

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 10, 2023 / 2nd Sunday in Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00 p.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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Text “SJ814” to the number 84576

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin
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, December 9

5:00 PM Carol Repasky (Nicole Niemi)

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Paul Proper (Mother & Father)

10:15 AM Anna & Ambrose Piski
(Paul & Janet Oesterling)

Monday, December 11

9:00 AM Steve Keller
(Linda & Richard Struble)

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 AM Michael Braddock (Barbara Sevinsky)

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 AM Jack Corrigan (Tom Bender Family)

Thursday, December 14

6:00PM James Rose (The Family)

Friday, December 15

8:00 AM Michael Kushwara
(Rosemarie Kushwara)

Saturday, December 16

5:00 PM Donald & Vilma Anspauch
(The Family)

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Betty Ann Dodge (The Dodge Family)

10:15 AM James & Mary O'Neill & James Jr.
(The Family)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, December 16 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers Stephanie Mullin/Volunteer

Lectors: Lucia Stover

Servers: Henry St. Amant

Music: Folk

Sunday, December 17 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers Kevin Trimpey/Volunteer

Lector: Kevin Trimpey

Servers: Carter Boone/Jonathan Gasper

Music: Traditional

Sunday, December 17 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers Cindy Hallahan/Volunteer

Lector: Teresa Jurewicz

Servers: Becca Burns

Music: Youth

Weekly events

Sunday, December 10

12:00PM Latin Mass

3:00PM Penance Service

6:00PM Parish Christmas Concert

Monday, December 11

6:00PM BINGO

Thursday, December 12

6:30PM Healing through Faith



CCD classes—Sundays 9-10 AM in school

December 10 - Class, 5th & 6th grade mass (10:15)

December 17 - Class

December 24 - No Class - Merry Christmas!

Please contact Tony & Paula Roland or with any questions.

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15-12:30 pm in the school auditorium

Sunday, December 10- Class

Sunday, December 17- Christmas Party

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

Advent Penance Services

Multiple priests will be joining us to assist with confessions for the Advent Penance Service. Please plan to join us to begin Advent off on the right foot.

St. John the Evangelist – Sunday, December 10 @ 3PM

Our Lady of Victory – Monday, December 18 @ 6PM

Good Shepherd - Tuesday, December 19 @ 7PM

Queen of Archangels, Clarence – Wednesday,

December 20 @ 6:30PM

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday / Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday / Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday / Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday / Saint Lucy

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday / Saint John of the Cross

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday / Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday / Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday / Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Parish News

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree

Please remember to return all the gifts for the Giving Tree by 11:30 on Sunday Dec. 10th. All gifts should be wrapped with the angel attached to the outside of the gift. Thank you for helping others at this joyous time of year. In case of inclement weather on Sunday Dec. 10th, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory during the day or at the church in the evening. Please call if you are unable to deliver the gifts to the church and we will arrange a pick up.

If you can give an hour or 2 of your Sunday morning to help out, contact Patty Correll at 814-571-8718.

Thank you!



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

Parish Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 6 pm - A beautiful evening of music with all the music ministers from the parish. Cookie reception to follow in the school auditorium.

Ukraine Winter Coat Thank You

A heartfelt thank you from the people in Ukraine to all the parishioners at St. John the Evangelist and St. Kateri who donated winter coats, scarfs, gloves & hats. Through your generosity we were able send 146 winter coats. Again, thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.



HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS

If you are looking for an opportunity to talk about your grief with others who are experiencing similar feelings, join us as we support one another through our faith. The next Healing through Faith meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 9:00AM. Please note: there will be no evening sessions in December 2023 or January 2024. More information call Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755, Connie Davis at 355-1280 or Barbara Materna at 359-0354.

Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of December 3, 2023

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 10,551.20
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,488.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 7.56
Special Monthly:	\$ 1,822.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 176.30
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 14,045.60

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 870.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00
Local Family Assistance	\$ 0.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 890.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 14,935.06

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 1,455.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities	\$ 125.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 175.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 90.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 380.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 300.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal-\$55,970
\$36,970.00 as of October 31, 2023**

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary candle is
In Memory of Emro Drapcho
from
The Family

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.

