

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823



First Sunday of

Advent

November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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, November 27

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife, Genny)

Sunday, November 28—First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Caroline Ivicic (The Ivicic Family)

10:15 AM Elsie & Sam Nastase (Mary Ann Miller)

Monday, November 29

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 30— St. Andrew

8:00 AM Bessie Herniman (Dick & Nancy Taylor)

Wednesday, December 1

8:00 AM John Capperelle (Peggy McKee Madison)

Thursday, December 2

6:00 PM No Mass

Friday, December 3— St. Francis Xavier

8:00 AM Thomas Smithmyer
(Jim & Sandy Yahner)

Saturday, December 4

5:00 PM Emro Drapcho (The Family)

Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Copenhaver Family (The Family)

10:15 AM C. Robert Novosel
(The Robert Novosel Family)

LECTOR / SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, December 4

Lector: Angela Basalla

Servers: Kyle Yangula & Henry St. Amant

8:00 AM Sunday, December 5

Lector: Adam Rawding

Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti

10:15 AM Sunday, December 5

Lectors: Art Ardire

Servers: Evelyn Edmondson & Finn Kelleher

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)

Nov 28 No CCD—Thanksgiving Break

Dec 5 Lower Grades (K-6)

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, Nov. 28—No Class

Sunday, Dec. 5—Class at 11:15 AM

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

CCD MASS

The next CCD Mass will be **Sunday, December 5th at the 10:15 AM Mass**. The **5th and 6th grade classes** will be participating in the liturgy. Only 5th and 6th graders will sit with their teachers in reserved pews. All other grades can sit with their families

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.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Monday, December 6th** immediately following the 9:00 AM Communion Service. It will close at 1:00 PM.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of **Emro Drapcho** requested by the family.

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 4 5:00 pm Natalie Stanton

Sunday, Dec. 5 8:00 am Traditional

Sunday, Dec. 5 10:15 am Folk

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Parish News

PENANCE SERVICE

We will be having a Penance Service at St. John's on **Sunday, December 5th** starting at **5:00 PM**. Several priests will be here to assist with Confessions.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

Immaculate Conception Masses will be celebrated at St. John's on **Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 PM** and **Wednesday, December 8th at 9:00 AM**.

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council will meet on **Thursday, December 2nd** at 6:30 pm in the rectory basement.

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

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in having your child Baptized at St. John's, call or email the office and provide your name and mailing address and we will mail you a Baptism packet. If this is your first child to be Baptized, you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class with Deacon Tom.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **Sunday, December 5, 2021** from 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the rectory basement. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom Boldin at 355-4234 or email at stboldin@verizon.net.

Catholic Daughters



MEETING

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be **Thursday, December 2nd** at 6:30 PM in the School auditorium.

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. Eat-in or Take-out available.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24

4:00 pm at St. John
6:00 pm at St. Kateri
8:00 pm at St. John
10:00 pm at St. John

Saturday, December 25

9:00 am at St. John

**Please note: There will be no 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on the 25th for Sunday the 26th.*

#iGiveCatholic

Did you know that #iGiveCatholic is the first-ever day of Catholic giving in our nation? We at St. John's are excited to be part of this new tradition! Support our parish until November 30 at iGiveCatholic.org.

Transactions made on iGiveCatholic.org are secure and your donations of \$25 or more are tax deductible.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

St. John's 2021 CMD Goal: **\$55,362.00**

Total donations pledged through October 31, 2021:
\$47,245.00 Thank you for your generosity!

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree gifts need to be returned to the back of church no later than 11:30 on **Sunday, December 12th**. If you feel you may be unable to get your gifts to the church by this time, please contact Patty Correll at 571-8718. If you are unable to attend church on Saturday or Sunday, drop your gift off at the church or rectory through the week. Reminder: If your gift is a gift certificate in a card or envelope, please do not leave it in the back of church with all the other packages. Consider wrapping it in a larger box or bag or drop it off at the rectory. Each year, we usually have about 4-6 angels that are not returned. Gifts still need to be bought for these angels. If you would like to give a financial donation to help with the cost of providing gifts for the ones that are not returned, please put your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection or to the rectory.



Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of November 21, 2021

No collection report available due to the early holiday bulletin deadline.

Happy Thanksgiving!

St. John School News



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MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

-In appreciation and care for those who have bravely served our great country, our school conducted a Veterans Day Prayer Service, made cards for veterans, donated money from Dress Down Days to the Veteran's Assistance Fund, and performed a service project for the patients/residents at the James E. VanZandt VA Medical Center in Altoona. The service project involved collecting travel size personal care items and gift cards "For the Love of Tommy." Tommy lived at the VA Hospital for five months while battling cancer, and was the brother of Mary Margaret Gorzelnik, a lector, Catholic Daughter and Religious Education teacher here at St. John Church.

-We have received the following memorial donation: In memory of Julia Gardner from Jacqueline Zimmerman

-Thank you to Matt Kelleher and Kelleher Landscape Enhancement for their donation of time over the past few weeks to mow the church and school lawns.

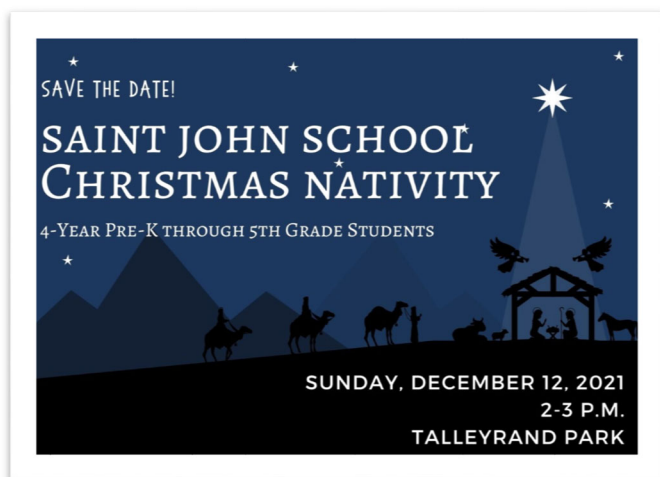
Thank you to all our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and support of our school.

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 Zellers
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 Luckovich



The students, faculty and staff of Saint John School wish you a Thanksgiving weekend filled with happiness, health and many reasons to give thanks. God Bless You!

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, November 28

12:00 PM James Marzo (The Rocky Family)

Sunday, December 5

12:00 PM Families of the Pannery Workers
(The Rocky Family)

Communion Service/Holy Hour

Next service: Tuesday, November 30th

Communion service at 11AM. Adoration until 12PM.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

November 28—KB Boomer

December 5—Deb Cusatis

CCD SCHEDULE

November 28: No CCD—Happy Thanksgiving

December 5: CCD

December 12: No CCD

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

November 21 *Not available at time of printing*

CONFESSION AT ST. KATERI

Next Confession: **Sunday, December 5th** at 1:00 pm.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

St. Kateri parishioners have exceeded your CMD goal!

Thank you for your generosity.

Pledges as of October 31, 2021 = \$19,385.00

Over goal = \$11,795.00!

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.

PRAYER CIRCLE

In honor of Our Blessed Mother, the Kateri Prayer Circle will be praying the rosary before the Eucharistic Adoration and Communion Service on Tuesday, December 7th. We will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. and the rosary will begin promptly by 10:40. All are welcome to attend.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Immaculate Conception Mass will be celebrated at **St. Kateri on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 PM.**

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

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.

HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS

If you are looking for an opportunity to talk about your grief with others who are experiencing similar feelings, join us as we support one another through our faith. The next Healing Through Faith meetings will be **Tuesday, December 14 at 9:00 AM** and **Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 PM**. Meetings are held in the rectory basement. Meetings will be cancelled if the schools are closed. For more information call Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755 or Connie Davis at 355-1280.

BEREAVEMENT VIDEO SERIES

As the holiday season begins it can be a difficult time for those who are grieving. Last year, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown released a Bereavement Video titled "Grieving during Holidays." The video can be found at <https://vimeo.com/495255809/f6d2b94a0c>. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the "Out of the Darkness...into the Dawn-A Journey through Grief" booklet that is mentioned, please email the rectory at saintjohnnoff@gmail.com.

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Thanks so much!
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