

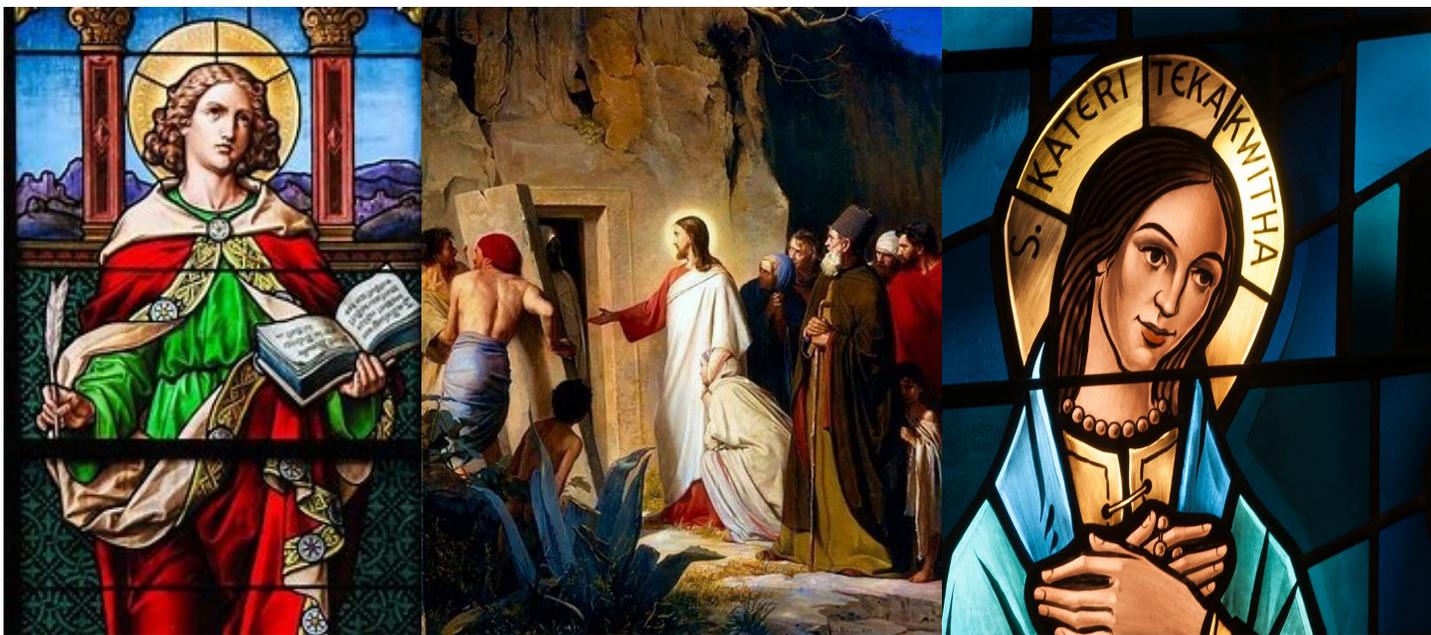
# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

# ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## March 22, 2026/Fifth 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.

### CONTACT US

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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, March 21

**5:00 PM** Catherine & Fred Viland  
(The Gingher Family)

### Sunday, March 22

**8:00 AM** Charlotte Burcin (Rose Truglio)

**10:15 AM** Sophie Mazurkiewicz  
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

### Monday, March 23

**9:00 AM** Frank Clemson  
(Bellefonte Knights of Columbus)

### Tuesday, March 24

**8:00 AM** Rose & Ed Bolick (Family)

### Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

**9:00 AM** Nancy C. Rose  
(The Wendt/Rose Family)

### Thursday, March 26

**6:00 PM** Vincent & Sallie Boldin  
(Richard & Linda Struble)

### Friday, March 27

**8:00 AM** James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

### Saturday, March 28

**5:00 PM** People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 29

**8:00 AM** Alice Saxion (Sam Saxion)

**10:15 AM** Pam Crantz (Trexler Family)

## St. Kateri Masses for the week

### Sunday, March 22

**12:00 PM** People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 29

**12:00 PM** Klana & Hodgson Family  
(Diane Klana)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held every Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent

