

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

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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 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)

Monday, December 20

9:00 AM Jerry Robine (Wife, Genevieve)
School Mass—Please wear a mask

Tuesday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius

8:00 AM Jack Dowling (The Forstmeier Family)

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 AM Kristina Cleaver (The Burke Family)

Thursday, December 23—St. John of Kanty

6:00 PM Thomas Smithmyer (Lois & Eddie Simanski)

Friday, December 24—Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM Tony Nastase, Sr (Betty & Family)
8:00 PM Owen & Bessie Herniman (Dick & Nancy Taylor)
10:00 PM Deceased Members Capparelle
& Plozner Families (John & Linda Plozner)

Saturday, December 25—Christmas

9:00 AM Priests & Deacons Diocese Altoona-
Johnstown (Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)
5:00 PM No Evening Mass

Sunday, December 26—The Holy Family

8:00 AM Dorothy Renosky (Doug & Sharon Johnson)
10:15 AM Doris Daniel (The Burke Family)

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 24	4:00 pm	Youth
Friday, Dec. 24	8:00 pm	Folk
Friday, Dec. 24	10:00 pm	Traditional
Saturday, Dec. 25	9:00 am	David Harry
Sunday, Dec. 26	8:00 am	Stephen St. Amant
Sunday, Dec. 26	10:15 am	Youth

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 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. 19—No Class
Sunday, Dec. 26—No Class
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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

LECTOR / SERVER SCHEDULE

4:00 PM Friday, December 24

Lector: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik
Servers: The Weisers

8:00 PM Friday, December 24

Lector: Adam Rawding
Servers: Kyle Yangula & Maura Sharer

10:00 PM Friday, December 24

Lector: Pam Callahan
Servers: *Volunteers needed*

9:00 AM Saturday, December 25

Lector: Lucia Stover

5:00 PM Saturday, December 25—No Evening Mass

8:00 AM Sunday, December 26

Lector: Chris Ross
Servers: Sara & Rachel McElhinny

10:15 AM Sunday, December 26

Lectors: Teresa Jurewicz
Servers: Evelyn Edmondson & Finn Kelleher

Parish News

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory office will be **closed December 23 and 24** for the Christmas holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, December 27th at 8:30 am.

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

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



Knights of Columbus



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.

Weekly Financial Reports

For Weekend of December 12, 2021

No collection report available due to the early bulletin deadline.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Please pray for those serving in the military:

LT Steven Wright, U.S. Navy	CPT James Bickle, U.S. Army Reserve
SSB Matthew Bickle, U.S. Army	Maj T.J. Valley, USMC
CPT Nicholas Taylor, U.S. Army	CWO James Decker, U.S. Navy
LTC William Smith, U.S. Army	SSgt Chandler Ross, Air Nat'l Guard
LT Patricia Wilson, U.S. Navy	ENS Matthew Goodpaster, U.S. Navy
TSgt Joseph Trimpey, U.S. Air Force	LCDR Jared T. Hallahan, U.S. Navy
SrA Floyd Meeker III, U.S. Air Force	Maj Jared Swancer, USMC
1LT Peter J. Muto, U.S. Army	SGT Toby Dugal, Army Nat'l Guard
SrA Shane Kaschalk, U.S. Air Force	PO2 Andrew Kaschalk, U.S. Navy
AIC Ethan Scicchitano, U.S. Air Force	TSgt Jacob Nieto, U.S. Air Force
SFC Eric Callahan, U.S. Army	SSgt Eric Roberts, Air Force Guard
SSgt Kristina Roberts, Air Force Guard	Col Gordon Frankenfield, U.S. Air Nat'l Guard
ZLT Caleb Gindhart, U.S. Air Force	PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army National Guard
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard	LT Joshua Malia, U.S. Navy
SGT Brad D. Coder, Army Nat'l Guard	CPT Andrew Malia, USMC
SPC Christian Callahan, PA Army Nat'l Grd	LTC Jason Meier, U.S. Army
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, U.S. Army	1LT Alexis Franks, U.S. Army
LCPL Hunter M. O'Neil, USMC	Maj Alaina Valley, USMC
LtCol Tim Jackson, USMC	CPT Jacob Jude Pipta, U.S. Army Reserve
SGT Aghogho Oghojewu, U.S. Army Reserve	

~ If you would like to include a name of someone serving in the military please email or call the rectory office. Please include their rank and branch of service.

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 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)

Sunday, December 26
12:00 PM Jim & Betty Hodgson (The Family)
60th Wedding Anniversary

Communion Service/Holy Hour

Next service: Tuesday, December 21st
Communion service at 11AM. Adoration until 12PM.

CONFESSION AT ST. KATERI

Next Confession: **Sunday, January 2nd** at 1:00 pm.



CHRISTMAS MASS

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

CCD SCHEDULE

December 19: CCD Christmas pageant at Mass
December 26: **NO CCD—Happy New Year!**
January 2: **NO CCD**

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

December 5 \$ 1,817.00
December 12 No available at printing

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 19—Norma Muck
December 24—TBA
December 25—TBA

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

Echoes of a Polish Christmas

All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy) on **Sunday January 2nd at 2:00 PM** at their church in Boswell (325 Quemahoning Street). Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.

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 life-time. 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.

*The Students, Faculty and Staff of
Saint John the Evangelist
Catholic School
wish you and your family a
Merry Christmas and a
Healthy, Happy New Year!*

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, 2022.

Please watch upcoming bulletins and our website for details about other events planned for this week, including our Pre-K and Kindergarten Information Nights to be held January 13. (snow make-up date January 18)

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will open on January 31, 2022. Please contact the school office if you wish to begin the registration process early.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Thank you to **Dustin Brown** for his donation of time, talent and materials to help with some of our electrical needs, and most importantly, for us to again be able to provide light on the statue of the Blessed Mother and be able to appropriately honor her this Christmas season as the mother of our newborn Savior.

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

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Thanks so much!
Liz