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

Sunday, December 10, 2023

12:00 PM Francis E. LaNasa
(Jan & Millie Turner)

Sunday, December 17, 2023

12:00 PM Ted Stecko
(wife & children)

COMMUNION SERVICE

There will be a Communion Service at 11:00 AM with adoration following on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 10 Shelly Ash
December 17 Jim Hodgson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 10 Jim Hodgson
December 17 Gail Anderson

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

November 26 \$ 1,358.00

December 3 \$ 1,701.00

There was a \$25 donation for the Food Bank

Donation envelopes for poinsettias will be available on the bookshelf in the back of the church December 10th & 17th. Envelopes can be placed in the Navajo crock or collection basket.

HOSPITALITY

December 10 Shelly Ash & Millie Turner

December 17 Christmas Pageant & Church dinner

December 24 Merry Christmas!

Annual Christmas CCD Pageant

It will be held during Mass on December 17. There will be a dinner after Mass to celebrate Christmas. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. All are invited!

Catholic Daughters



The December meeting has been changed to Tuesday, December 12, 2023, due to the Holy Day of Obligation vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Yard, Bake Sale, and Basket Raffle Fundraiser. The winners of the two food baskets were Deb Ardire and Ceil Banholzer.

St. Vincent de Paul

Enjoy your Christmas shopping with us! 50% OFF framed artwork. Christmas sweater extravaganza, holiday items, décor, cards, & more. Beanie Babies now HALF PRICE. Hand-crocheted, hand-knitted and fleece shawls, and more. Winter coats, hats, scarves, & gloves. We are located at 1300 Benner Pike, the Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday 10 AM-4 PM.

We will close for Christmas from December 23 through January 1.

**Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM or WEJO 104.7-FM
for Catholic Radio!**

Around the Diocese

Support a lifetime of service.

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care of those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support the by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. There is an envelope in your latest package of offering envelopes.

Good Shepherd Parish

867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, Port Matilda, PA 16870 sincerely invites you to join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave us our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and calls us to surrender our lives to Him. The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on Tuesday, December 12th. It will begin at 4:30 with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, then at 5:00 PM the music and singing will be offered by a professional band from Washington D.C. area called "Mariachi Esmeralda". The band will also lead the congregation in singing during the mass that will begin at 5:30 PM. After the celebration of the Eucharist a reception will take place in the parish hall.



TWINKLE TUESDAYS

This Advent Season, we are again challenging the students at Saint John School to spread peace and joy throughout our community through Acts of Christmas Kindness. Along with colorful notes of cheerful wishes, we are planning to treat unsuspecting strangers with free car washes, meals, and even beautiful flowers. It is our hope that these Acts of Christmas Kindness will bring smiles to faces and joy to hearts!

The money for these Acts of Christmas Kindness were and are still being collected from students when they choose to participate in three special "Twinkle Tuesday" Christmas-themed Dress Down Days. Students and their families can choose to donate monies each week in any amount, starting at \$1.00. In addition to the surprise gift cards, some of our Acts of Kindness do not require money, such as cards and caroling. Our students have been so excited to help spread joy and peace this Advent Season!

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Alumni: J. Ronald Hughes
General Donation: Manning Photography
School Collection (November): \$2,468.00

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

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) attending Saint John School. The donor may remain anonymous, and may designate a particular student(s) or request that the school administration choose the recipient(s). To make a donation, please call the school office.

WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

Choosing the right school for your child is a pivotal decision, and Saint John School offers a harmonious blend of faith, academics, and service, setting us apart as an ideal choice for your child's education and personal growth.

Faith: At the heart of our community is a strong spiritual foundation. We believe in nurturing not just the mind, but also the soul, providing a safe and supportive environment where your child can explore and strengthen their faith.

Academics: Our academic curriculum is rigorous and designed to challenge and inspire. Our dedicated educators are committed to fostering a love of learning, ensuring each student reaches their full academic potential and is well-prepared for the future.

Service: We emphasize the importance of service, instilling in our students the values of empathy, community, and giving back. Through various service projects, your child will learn the joy of helping others and the importance of being an active, compassionate member of society.

We invite you to witness this unique combination firsthand. Contact us to schedule a tour and see how our school can provide your child with an enriching and holistic education. Join us in shaping not just a student, but a well-rounded individual ready to thrive in all aspects of life.



Schedule a tour today!

Discover Saint John School





Faith

Academics

Service

Proudly educating Pre-K through 5th Grade students since 1890
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★ YOU'RE INVITED! ★

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE STUDENTS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
2-3 P.M.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH