

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 21, 2025/ Fourth 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.

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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 20

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

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Jerry Robine (His Wife)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 22

9:00 AM Dorothy Renosky
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 AM Cathy Orgovan (Family)

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM For the health & wellbeing of
Matthew Waite (Family)

8:00 PM Richard Tessitore (Family)

10:00 PM Priests & Deacons of AJ Diocese
(Deacon Tom & Shirley)

Thursday, December 25

9:00 AM Dunn, Egli, & Houser families
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Friday, December 26 St. Stephen

8:00 AM William Hileman (Family)

Saturday, December 27 St. John the Evangelist

5:00 PM Donald & Vilma Anspauch (Neidigh, Anspauch, & Kowalski families)

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Elsie & Sam Nastase (Miller Family)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, December 27 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: David Files/Barry Pearce
Lector:: David Files
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant
Music: Natalie Stanton

Sunday, December 28 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Louise Manginell
Lector: Adam Rawding
Servers: Matt & Josie DeRemer
Music: Traditional

Sunday, December 28 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin King/Lorraine Fello
Lector: John Hillard
Servers: Evelyn Martin/Peter Levandoski
Music: Stephen St. Amant

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, December 21

12:00 PM Ann Butz (Larry Butz)

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 PM Joseph D. Kraus, Mary & Walter
Kaminski (Wife & Daughter)

Sunday, December 28

12:00 PM Sylvester Gibas (Stephanie Gover)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a Communion Service this Tuesday, December 23rd 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 21 Jim Hodgson

December 24 Millie Turner

December 28 kb Boomer

Eucharistic Minister

December 21 Deb Cusatis

December 24 Jim Hodgson

December 28 kb Boomer

Hospitality

December 21: Christmas Pageant and Church Dinner

December 28: Merry Christmas-no hospitality

January 4: Happy New Year-no hospitality

CHRISTMAS Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Herzing/Paul McCloskey
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Mallory White
Music: Youth

Wednesday, December 24 8:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Stephanie Mullin/Janie Provan
Lector: Lucia Stover
Servers: Evelyn Martin/Grant & Jack Wintersteen
Music: Folk

Wednesday, December 24 10:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/David Files
Lector: Marie Lingle
Servers: Volunteers Needed
Music: Traditional

Thursday, December 25 9:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik/
Carolyn Marshall
Lector: Bib Polak
Servers: Volunteers Needed
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Weekly events

Sunday Dec. 21	4:00 PM Latin Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 24	4:00 PM Mass
	6:00 PM Mass St. Kateri
	8:00 PM Mass
	10:00 PM Mass
Thursday, Dec. 25	9:00 AM Mass

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

ST. KATERI CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday, December 21st the CCD students will 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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday, The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday, Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday, Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of December 14, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,123.40
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,236.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 34.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 440.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 227.28

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 9,060.68

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance: \$ 205.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 205.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 9,265.68

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 135.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities	\$ 15.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 750.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 565.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,439.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 650.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

December 7, 2025	\$1,770.00
December 14, 2025	\$ 893.00
Christmas	\$ 800.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 245.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Damon & Mariah Lucas! Their daughter Faith Rose Lucas was baptized on December 8, 2025. May they continue to grow in the faith.

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING:

Thank you to our Choirs and Musicians for a beautiful evening on Christmas Song last Sunday. We are so blessed by your talents and your willingness to share them at this concert and throughout the year.

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

Dec. 28th—No CCD

Jan. 4th—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 21 Evening Class-Christmas Party

Sunday, December 28 No Class

Sunday, January 4 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

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.

You are invited to a **Christmas Social at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Church** at 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.

