

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00 p.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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Masses for the week

Saturday, December 11— St. Damasus I, Pope

5:00 PM Steve Keller (Linda Fielding & Rich Struble)

Sunday, December 12—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM The Egli-Dunn Families (Suzi Egli)

10:15 AM Michael Kushwara (Rosemarie Kushwara)

12:00 PM Latin Mass

Monday, December 13— St. Lucy

9:00 AM Thomas Smithmyer (Jim & Sandy Yahner)

School Mass—Please wear a mask

Tuesday, December 14— St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM Deceased members Melchiorre & Lowry Families (Daniel & Barbara Materna)

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 AM Roger & Mary Hasselman
(The Nagel Family)

Thursday, December 16

6:00 PM Robert Uncapher (The Family)

Friday, December 17

8:00 AM Carol Repasky (Nicole Niemi)

Saturday, December 18

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

Sunday, December 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Jerry Luckovich (The Family)

10:15 AM Andrew Charney (Jeff & Cindy Field)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin

Liz Forstmeier & Doris Mayers, Office Staff

Kristina Tice, St. John School Principal

Mark & Denise Leskovansky, 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

Religious Education

CCD Schedule (through December)

Dec 12 Upper Grades (7-11)

Dec 19 Lower Grades (K-6)

Dec 26 No CCD—Christmas Break

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15-12:30 pm in the school auditorium.

Sunday, Dec. 12—Class at 11:15 AM

Sunday, Dec. 19—No Class

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

CCD PARENTS

Empowering God's Children Safe Environment Program is a parent/guardian led session. We are asking the parents/guardians to present this program to your CCD children. Packets will be sent home with your children. Also with the packet is the Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement form and the Opt-out form. Please sign one of the forms and return the letter/form to CCD, the collection basket, or the rectory by the end of December 2021.

SERVICE PROJECT

As a CCD community service project, we are asking students in grades K-6 to bring in packs of diapers and students in 7-11 to bring in nonperishable food items from now until the end of December.

CCD TEACHER

We are looking for a 1st Grade CCD teacher. If you are interested please contact Mark and Denise Leskovansky at mjl11@psu.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sight and Sound's "DAVID"
Thursday, March 24, 2022

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 18	5:00 pm	Folk
Sunday, Dec. 19	8:00 am	Traditional
Sunday, Dec. 19	10:15 am	Youth

LECTOR / SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, December 18

Lector: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik

Servers: Evelyn & Henry St. Amant

8:00 AM Sunday, December 19

Lector: Jeff Drapcho

Servers: Madison Bohn & Leah Ondish

10:15 AM Sunday, December 19

Lectors: Michael Jurewicz

Servers: Maura Sharer & Isaac Johnson

Parish News

Penance Services

Monday, December 13

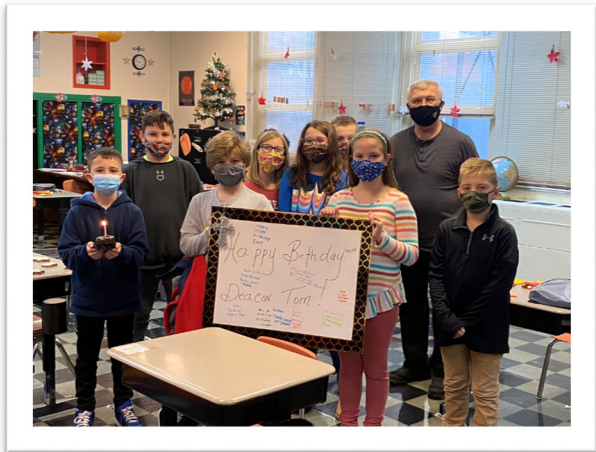
7:00 PM Our Lady of Victory, State College

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 PM Good Shepherd, State College

Wednesday, December 15

6:30 PM Our Lady Archangels, Clarence



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEACON TOM!

Being disciples of God and caring for others, the 4th Grade CCD class celebrated Deacon Tom's birthday on Sunday, December 5th.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Finance Council will meet on **Thursday, December 30** at 7:30 pm in the rectory basement.

Knights of Columbus



BINGO!

Cash BINGO: **Monday, December 13th** at St. John's School, 116 East Bishop Street Bellefonte. Paying out \$850 each evening. Doors open to the public for food and Games of Chance at 6PM and the first BINGO will begin at 7PM. \$20 for 20 Games.

BREAKFAST

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on **Sunday, Dec. 19th** at the council home on Stoney Batter. We are open to the public from 8:30 am until Noon. Price is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for children under 7. The menu includes orange juice, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, French toast, pancakes, sausage gravy, oatmeal, hot syrup, peaches, waffles, coffee and hot chocolate. We make specialty eggs and Blueberry or Chocolate chip pancakes upon request. Eat-in or Take-out.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24

4:00 pm St. John

6:00 pm St. Kateri

8:00 pm St. John

10:00 pm St. John

Saturday, December 25

9:00 am St. John

5:00 pm—*NO Vigil Mass for Sunday*

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am St. John

10:15 am St. John

12:00 pm St. Kateri

OPLATKI

Polish Christmas wafers, Oplatki, are available in the church. There are 4 wafers per pack. Please help yourself. They are on display in front of the Baptismal font. Carrying "oplatek" from house to house was an old Polish custom for families to wish their neighbors a Merry Christmas.

Weekly Financial Reports

For Weekend of December 5, 2021

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$	9,625.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	1,141.00
Children's Offertory:	\$	33.00
Special Monthly:	\$	1,517.00
Votive Candles:	\$	91.61
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	12,407.61

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Solemnity of Mary:	\$	35.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	441.00
Christmas:	\$	450.00
Maintenance:	\$	590.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	335.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	1,851.00
ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL:	\$	14,258.61

SCHOOL COLLECTION:	\$	300.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities:	\$	30.00
Retired Religious:	\$	320.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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 12

12:00 PM Frank LaNasa (Millie Turner)

Sunday, December 19—Christmas pageant at Mass

12:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, December 24—Christmas Vigil

6:00 PM Sylvester Gibas (The Gover Family)

Communion Service/Holy Hour

Next service: Tuesday, December 14th

Communion service at 11AM. Adoration until 12PM.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 12—Jim Hodgson

December 19—Norma Muck

CCD SCHEDULE

December 12: No CCD

December 19: CCD Christmas pageant at Mass

December 26: NO CCD—Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Anyone interested in participating as a vocalist or musician at Christmas Eve mass on December 24 at 6:00 PM is encouraged to contact Jason Brooks at brooksvmd@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Mass will be celebrated at St. Kateri on Friday, December 24th at 6:00 PM.

THANK YOU!

A big shout out and THANK YOU to Jason Brooks for organizing the music for last weeks children's Mass. And thanks to the musicians, readers and singers. Everyone did an awesome job!! Remember December 19 will be the annual Christmas pageant during Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

November 28	\$ 1,139.00
December 5	\$ 1,817.00

PRAYER TO ST. KATERI TETAKWITHA



St. Kateri, Star of the Native People and bright light for all! We thank God for your heroic courage, constant perseverance and deep love of the Cross. Pray for us that our love for Christ may deepen. And may we imitate you in following God's will even when difficulties arise. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

More St. John's News & Events

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree gifts need to be returned this week-end to the back of church no later than 11:30 on Sunday December 12th. If you are unable to get your gifts to the church by this time, please contact Patty Correll at 571-8718 as soon as possible to make other arrangements. In case of inclement weather on Sunday Dec. 12th, please drop off your gift on Monday at the rectory during the day or at the church in the evening.



HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETING

The next Healing Through Faith meeting will be Tuesday, December 14 at 9:00 AM. Please note—there will only be one meeting in December. Meetings are held in the rectory basement. Meetings will be cancelled if the schools are closed. For more information call Ed Mulfnger at 280-2755 or Connie Davis at 355-1280.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no Adoration on Monday, December 20th. The next Adoration will be January 3, 2022.

We now have Online Giving at St. John's! It's easy and safe to use.

You can use your checking/savings account or debit/credit card.
You can also schedule gifts to occur automatically.

How to donate online:

Go to our website: www.bellefontecatholicchurch.com

and click the **Give Now** button OR

Go to: <https://abundant.co/stjohntheevangelistc>
and you will go directly to a giving page.

"CHRISTMAS" has been added to the giving web page.
Make your Christmas donation today!

St. John School News



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Gift Suggestions...

Thinking of what to get your child for Christmas? A Saint John Catholic School education is more affordable than you think. Spaces are currently available in several grades. Give your child a gift they will cherish for a lifetime. Call the school office for more information.



Are you at a loss for gift suggestions for the relative who has everything? Saint John Catholic School would be so grateful if you'd consider **giving a donation to our school in honor or memory of a loved one**. This

can be done into the general budget or as a donation to the **Angel Fund**. Money given to the Angel Fund is used to assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending Saint John School. The donor can remain anonymous, and may designate a particular student(s) or request that the school administration choose the recipient(s). To make a donation, please call the school office.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL PATRON PATHWAY

You can honor or memorialize your family and loved ones by purchasing a paver for our

Saint John School Patron Pathway.

Personalized pavers are available in two different sizes:

4 x 8 Engraved Brick Paver - \$100.00 includes two engraved lines with up to 14 characters/spaces per line.

8 x 8 Engraved Blue Stone Paver - \$250.00 includes up to four engraved lines with up to 14 characters/spaces per line.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

-The November school collection was \$2,972.00.

-We have received the following memorial donations:

In memory of Julia Gardner from Helen and Roy Williams; Jeannie and Larry Justice

-We have received a donation to the Angel Fund in memory of Julia Gardner from Sandra Kowalski

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is a week designated to celebrate what makes Catholic Schools special. We will begin the week with 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 30.

Please watch upcoming bulletins and our website for other events planned for this week, as well as information regarding Pre-K and Kindergarten Information Nights, and registration for the 2022-2023 school year which opens on January 31.



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

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Thanks so much!
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