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

### ST. KATERI MINISTERS

#### Lector

March 22 kb Boomer  
March 29 Deb Cusatis

#### Eucharistic Minister

March 22 Millie Turner  
March 29 Jim Hodgson

#### Hospitality

March 22: Diane Brown and kb & Rick BB  
March 29: Palm Sunday—Teacher Appreciation dinner  
April 5: Easter Sunday—No hospitality

### **AREA PENANCE SERVICES**

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 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

**PRAY FOR AMERICA & ALL THAT IS GOOD:** The initial meeting of the prayer group was held on Sunday, 03/08/26. There was a wonderful turnout of twelve participants! Everyone expressed their joy and appreciation for the chance to unite and pray for America, as well as numerous other requests. The prayer group will be meeting again after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, April 12th, in the rectory basement. Copies of the Pray for America prayer booklet are available in the entryway of the church. Please email Stan and Tanya at [tsechrist260@comcast.net](mailto:tsechrist260@comcast.net) if you have any questions and/or to let us know that you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

### Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

#### Saturday, March 28 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Marshall/Cindy Hallahan  
Lector: Marie Lingle  
Servers: Luke Russell/Oliver St. Amant  
Music: Stephen St. Amant

#### Sunday, March 29 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Art & Deb Ardire  
Lector: Art Ardire  
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti  
Music: Traditional

#### Sunday, March 29 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jamie Provan/Adam Herzing  
Lector: Teresa Jurewicz  
Servers: Grace & Michael Herzing  
Music: Youth



# Religious Education

## St. John

### CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes have resumed! Grades K-8<sup>th</sup> class times are Sunday 9:00-10:00 in St. John School. Please contact Tony ([tcroland@hotmail.com](mailto:tcroland@hotmail.com)) or Paula Roland ([proland@dioceseaj.org](mailto:proland@dioceseaj.org)) for new student registration or with any questions.

Please note the following class schedule

March 22—CCD Reconciliation Grades 7-8

March 29—CCD Stations of the Cross Grades 5-8

April 5—No CCD EASTER

April 12—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, March 22 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, March 29 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, April 5 No Class EASTER

Sunday, April 12 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

### PALM COLLECTION

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

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SOIREE at 867 Grays Woods Blvd. in Port Matilda, on April 25<sup>th</sup>, promises to be an exciting evening filled with fun and philanthropy. Attendees can enjoy a lively atmosphere featuring a live and silent auction, where unique items and experiences will be available for bidding. Guests will be treated to complimentary wine and beer, along with a selection of heavy hors d'oeuvres and delectable desserts. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community while supporting a great cause! Tickets are \$30 in advance (online) or \$40 at the door.

### 21-31 SOCIAL GROUP

Is one of your goals this year to become more engaged in our community? Have you been desiring to be more involved and meet other young adults in the parish? If you are between the ages of 21-31 years old, there will be an initial meeting on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to get to know one another. Bring a mug and your favorite tea! Please email Abigael Fisher ([abigael.f.20@gmail.com](mailto:abigael.f.20@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

## St. Kateri

March 22—No CCD

March 29—CCD Palm Sunday-teacher appreciation Dinner

April 5—No CCD Happy Easter

April 12—CCD Divine Mercy Sunday

### SISTER JUDY'S SOUP & COOKIE SALE

The soup and cookie sale to benefit Sister Judy's mission was a huge success! The final tally was \$2300! Thanks to everyone who volunteered to set up, serve and clean up! And to everyone who made all the wonderful varieties of soup and cookies! Saint Kateri parishioners cannot be out done in generosity!

ST. KATERI EASTER FLOWERS: Envelopes are available in the back of the church for Easter Flower donations.

### GREETERS WANTED: at St. John and St. Kateri

We are interested in setting up a system where parishioners greet other parishioners and guests as they enter the church before the scheduled Masses. The commitment would be for a half hour before the scheduled Mass time on the day and time that you normally attend. Frequency would be once every other month. Individuals, couples and families are invited to participate. Contact the Parish office if interested.

### FOOD BANK

**Reminder: Food Bank donations are welcome, needed and collected year-round.** Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries in the bin located in the vestibule just outside of the prayer room and beneath the large painting of the crucifixion. Our donations are taken regularly to the Faith Centre Food Bank. **Thank you for your generosity.**

### 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](mailto:donaldnagel@verizon.net), or you may call her at 814-353-1010.

### WITNESS STATIONS

St. Mary's Altoona Confirmation Candidates will be doing Witness Stations of the Cross (Dramatic Stations) on Palm Sunday evening at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Altoona 1401 Fifth Avenue. Please join us; this is something you really don't want to miss. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## St. John School News

### MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

**Alumni donations:** Sam and Kara Cross, J. Ronald Hughes

**Lunch Program donations:** Rich and Linda Struble, Gennaro De Luca and Wanda Villatore

**In memory of Frank Clemson:** Gloria Rogers, Dan and Leslee Torsell

**In memory of Robbie Hillard:** Mike and Deb McAtee

**In memory of Rosemarie Kushwara:** Barbara Yuricich

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Parishioners are invited to join Saint John School as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:00 pm during Lent. During Holy Week, our 4th graders will present two Live Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 31st at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

### SAINT JOHN SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

At this time, both our 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Pre-K classes are full, and we have begun a waiting list. Our Kindergarten class is filling quickly, and limited spaces remain in Grades 1–5.

The online Registration link can be found on our website. To complete the application process, the following items must be submitted to the school office:

- Completed Registration Form
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of the most recent Immunization Records
- \$100 Registration Fee

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit. We would love to welcome you into our Saint John School family - where small seeds grow into great things!

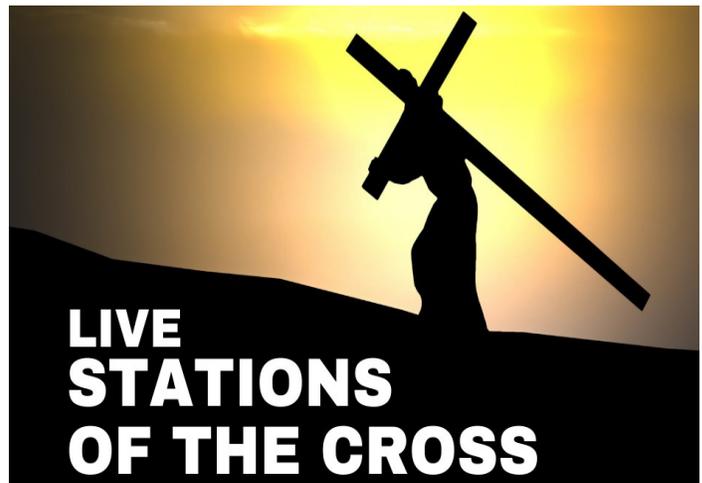
### GARDNERS CANDIES EASTER SALE:

It's not too late to get your Easter candy and support Saint John School! Our online sale is open until March 22, 2026. Visit [gardnerscandiesfundraising.com](http://gardnerscandiesfundraising.com), select "Order Now" enter our Group ID# 10-0987 and start shopping! Online orders ship directly to the buyer.

Please note that the delivery date for orders submitted to the school office had to be adjusted and is now Friday, March 27th.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit):

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program is the primary means through which Saint John School receives scholarship money. Learn more about the program - and how you can be a part of it - by joining our Virtual School Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6 PM. Please visit [www.saintjohnsch.net](http://www.saintjohnsch.net) for the link to access the meeting.



## LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join our 4th grade students as they present a Live Stations of the Cross in the church on Tuesday, March 31st, at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m.



### EITC continued

Please contact Brooke Sheesley if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-270-1871  
| [brooke@redefiningeducation.org](mailto:brooke@redefiningeducation.org) | [redefiningeducation.org](http://redefiningeducation.org)

## VOCATION CORNER

### Fifth Sunday Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Lazarus from the tomb, showing us that He is "the resurrection and the life." This is more than a miracle—it is a personal invitation. Just as Lazarus heard his name, each of us is called by Christ to step out of whatever holds us back: fear, doubt, or sin.



As we approach Holy Week, let us ask: Where is Jesus calling me to new life? Our vocation—whether in family, work, ministry, or community—is our unique way of answering that call. Like the friends of Lazarus who helped unbind him, we too are called to help others walk in freedom and hope.

May this week be a time to listen for His voice, trust His promise, and follow Him into the fullness of life.

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](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org).