

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

December 14, 2025/ Third Sunday of Advent



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

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

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, December 13 St. Lucy

5:00 PM Alice Buttenschon
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Kevin Smith
(Deacon Jack & Colette Orlandi)

Monday, December 15

9:00 AM Michael Kushwara
(RoseMarie Kushwara)

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM Mario Truglio (Rosemary Truglio)

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Ficarro Family)

Thursday, December 18

6:00 PM Owen & Bessie Herniman
(Dick & Nancy Taylor)

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM Brian Egli & Family
(Suzanne & Richard)

Saturday, December 20

5:00 PM Shelia Neidigh Frankenfield
(Anspauch, Neidigh, Kowalski families)

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Jerry Robine (Wife)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, December 20 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Mike Pavone
Lector: Doreen Koleno
Servers: Elliott Brezler/AJ Cleaver
Music: Folk

Sunday, December 21 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Drapcho/Shirley Boldin
Lector: Jeff Drapcho
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Mallory White
Music: Traditional

Sunday, December 21 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Paula Roland
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Lilly Weiser/Ali Nasoni
Music: Youth

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, December 14

12:00 PM For the health of the Stecko Family
(Charlotte Stecko)

Sunday, December 21

12:00 PM Ann Butz (Larry Butz)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a Communion Service this Tuesday, December 16th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

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

December 14 Norma Muck
December 21 Jim Hodgson

Eucharistic Minister

December 14 kb Boomer
December 21 Deb Cusatis

Hospitality

December 14: Shelly Ash & Diane Brown
December 21: Christmas Pageant and Church Dinner
December 28: Merry Christmas-no hospitality

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday, Advent Weekday
Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday, Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday, Advent Weekday
Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday, Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday, Advent Weekday
Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday, Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

CONGRATULATIONS

to Ian Neely & Ashley Brookens!
Their daughters Madison & Paisley Neely were baptized on December 6, 2025. May they continue to grow in the faith.

Weekly events

Sunday Dec. 14	3:00 PM Penance Service
	6:00 PM Christmas Concert
Monday Dec. 15	9:30 AM Adoration
	6:00 PM BINGO
Thursday Dec, 18	6:30 PM Healing through Faith
Sunday Dec. 21	4:00 PM Latin Mass

ST. JOHN'S GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree gifts need to be returned to the back of church no later than 11:30 on Sunday December 14th. 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 14th 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. 14th, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory during the day. You may also call the number above to make other pick-up arrangements.

Reminder: If your gift is a gift card in a card or envelope, please do not leave it in the back of church with all the other packages. It can be easily lost. Consider wrapping it in a larger box or bag or drop it off at the rectory.

Also, if you are unable to purchase the gifts for your angel, please call to let us know as soon as possible, so someone else can provide gifts for that person. Each year, we usually have about 4-6 angels that are not returned. Gifts still need to be bought for these angels. If you would like to give a financial donation to help with the cost of providing gifts for the ones that are not returned, please call Patty Correll or drop off your donation to the rectory. Thank you

Volunteers are needed to move gifts to the school on Sunday December 14th. If you can give an hour of your Sunday morning to help out, contact Patty Correll at 814-571-8718.

Parish Christmas Concert- Sunday Dec. 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM: Come join us for a beautiful evening of music with all the music ministers from the parish. Cookie reception to follow in the school auditorium.

ST.KATERI: There is a Holly bush in the memorial garden that you are welcome to take cuttings from for your arrangements for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. KATERI: The Valley Choristers will present a Concert at 3:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to enjoy the beautiful Christmas music!

ST. KATERI CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday December 21st the CCD students will be presenting the annual Christmas pageant during Mass and there will be a Christmas dinner after Mass. Everyone is invited. Church provides meat and drinks. Bring a dish to pass and if you forget please come anyways! All are welcome!

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of December 7, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 11,382.90
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,304.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 7.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 2,186.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 132.75

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 15,012.65

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance: \$ 725.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 725.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 15,737.65

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 660.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities	\$ 110.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 110.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 135.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 431.00
Christmas	\$ 660.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

November 30, 2025	\$1,478.00
December 7, 2025	\$1,770.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our Lady of Victory, State College
Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 PM

ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT ST.KATERI ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S CASH BINGO: Monday, December 15th at St. John's school auditorium. Paying out \$850 each evening. Doors will open to the public for food and Games of Chance at 6PM and the first BINGO will begin at 7PM. \$20 for 20 Games. Walk-ins welcome! Smoke Free Facility. See Facebook for this month's menu!