St. Kateri

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

Dec. 28—No CCD Christmas-New Years

Jan. 4—CCD

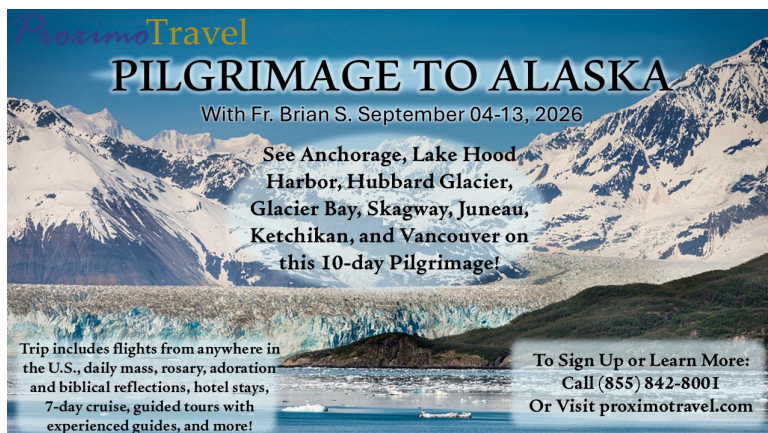
Jan. 11—No CCD

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

Please pray for those serving in the military

LTC William Smith, US Army
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, US Army
CPT Everett K. Benson, US Army
CPT Alexis Franks, US Army
CPT Peter J. Muto, US Army
CPT Nicholas Taylor, US Army
1 LT Caleb Eyster, US Army
SSG Matthew Bickle, US Army
LtCol Tim Jackson, USMC
LtCol T.J. Valley, USMC
Maj Jared Swancer, USMC
Maj Alaina Valley, USMC
CPT Andrew Malia, USMC
LCDR Jared T. Hallahan, US Navy
LT Joshua Malia, US Navy
LT Patricia Wilson, US Navy
LT Steven Wright, US Navy
ENS Matthew Goodpaster, US Navy
CWO James Decker, US Navy
PO2 Andrew Kaschalk, US Navy
CPT Olivia Hale, US Air Force
2d Lt Caleb Gindhart, US Air Force
2d LT Jacob Nieto, US Air Force
MSgt Joseph Trimpey, US Air Force
SrA Shane Kaschalk, US Air Force
A1C Ethan Scicchitano, US Air Force
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard
SGT Toby Dugal, Army Nat'l Guard
PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army Nat'l Guard
CPT James Bickle, US Army Reserve
Col Gordon Frankenfield, Air Nat'l Guard
MSgt Kristina Roberts, Air Guard
PV2 Trevor D. Cort, US Army
ENS Luke Sicard, U.S. Navy
Madison Ripka, HM3, U.S. Navy
David Rodriguez USMC

To our priests, parishioners, community & court ~ may your Holidays be filled with peace, joy, & the warmth of loved ones. May God bless you & your families during this special season. Blessings, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct. Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte.



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St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

Alumni support: J. Ronald Hughes

In memory of Robert Long - Gary and Vickie Lucas, William and Kathryn Long

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

Our Christmas Pageant was held at the Church on the second Sunday of Advent, December 7th. The students spread JOY throughout our Parish and School community by telling the story of Jesus' birth through song. We are so proud of them. We are grateful to Mrs. Natalie Stanton, our music teacher, for always sharing her contagious joy, excitement, and love of music with our students. Thank you to our Home and School Association for providing hot cocoa for everyone, Mrs. Barbara Myers for her beautiful accompaniment on the piano, and the countless others who helped behind the scenes with set up, clean up, photography and more.

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.

Merry Christmas!

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.

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@redefinineducation.org | redefinineducation.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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VOCATION CORNER

The **Fourth Sunday of Advent** brings us to the very threshold of Christmas.

The tone shifts from joyful anticipation to deep, quiet readiness — the kind of stillness that comes before something life-changing. Isaiah's prophecy of *Immanuel* reminds us that vocation is not abstract—it is lived in the concrete reality of God's presence. Every call is grounded in the assurance that we are never alone.

Like Joseph, we may not fully understand God's plan, but vocation often begins with a courageous "yes" in the face of uncertainty. He chose obedience over fear, showing that God's call may disrupt our expectations but leads to deeper purpose. God's call is not always loud — sometimes it comes as a whisper in the stillness, asking us to trust and act.

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, ask:

- Where is God inviting me to trust more deeply?
- How can I embody Emmanuel in my relationships, work, or community?
- Am I willing, like Joseph, to embrace a vocation that may challenge my comfort but fulfills God's promise?

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.



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