

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

December 29th, 2024/ The Holy Family



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 28 The Holy Innocents
5:00 PM Donald & Vilma Anspauch
(Anspauch, Neidigh, & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family
8:00 AM Dorothy Renosky
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)
10:15 AM Consuella Koenig Geiser
(Her Loving Family)

Monday, December 30
9:00 AM Mitchell Taylor (Aunt Joan & Crew)

Tuesday, December 31
6:00 PM Robert Saylor (Father Brian)

Wednesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary
Holy day obligation
9:00 AM Father Brian's Birthday

Thursday, January 2 SS. Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen
6:00 PM Joseph & Barbara Kucas (Jim & Nancy)

Friday, January 3
8:00 AM John & Genevieve Auman
(The Nagel Family)

Saturday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:00 PM Pat Luther (The Luther Family)

Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany
8:00 AM Marian & Felix Albarano
(Joe & Toni Beigle)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school
December 29th— No Class-Happy New Year
January 5th—CCD
January 12th—CCD
January 19th—Class & CCD Mass 7th & 8th grade

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium
Sunday, December 29-No Class-Christmas Break
Sunday, January 5—Class
Sunday, January 12 Class
Saturday, January 18 Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, January 19—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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday, Sixth Day within the Octave
1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, Seventh Day within the Octave
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday, Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday, Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Eucharistic Minister/Lector Altar Server/Music

Saturday, January 4 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Pavone/Volunteer
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Cameron Niemann/AJ Cleaver
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, January 5 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Trimpey/Volunteer
Lector: Pam Callahan
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Matthew DeRemer
Music: Traditional

Sunday, January 5 10:15 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik/Volunteer
Lector: Paul Dombrowski
Servers: Evelyn Martin/Alexis Fisher
Music: Folk

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the family unit and the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The feast usually falls on the Sunday after Christmas. Today is a wonderful day to pray as a family:

Prayer for the Family

Jesus, our most loving redeemer, You came to enlighten the world with your teaching and example. You willed to spend the greater part of Your life in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth. In this way, You sanctified that family, which was to be an example for all Christian families. Graciously accept our family, which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day. Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep it in holy fear, in peace, and in the harmony of Christian charity. By conforming ourselves to the Divine model of Your family, may we attain to eternal happiness.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity. The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God: He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others. The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully: to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously. That is what makes a new year "happy," and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.

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

NOTARY SERVICES

Michael Levandoski, a local attorney and parishioner at St. John's, is offering free notary services to St. John's parishioners as a service to the parish. He is in Bellefonte every Wednesday, and can be reached at mlevandoski@mkclaw.com to schedule an appointment.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

The contact person for our parish prayer chain is **Sara Nagel**. For any prayer requests please email Sara at: donaldnagel@verizon.net, or you may call her at 814-353-1010.

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The Traveling Vocation Crucifix will began 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 jkovacic@dioceseaj.org

Weekly events

Tuesday Dec. 31	6:00 PM Mass Vigil; Mary Mother of God
Wednesday Jan. 1	9:00 AM Mass Mary Mother of God (Holy day of obligation)

Weekly Financial Report

Offertory for December 22 was not available by the bulletin deadline.

Please pray for those serving in the military

LTC Jason Meier, US Army
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
SFC Eric Callahan, 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
SSgt Eric Roberts, Air Nat'l Guard
MSgt Kristina Roberts, Air Guard
PV2 Trevor D. Cort, US Army

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 29

12:00 PM Sylvester Gibas
(Stephanie Gover)

Wednesday, January 1

7:00 PM Michael Grove
(Hal & Karen Grove)

Sunday, January 5

12:00 PM Walter Johnson
(The Johnson Family)

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 29 Deb Cusatis
January 1 kb Boomer
January 5 Gail Anderson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 29 Sister Judy
January 1 Millie Turner
January 5 Jim Hodgson

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

December 15, 2024 \$ 1,209.50
December 22, 2024 Not available

HOSPITALITY

December 29 No Hospitality– Happy New Year
January 5, 2025 Susan Slenker & Shelly Houser
January 12, 2025 Diane Brown & Mary Conklin

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 31st.

CCD SCHEDULE

December 29--No CCD Happy New Year
January 5—CCD

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: The Thrift Store reopens Thursday, January 2nd at 10:00 am. January Specials:

- 50% off framed wall art
- Brand New Work Boots & Footwear at reduced prices
- Fabulous Furs Blow Out Sale! All Priced to sell! Never underestimate the luxury and warmth of a fur or fake fur coat—conquer the cold of January with a lovely, warm, cuddly coat from the many available at SVdP at incredibly reasonable prices.
- Cold weather here. We have lots of warm Winter Coats, Vests, Blazers & Snow/Ski Apparel.
- Beautiful Leather Coats are featured in our Boutique.

Please consider volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Visit the Store at 1300 Benner Pike, normally open Monday thru Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm, and speak to the Day Manager if you would like more information about volunteering.

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!



- 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:

Angel Fund Donation:

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

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Saint John Parish Family,

As we enter the New Year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a blessed and healthy year ahead.

We are truly grateful for your continued support of our school and students. Your prayers, encouragement, and partnership help us to grow in faith and knowledge each day. May God bless you abundantly in 2025 and always.

With gratitude and blessings,

Kristina Tice

Principal

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:

- 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

A Prayer for the New Year

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, receive our humble petitions for this new year. We offer our prayers for the pope and for those who shepherd Your Church. Bestow Your grace upon all the faithful. Illuminate the paths of those who have not yet found You. Touch the hearts of those who have strayed, that they might find their way back to Your loving embrace. Grant our world prosperity and let peace reign among all peoples. We ask for Your abundant blessings to be upon those dear to us – family, friends, and companions – and yes, even upon those who may stand against us. Extend Your loving hand to those suffering in poverty or illness. Remember in Your mercy the souls of our departed who left us this past year and be gentle with those who will be called to stand before You in the year to come. May Your divine inspiration guide the beginning of all our endeavors in this new year, and Your loving presence sustain them to completion, so that all we do might begin and end in You. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.