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. 14th—Class, First Reconciliation 2nd grade, Reconciliation 5th & 6th grades

Dec. 21st—Class, Reconciliation 7th & 8th grades

Dec. 28th—No CCD

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, December 14 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, December 21 Evening Class-Christmas Party

Sunday, December 28 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

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.

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 Thursday, December 18th 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.

Travel with Fr. Brian Saylor on a Pilgrimage to Alaska

Where: Anchorage, Lake Hood Harbor, Alaska Railroad Depot, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Whittier, Skagway, AK, Juneau, AK, Ketchikan, Vancouver

Trip Dates: Sep 04-13, 2026

Cost: \$5,699.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370.

You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com (Fr. Brian S. trip)

St. Kateri

Dec. 14—No CCD

Dec. 21—CCD Christmas Pageant during Mass/dinner afterward

Dec. 28—No CCD Christmas-New Years

Jan. 4—CCD

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2025: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The final class date for 2025 is 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

You are invited to a **Christmas Social** at **Our Lady of the Alleghenies Church** all 608 Main Street. **Lilly, PA** on Saturday, December 27, 2025, beginning at 5:30pm and ending at 10:00pm cost is \$25.00 single ticket and \$45.00 couple tickets B.Y.O.B. & must be 21 to attend dinner served at 6:00pm live band hot wax begins at 7:00pm. Contact Anna Leahey at 814-935-4501 for tickets.

2025 DIOCESAN VOCATION APPEAL

Bishop Bartchak is encouraging you to support our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Your gift will fund the diocese's renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood, an especially urgent need as the number of seminarians for our diocese has been very low in recent years. To inspire more young men to consider the priesthood, the Vocation Office has developed a robust plan, which includes:

- A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- Our recent Called By Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men.
- Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events.
- Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups, several young men are already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris's appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- Creating a new website with discernment resources: ajvocations.org.
- Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations.

Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God's call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese. To learn more and make a gift, visit ajvocations.org/give.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

School collection (November): \$4,118

Angel Fund: Constance H. Davis

General donations: Sam and Kara Cross

Lunch Program Donations: Rich and Linda Struble; Virginia Grey; Gennaro DeLuca and Wanda Villatore; Constance H. Davis; Paul and Mary Kay Badger in memory of Robert and Mitzi Long.

In memory of Robert Long: Charles and Mary Jo Witmer; Emily and Dennis Showers, Robin and Jim Riglin, and Aunt Pat Riglin; Mrs. George Johnstone; Thaddeus Ligenza; Cristina Fornicola Brandt; Irv and Nancy Witonsky; Stephanie Ebeling and Joseph Ivic, Jr.; Cecila Doty; Molly Livingston; Kelley Neidigh

In memory of Sharyn Pavone: Constance H. Davis

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

A SPECIAL THANKS:

Thank you, Mr. Mark Rhine, for joining us on our Feast Day of Saint Nicholas on December 5th. Your presence made the celebration extra special for our students, and we are so grateful for the time and spirit you shared with us.

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 the Food Bank and the Faith Centre. In line with our school-wide theme "From Small Seeds, Great Things Grow," 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, 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.

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

2025 - Jennifer Gill



**SAINT JOHN THE
EVANGELIST**

*Christmas
Mass Schedule*

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. at Saint John
6:00 p.m. at Saint Kateri
8:00 p.m. at Saint John
10:00 p.m. at Saint John

Thursday, December 25th
9:00 a.m. at Saint John

VOCATION CORNER

When we think about vocation in this context, it's not limited to priesthood or religious life. Every Christian is called to live out their unique mission — in family, work, community, and service — as a witness to Christ's presence.



Your calling is not something far off — it is already unfolding in the way you love, serve, and remain faithful in the present moment. Advent invites you to ask: *Where is God asking me to bring joy, hope, and light right now?*

Lord of Joy and Light, On this Gaudete Sunday, You call us to rejoice, for You are near and Your love never fails. Awaken in our hearts the courage to say "yes" to the vocation You have planted within us. Whether in family life, consecrated service, priesthood, or the quiet witness of daily work, let our lives be a song of hope for the world. Teach us to listen with patience, to act with compassion, and to shine with the joy that comes from You alone. May we, like John the Baptist, point others toward Your presence, until the day we see You face to face. Amen.

If you are feeling God's call in your life to the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at email: vocations@dioceseaj.org.