

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 22nd, 2024/ Fourth Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

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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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, December 21

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

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Sick, Dying, Elderly & Caregivers
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

10:15 AM Living & Deceased Priests & Religious
(CDA Court #448)

Monday, December 23 St. John Kanty

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory (CDA Court #448)

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM Grandparents of the Fello/Hileman family
(Family)

8:00 PM Haranin, Davis, & Ivicic Families
(Family)

10:00 PM Priests & Deacons of the AJ diocese
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 AM The Egli Family (Suzanne & Richard)

Thursday, December 26 St. Stephen

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

Friday, December 27 St. John the Apostle

8:00 AM Barbara Waite (The Family)

Saturday, December 28 Holy Innocents

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

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM Dorothy Renosky
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

10:15 AM Consuella Koenig Geiser
(Her Loving Family)

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

Submissions for the January 5 bulletin need emailed to the parish secretary by 8:30 Monday December 23rd.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed December 24, 25 and 26.

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2024: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. 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 stboldin@verizon.net

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school
December 22nd-No Class-Merry Christmas
December 29th— No Class-Happy New Year
January 5th—CCD

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium
Sunday, December 22– 5:00 PM Christmas Party
Sunday, December 29-No Class-Christmas Break
Sunday, January 5—CCD

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

NOTE TO CHRISTMAS LECTORS: All Masses on Dec. 24 will use the readings for The Nativity of the Lord: Night; Is. 9:1-6, Titus 2: 11-14. Christmas Morning will use the readings for Dawn: Is 62:11-12, Titus 3: 4-7.

Eucharistic Minister/Lector Altar Server/Music

Tuesday, December 24 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/Volunteer
Lector: David Files
Servers: Grace & Michael Herzing
Music: Youth

Tuesday, December 24 8:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Marshall/Volunteer
Lector: Bib Polak
Servers: Evelyn Martin/Trey & Megan Weiser/Mallory White
Music: Folk

Tuesday, December 24 10:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin King/Volunteer
Lector: Marie Lingle
Servers: Becca Burns/Volunteers
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Wednesday, December 25 9:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Provan/Volunteer
Lector: Lucia Stover
Servers: Volunteers
Music: David Harry

Saturday, December 28 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hallahan/Volunteer
Lector: Doreen Koleno
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, December 29 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Art Ardire/Volunteer
Lector: Kevin Trimpey
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Matthew DeRemer
Music: Traditional

Sunday, December 29 10:15 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Provan/Volunteer
Lector: Teresa Jurewicz
Servers: Grayson Evans/Michael Herzing
Music: Youth

Weekly events

Sunday Dec. 22—3:00 PM Holy Hour for Vocations
Tuesday Dec. 24—4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday Dec. 25—9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
 Monday, Late Advent Weekday
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday, Christmas Eve
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday, 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
 Thursday, 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
 Friday, Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
 Saturday, Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The Traveling Vocation Crucifix will begin traveling the First Sunday of Advent! 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.

JOB OPENING

Good Shepherd Church in Port Matilda, PA has an immediate need for a Facility Manager. This position will be Flex Time averaging 30 hours per week and is benefits-eligible. The schedule will include some early morning, evening and weekend time, based on specific needs. The Facility Manager oversees and guarantees the safety and functionality of the facility. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact the Parish Office at 814-238-2110 or email jkovacik@dioceseaj.org

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of December 15th, 2024

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 10,659.65
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,173.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 17.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 360.00
Christmas	\$ 1,855.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 181.66

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 14,246.31

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 110.00
Local Family Assistance	\$ 0.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 110.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 14,356.31

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 2,490.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Christmas Flowers	\$ 335.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 2,075.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 55.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 458.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Share in the gift of WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM this Christmas! Enjoy special Christmas programming beginning on Christmas Eve @ 5pm and continuing throughout the octave season. God bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution to support our spiritual work of mercy. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers at Christmas.

2024 Christmas Concert: *This is Christmas* celebrating the *Heart of Christmas* ~ Monday December 30, 2024 at 6PM. The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto invites you to a night of Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir. Enjoy the music and the beauty of our basilica during the Christmas Season! Make plans to join us!

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 22

12:00 PM In memory of Ann Butz
(Her Family)

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 PM Mary Neale
(St. Amant & Tice Families)

Sunday, December 29

12:00 PM Sylvester Gibas
(Stephanie Gover)

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 15 Shelly Ash
December 22 Millie Turner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 15 Deb Cusatis
December 22 Sandy Rockey

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

December 8, 2024 \$1,301.00
December 15, 2024 \$1,209.00

HOSPITALITY

December 22 No Hospitality– Merry Christmas
December 29 No Hospitality– Happy New Year

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

COMMUNION SERVICE: There will be no Communion Service and Adoration December 24th or December 31st.

CCD SCHEDULE

December 22--No CCD Merry Christmas
December 29--No CCD Happy New Year

Poinsettias for Christmas: There are envelopes by the collection basket for Donations for Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas.

Margaret Mary Alacoque was chosen by Christ to arouse the Church to a realization of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus. Margaret Mary entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24. On December 21, 1674, three years a nun, she received the first of her revelations. She felt "invested" with the presence of God, though always afraid of deceiving herself in such matters. The request of Christ was that his love for humankind be made evident through her. During the next 13 months, Christ appeared to her at intervals. His human heart was to be the symbol of his divine-human love. By her own love Margaret Mary was to make up for the coldness and ingratitude of the world—by frequent and loving Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and by an hour's vigil of prayer every Thursday night in memory of his agony and isolation in Gethsemane. He also asked that a feast of reparation be instituted. Like all saints, Margaret Mary had to pay for her gift of holiness. Some of her own sisters were hostile. Theologians who were called in declared her visions delusions and suggested that she eat more heartily. Later, parents of children she taught called her an impostor, an unorthodox innovator. A new confessor, the Jesuit Claude de la Colombière, recognized her genuineness and supported her. Against her great resistance, Christ called her to be a sacrificial victim for the shortcomings of her own sisters, and to make this known. After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, while being anointed. She said: "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this **"event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."**

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

The Jubilee will open with a special Mass at the Altoona Cathedral, December 29th at 2:00 PM. All are invited.



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:

- 1995 - Mary Kathryn Zong Badger
- 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 E. 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

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

Lunch Program Donation: Rich and Linda Struble

Memorial donations for G. Barry McMullin: Capperella Furniture, Michele Routi, Doug and Cindy Sassman, Melissa Sieg, Greg and Tina Wendt

Time and Talent: Each year our students can purchase gifts for loved ones at our Santa's Workshop. It is a fun day and we are so thankful to many people who contribute in a variety of ways including crafting, donating items/money, volunteering to set up, helping children shop, wrapping gifts, or cleaning up. We are very blessed at Saint John School. A special THANK YOU to the Home & School board - Julie Burns, Jessica Hallman, Aimee Levendoski, and Kelly Yost - for coordinating this special event.. A huge THANK YOU goes out to the following people who helped to make this such a special day for the kids: Theresa Bodle, Ashlee Brookens, Jenn Brungard, Aaron Cleaver, Kari Cleaver, Katie Fisher, Tina Gregory, Jessica Kendrick, Melissa Price, Jeff Puhala, Amber Snedeker, Alison Stauffer, Kayla Thal, Kelly Struble, Tracy Thorpe, Brooke Watson, and Angela Zebo-Hosterman

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

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Our Nativity Pageant was held at the Church on the second Sunday of Advent, December 8. 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 & 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, 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