ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 1st, 2024/ First Sunday of Advent





<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u> 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: 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

> **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS** Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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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: R.C.I.A. Coordinator Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin: Confirmation Directors Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator Joe Baummer: Maintenance

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m. Baptism: Call the rectory R.C.I.A.: Call the rectory Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months in advance

Masses for the week

Saturday	, November	30	St. Andrew	Apostle
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5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Houtz, Kelley, & McKinley Families (Marilyn Houtz)

Sunday, December 1

- **8:00 AM** Mary Foreso (Father Brian)
- 10:15 AM Elsie & Sam Nastase (Mary Ann Miller)

Monday, December 2

9:00 AM Robert Uncapher (The Family)

Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier8:00 AMJohn Rose (The Rose Family)

Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene8:00 AMEmro Drapcho (The Family)

Thursday, December 56:00 PMEdith Modis (Deb & Art Ardire)

Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas8:00 AMWalter Dunn (Suzanne & Richard Egli

Saturday, December 7 St. Ambrose 5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (wife Genny)

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM All Priests Living & Deceased (A Friend)

10:15 AM Nancy Palfey (The Files Family)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector Altar Server/Music

Saturday, December 7	<u>5:00 pm</u>		
Eucharistic Ministers:	Cindy Hallahan/Volunteer		
Lector:	Angela Basalla		
Servers:	Elizabeth & Elliott Brezler		
Music:	Natalie Stanton		
Sunday, December 8	<u>8:00 am</u>		
Eucharistic Ministers:	Kevin Trimpey/Volunteer		
Lector:	Pam Callahan		
Servers:	Alivia Smithmyer/Sara McElhinny		
Music:	Traditional		
Sunday, December 8	<u>10:15 am</u>		
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mary Margaret Gorzelnik/Volunteer		
Lector:	Beatriz Korzune Ganda		
Servers:	Blaire Lewis/Makenzie Kellogg		
Music:	Folk		

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school December 1st –No Class-Happy Thanksgiving December 8th– Class, 2nd grade first Reconciliation, 3rd—6th grade Reconciliation December 15th– Class 7th-10th grade Reconciliation

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium Sunday, December 1– No Class– Thanksgiving Break Sunday, December 8-Class Sunday, December 15– No Class

Questions - please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 814-355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or email at <u>stboldin@verizon.net</u>

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2024: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The remaining class for 2024 is December 8. Class dates for 2025 are March 9, June 8, 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 <u>stboldin@verizon.net</u>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Monday, Weekday Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7. 8-9; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday, Weekday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37 Thursday, Weekday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday, Weekday Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31 Saturday, Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The

Traveling Vocation Crucifix will start traveling beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 30/December 1! 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.



Monday December 2

9:30 AM Adoration 7:00 PM Flame of Love Rosary 6:30 CDA Meeting

Thursday December 5

SANCTURY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Emro Drapcho From The Family

Good Shepherd Catholic Church ADVENT RETREAT

BLESSED – BROKEN & SCARED Saturday, December 7th 8:30am – 3:00pm

Becoming Eucharist for a Starving World Blessed, Broken & Scared. What does that mean? We know Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and shared it with His friends saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." The Last Supper challenges us to live in such a way that we actually become the sacred food of Jesus Christ for others as we share our lives with them. And that can be scary! Blessed, Broken and Scared calls us to a conversion from living a scared life to living a shared life. It is in sharing our life with others that we find healing and peace we truly seek. All people are wounded by the world and have areas of hidden brokenness in their life. This one day retreat offers hope, healing and change as it explores the profound implications of God's mercy, forgiveness, and love. A love offering will be accepted Register at https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/

The Giving Tree gifts need to be returned to the back of church no later than 11:30 on Sunday December

8th. If you feel you may be unable to get your gifts to the church by this time, please contact Patty Correll at 814-571-8718 as soon as possible to make other arrangements. All gifts need to be delivered to various agencies the week of December 8th so they can be distributed to their clients before Christmas. *If you are unable to get to church on Sunday, drop your gift off at the church on Saturday*. If that is not possible, return the gift on Monday or as soon as possible to the church or rectory. It is important to call the number above to let us know that that gift is accounted for.

