage, and Sacred Discovery led by Fr. Brian Saylor
Experience a spiritually enriching **seven-day pilgrimage** through Montreal, Quebec City, Lake George, and sacred sites in both the United States and Canada. This carefully curated journey blends prayer, history, culture, and natural beauty—designed to deepen faith and inspire reflection.

- **\$500 deposit due:** January 8, 2026 (non-refundable)

- **50% of total cost due:** February 19, 2026 (non-refundable)

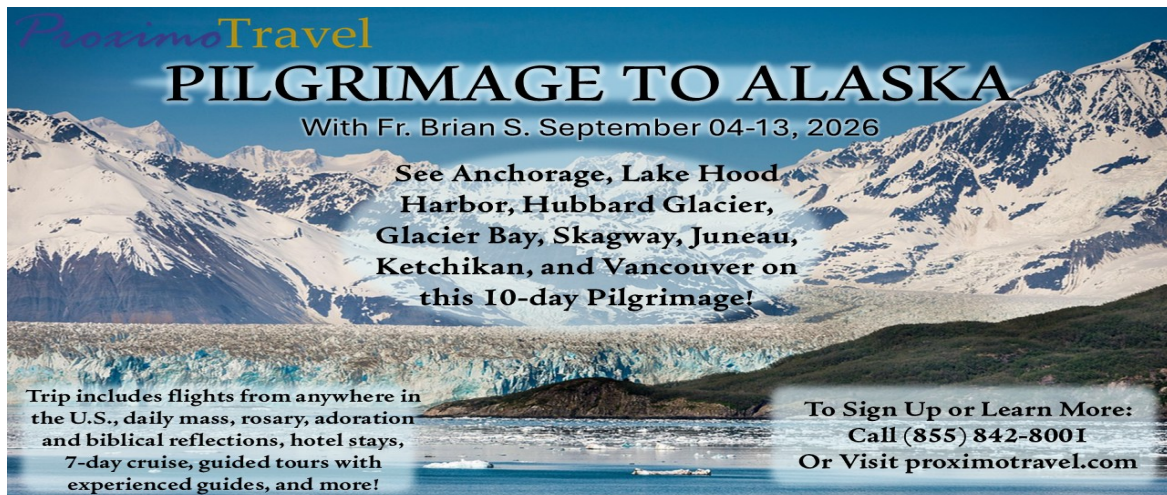
- **Final payment & rooming list due:** March 19, 2026 (non-refundable)

- **Travel Insurance** is available through USI Affinity Travel Insurance Services.

Please visit <https://www.travelinsure.com/fullingtontours/> for more information.

Pricing \$2,600 per person, double /\$3,207 per person, single

Further Information: Chris Kirkpatrick, Director of Development
814-237-7832 ext. 421 chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com



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St. John School News

Thank you to all Saint John Catholic Parish and School families for their support throughout the past year. The Students, Faculty and Staff of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School extend our heartfelt wish that God's blessing fill your heart and strengthen your family in the coming year. Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

In memory of Robbie Hillard: The Hillard family
In memory of Robert Long: Rosalie Bailey; Patricia Neidigh
Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and support of our school.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our parishioners and parish family, for your continued prayers, generosity, and support of Saint John School. Your kindness and commitment allow our students to grow in faith, knowledge, and love each day. May the joy and peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. Warmest Christmas blessings,
Kristina Tice, Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for the Saint John School Open House following the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 25.

A Catholic education is about more than academics - it is about forming the whole child: mind, heart, and soul. At Saint John School, children are known, loved, and guided to grow in faith, character, and knowledge. Through small class sizes, strong academics, and a nurturing family atmosphere, students learn to live with compassion, integrity, and purpose.

Families of all faiths are welcome, and we would be honored to share how a Saint John education helps children grow into confident learners and caring, faith-filled leaders.

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD:

Each year during Catholic Schools Week, we honor an alum of Saint John School with the National Catholic Educational Association Distinguished Graduate Award. This award, which honors the achievements of Catholic elementary school graduates, was created as "a means of highlighting the people, who as adults, put into practice the values and ideals they learned in their Catholic elementary school." We are currently accepting nominations for this year's award. If you would like to nominate a former graduate of our school for this recognition, please send your nomination to sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net.

EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit):

Let your PA tax dollars help Saint John School! We have partnered with RedefinED Advisors to help local businesses and individuals direct 90% of their already owed tax dollars to help Saint John School through the Educational Improvement Credit (EITC). Please contact Hayley Younkin if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-505-9835
hayley@redefininededucation.org
redefininededucation.org

Great Things Are Growing at Saint John School



Join us Sunday, January 25th
for our Catholic Schools Week
Kick-Off Mass and Open House

Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Open House to follow

11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

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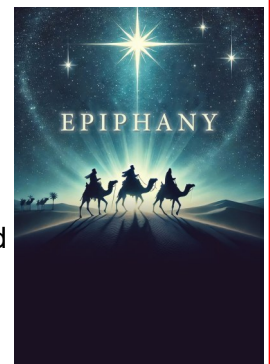
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VOCATION CORNER

Feast of the Epiphany

"Follow the Light—Discover His Call."

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we remember the Magi who followed the star with open hearts, seeking the presence of Christ. Just as they were guided by light, so too are we called to follow the light of God's will in our lives. The Lord still calls men and women today to serve Him as priests, deacons, and consecrated religious, bringing His light to the world. Pray that many will have the courage to seek, listen, and respond to His call—trusting that, like the Magi, their journey will lead them to the joy of encountering Christ. Could God be calling you to serve Him in a vocation of love and service? Pray, listen, follow.



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: voca-