

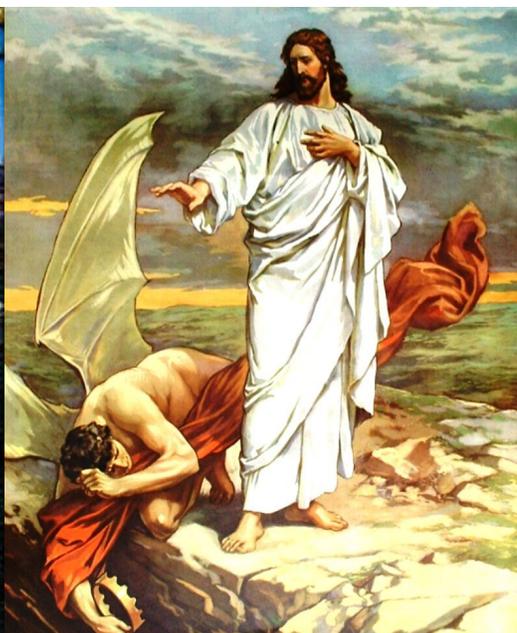
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PO Box 159
3503 Penns Valley Rd,
Spring Mills, PA 16875

February 22, 2026/First Sunday of Lent



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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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, February 21 St. Peter Damian
5:00 PM Donald & Vilma Anspauch (Anspauch, Neidigh, & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, February 22
8:00 AM Charlotte Burcin
(Helen & Lonnie Lowry)
10:15 AM For the Health of Faith Rose Lucas
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

Monday, February 23 St. Polycarp
9:00 AM The Alton Briggs Family
(Gingher Family)

Tuesday, February 24
8:00 AM Pauline Auman (Her Family)

Wednesday, February 25
8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, February 26
6:00 PM Nancy Palfey (David Files)

Friday, February 27 St. Gregory of Narek
8:00 AM Frank Tessitore (Family)

Saturday, February 28
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 1
8:00 AM Ed & Millie Drapcho (Jeff Drapcho)
10:15 AM Ralph Capparelle (Vickie Wolfe)

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, February 22
12:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 1
12:00 PM Mary & Walter Kaminski (Their Daughter)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, February 24th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

ST. KATERI MINISTERS

Lector

February 22 Deb Cusatis
March 1 Millie Turner

Eucharistic Minister

February 22 Gail Anderson
March 1 Deb Cusatis

Hospitality

February 22: Stephanie Perrot & Shelly Houser
March 1: Millie Turner, kb & Rick BB
March 8: Barb Cole & Susan Slenker

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

ST. JOHN, BELLEFONTE: MARCH 15, 3:00 PM

Feb. 22 3:00 PM St. Agnes, Lock Haven
Feb. 26 6:00 PM St. Joseph, Renovo
Mar. 24 7:00 PM Good Shepherd, Port Matilda
Mar. 25 6:30 PM Queen of Archangels, Clarence
Mar. 29 6:00 PM Our Lady of Victory, State College

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2026 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

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 crucifix. Sign-up by calling or emailing the Church Office.

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, February 28 5:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Marshall/Cindy Hallahan
Lector: Marie Lingle
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant
Music: Joe Lexon

Sunday, March 1 8:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Kathy Kresovich
Lector: Lucia Stover
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, March 1 10:15 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Leoni Martins/Kevin King
Lector: 5th/6th grade CCD
Servers: Grayson Evans/Makenzie Kellogg
Music: Folk

Religious Education

St. John

CCD GRADES K-8

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

Feb. 22nd—CCD, Stations of the Cross— 1st-4th grades

March 1st—CCD Mass 5th & 6th grades

March 8th—CCD Reconciliation Grades 2-4

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, February 22 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, March 1 Regular Class

Saturday, March 7 Bus Trip

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

ST. JOHN MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Received in Memory of
Barbara Pearce
From Brian & Sharon Yangula
And From Anonymous

Volunteers are needed to take over the indoor flower ministry at St Kateri. Please contact Stephanie Gover at 814-321-8073 if you are willing to help.

2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Bellefonte Knights of Columbus council 1314 are looking for new members. Eligibility requirements are you must be a male at least 18 years old and a practicing catholic. Applications and more information will be available at all masses February 28th and March 1st. Email Doug Moerschbacher - dougrugcare@gmail.com or David Provan- bluehudson52@gmail.com

PRAY FOR AMERICA AND ALL THAT IS GOOD

There will be an initial meeting to discuss a prayer group named "Pray for America and All that is Good" on Sunday, March 8, after the 10:15 mass in the rectory basement. This initial gathering will be to review the overall intentions and further define scope, schedule, etc. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please email Stan and Tanya- tsechrist26@comcast.net if you plan to attend so that we have an idea on the anticipated number of participants. Copies of the prayer book are available in the entry way of the church to look over.