In case of inclement weather on Sunday Dec. 8th, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory during the day or at the church in the evening. You may also call the number above to make other arrangements.



Due to the early deadline for the Bulletin for December 1st, November 24th Financial Report will be in the December 8th Bulletin

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal \$54,443.00 \$37,301.00 as of September 30, 2024

My Dear Parishioners,

I thank God for the gift of Life. I thank Father Brian for all his love, care, and support. I thank Deacon Tom for being with me, so close to my heart. I thank you dear parishioners for taking the time to craft such a perfect birthday for me. You all made my day so special. I feel so lucky to have known you all and I cherish all of you. Thank you so much for your prayerful wishes and gifts. May God Bless you all!

Father Joshi Narisetti

Franciscan Living Nativity

Help the Franciscan Friars, TOR celebrate their 100th Year Jubilee by joining us on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery (768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg) on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 4:00 PM to be part of our own children's Living Nativity. There will be a Nativity service followed by refreshments and a chance for a visit and photo with Santa! The Friar's Nook Gift Shop will be open until 6:00 PM!

<u>Knights of Columbus</u> will be collecting Toys For Tots the next few weeks for the annual toy drive. If interested, please bring in a new, unwrapped toy and deposit it in the boxes located at the back of the Church. Thank you.

SUPPORT SAINT JOHN HOME AND SCHOOL

ASSOCIATION: Saint John Home and School Association is once again holding a Gift Card Lotto! Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase from a St. John student, Church Rectory or the School. Don't miss your chance to win some great prizes!

<u>Gift Card raffle</u>: Saint John School students will be selling gift card raffle tickets after Saint John Masses on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. You can also get tickets from any Saint John student or by emailing hsa@saintjohnsch.net. Tickets are \$10 apiece, and there will be two drawings per day on school days from Dec. 9-20 for a variety of outstanding prizes!

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

<u>Sunday December 1</u> 12:00 PM

Tuesday December 3 11:00 AM

Sunday December 8 12:00 PM

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 1

December 8

December 1

December 8

Frances Wroblewski (Phil & Kathy Bosak) Francis LaNasa

Millie Turner

Jim Hodgson

Gail Anderson

kb Boomer

Mary Ricciuti Menotti

(Francis & Ann Menotti)

0 PM Francis LaNasa (Jan & Millie Turner)

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online) November 17, 2024 \$ 695.00

Due to the Early Bulletin Deadline, November 24th collection will be reported next week.

HOSPITALITY

December 1No hospitality-Happy ThanksgivingDecember 8kb & Rick BB and Adam BowserDecember 15Christmas Pageant & Church Dinner

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 (<u>mlt3557@verizon.net</u>) if you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

WEEKDAY MASS There will be Mass this Tuesday, December 3rd at 11:00 AM.

CCD SCHEDULE December 1-CCD December 8-No CCD

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal St. Kateri \$8,770.00 \$24,270.00 as of September 30, 2024

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE



The Saint John School students and the Music Ministers of Saint John have been busily preparing for a number of upcoming concerts. Please consider joining us as we spread the good news of the season through song. All concerts will be held in the Church.

Saint John School Christmas Nativity - Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024, at 3 pm Join Saint John students grades PreK4-5 as they tell the story of Jesus' birth.

Victorian Christmas Concert - Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at 11:00 am Featuring the students from Saint John School in grades K-5 in addition to the school's Bell Choir.

Parish Christmas Concert - Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, at 6 pm A beautiful evening of music with all the music ministers from the parish. Cookie reception to follow in the school auditorium.