St. Kateri

Feb. 22—No CCD

March 1—CCD

March 8—No CCD

March 15—CCD

ST. KATERI MEMORIAL DONATION

Received in Memory of
Chuck Hall
From:Lynn Ellen Dixon
And from Mike & Lana Hall

PALM COLLECTION

A basket will be available in the foyer throughout Lent to collect your palm from past years.

BABY SHOWER BINGO

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

March 15, 1PM in the school auditorium

Admission: \$5 + a new, unwrapped baby item

2026 TOGETHER WE STAND RAFFLE

The Northern Deanery Raffle is again going on. Tickets are \$20 each; Prizes: Grand prize \$25, 000, (5) \$1,000 winners, (10) \$100 winners. Drawing Sunday, May 31st at Most Holy Trinity 200th Anniversary. See Fr. Brian for tickets.

UKRAINE'S THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to St. Kateri and St. John's parishioners from our Ukraine friends for your recent kind and generous donations of food and hygiene products. Your donations and kindness were overwhelming. So again, thank you!!

SJCA LEO CLUB Glasses Drive: The drive will run the month of February and boxes will be picked up the first week of March. See the collection box in the vestibule.

Acceptable Eyeglasses for Donation:

- ✓ Usable Glasses - Eyeglasses that are in good condition and can help correct vision
- ✓ Any Prescription Strength - Glasses with any prescription power are accepted
- ✓ Any Frame Style - All frame types and styles are welcome
- ✓ Unopened Contact Lenses - These can also be donated alongside eyeglasses

Condition Requirements:

- Lenses should be clean and free from major scratches or damage
- Frames should be intact and functional
- Glasses should be in a condition that allows them to be worn

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS: In memory of Rosemarie Kushwara:

Carol and Joseph Steward

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

REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

Saint John School is accepting applications for students in 3-Year Pre-K through 5th Grade. At this time, our 4 year old Pre-K class is full and we have one spot remaining in our 3 year old Pre-K. We have started a waiting list. Our Kindergarten class is filling and limited spaces remain in grades 1-5. Be sure to enroll by February 16 to meet the Priority Registration deadline. The online Registration link can be found on our website. Registration form, birth certificate, copy of the most recent immunization records, and \$100 registration fee must be submitted to the office to complete the application process. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or wish to schedule a visit. We would love to welcome you into our Saint John School Family!

IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR AT SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

Saint John School is excited to be hosting an Ignatius Book Fair, featuring faith-filled books for all ages- perfect for Easter Gifts! Parishioners are invited to shop in person in the School Library: Friday, March 6 during the Fish Fry (4:00pm - 7:00pm); Weekend of March 7-8 after Masses; and Tuesday, March 10 after Family Adoration night (until 7pm). Shop any time by visiting the school website and clicking the Ignatius Book Fair link!

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL'S GARDNERS CANDIES EASTER SALE IS UNDERWAY!

Please see the bulletin insert to place your order through the school. Looking for items not included in the brochure? You can order online and still support Saint John School! Visit gardnerscandiesfundraising.com, select "Order Now," enter our Group ID #10-0987, and start shopping. Online orders ship directly to the buyer. Thank you for your continued support of this school fundraiser!

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 Molly Fertick if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-599-0696 | Molly@redefinineducation.org | redefinineducation.org

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at Saint John School

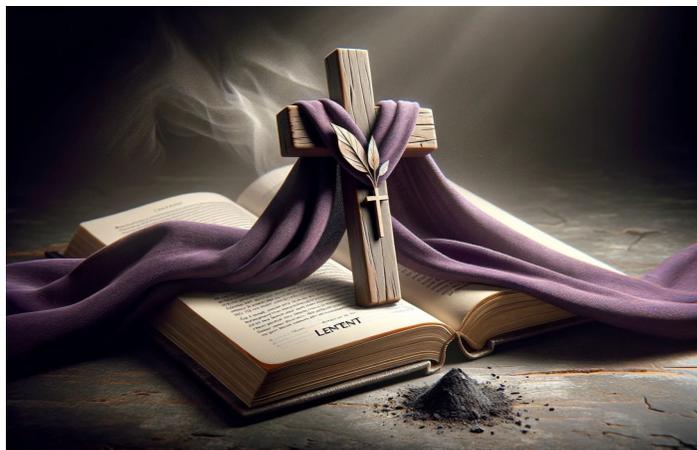


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- Affordable tuition
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VOCATION CORNER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent begins with Jesus in the desert — a place of silence, testing, and deep encounter with God. Here, He chooses faithfulness over comfort, obedience over self-interest. In our own lives, God also invites us into “desert moments” where distractions fade and His voice becomes clearer.



This season is a time to pause, pray, and rediscover our true calling. Whether our vocation is to family life, priesthood, religious life, or service in the world, Lent reminds us that saying “yes” to God often means letting go of what holds us back.

May these forty days be a journey of listening, trusting, and following Christ more closely — so that, like Him, we may emerge from the desert ready to live our mission with courage and joy.

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.