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: Saint Francis University, Loretto (start at the SFU Science Center) Friday, December 6th - 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 8:00 PM, and 8:30 PM Four performances of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. This new SFU tradition will be performed by members of the SFU community. Come celebrate the nativity with us as Saint Francis may have portrayed it over 800 years ago in Greccio. This is a mix of indoor and outdoor prayer service with live animals, prayer and music. Collections for our friends of the Dorthy Day Center in the form of canned goods/ goodwill offerings will be collected.

RELIC FROM ST. ANNE de BEAUPRE

Our current relic is from the Basilica of St. Anne. The St. Anne Basilica is the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. The Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, located only 20 minutes from Québec City, welcomes almost a million visitors annually. For over 350 years, people of all ages have been gathering at this Shrine dedicated to Saint Anne, the grandmother of Jesus.

The Shrine has in its possession three notable relics: The FIRST RELIC (a portion of the bone of Saint Anne's finger) was obtained by the Carcassonne Chapter, and was brought to the Shrine on March 12, 1670. The first MAJOR RELIC arrived at the Shrine on July 26, 1892, as a gift from Pope Leo XIII. It is a 4-inch portion of the bone of Saint Anne's forearm. Finally, on July 3, 1960, another MAJOR RELIC of Saint Anne (also from her forearm) was brought to the Shrine from The Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, this time, as a gift from Blessed Pope John XXIII.



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

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

Saint John School will be presenting our annual Christmas Nativity with 4-year Pre-K through 5th Grade students on December 8th at 3pm at church. Everyone is welcome to attend as our students celebrate the birth of Jesus with this beautiful tradition.

TWINKLE TUESDAYS

This Advent season, our students are excited to again spread joy throughout the community with our Twinkle Tuesdays initiative. Through donations, we aim to support Children and Youth Services, Out of the Cold -Centre County, as well as a member of our school family who is bravely battling cancer. In line with our schoolwide theme of being "Saints in the Making", we strive to live out the spirit of compassion, kindness, and service, bringing light and hope to those in need. Together, we can make a difference and reflect Christ's love to the world.

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, that 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.

Previous Distinguished Graduate Awardees:

- 1996 Patricia J. Kersavage Mauk
- 1997 Patricia A. Kohlbecker Mulfinger
- 1998 Rose M. Quaranta Miles
- 1999 Helen M. Brosky Jabco
- 2000 Richard A. Fornicola
- 2001 Tanya N. Lidgett Packer
- 2002 Joseph R. Hartle, Jr.
- 2003 Francis J. Bonfatto
- 2004 Carol M. Luckovich Fisher
- 2005 Regina E. Hartle Zellars

- 2006 John H. McCulley 2007 - Deacon Thomas E. Boldin 2008 - Sr. Lila M. Sciabica 2009 - Francis G. Plozner 2010 - Marian E. Rider Wayne 2012 - Helene A. Allen Sheckler 2013 - Barbara L. Waite Carver 2014 - Edward A. Mulfinger 2015 - Captain Granger K. Benson, USMC 2016 - Carl R. Capparelle 2017 - Patricia A. Coder Hillard 2018 - Anthony C. Roland 2019 - Francis G. Clemson 2020 - John T. Saylor 2021 - John M. Luckovich 2022 - Steven J. McCulley 2023 - Thomas G. Brezler
- 2024 Aaron W. Cleaver

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 Wounkin if you are interested in learning more or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested.

- Redefiningeducation.org
- 814-505-9835
- hayley@redefiningeducation.org



Proudly educating Pre-K through 5th Grade students since 1890 814-355-7859 www.saintjohnsch.net 116 E. Bishop Street, Bellefonte

GIFT SUGGESTION

Are you at a loss for gift suggestions for the relative who has everything? Saint John Catholic School would be so grateful if you'd consider giving a donation to our school in honor or memory of a loved one. This can be done into the general budget or as a donation to the Angel Fund. Money given to the Angel Fund is used to assist with the tuition of a student(s) or request that the school administration choose the recipient(s). To make a donation, please call the school office.