

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

DECEMBER 25, 2022/CHRISTMAS



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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number 84576**

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin
Barbara Materna and Rose Truglio: Office Staff
Kristina Tice: St. John School Principal
Tony and Paula Roland: 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**

Masses for the week

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM Tony Nastase (Tony, Judy, Sam, Marcia & wife, Betty)
8:00 PM Owen & Bessie Herniman
10:00 PM Priests & Deacons of Diocese of A/J

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Egli & Dunn Families (Suzanne & Richard)

Monday, December 26

9:00 AM Dorothy Renosky (Doug & Sharon Johnson)

Tuesday, December 27—NO MASS

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 AM Lillian & Evon Boldin (Nancy Fisher)

Thursday, December 29

6:00 PM Mitchell Taylor (Aunt Joan & Crew)

Friday, December 30

8:00 AM Barbara Louise White (The Family)

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM Robert Saylor (Fr. Brian)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 AM Houtz, Kelley, McKinley Families (Marilyn Houtz)
10:15 AM Ambrose & Anna Piski (Oesterling Family)

Lector / Altar Server / Music Schedule

Saturday, December 31 5:00 pm

Lector: David Files
 Servers: Volunteers
 Music: Traditional

Sunday, January 1, 2023 8:00 am

Lector: Christine Surovec
 Servers: Leah Ondish & Alivia Smithmyer
 Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, January 1, 2023 10:15 am

Lector: Cliff Wurster
 Servers: Becca Burns & Evelyn Edmondson
 Music: Youth

Christmas Flower donations

Francis P. Leskovansky Jr., Matilda Leskovansky, Francis P. Leskovansky Sr., Robert Leskovansky, Marion Stringer, Agnes Wilson

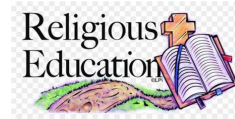


St. John News



Rectory Roof Replacement

Soon you will notice workers & scaffolding around the rectory. The rectory roof is in dire need of replacement. You will also be receiving a letter in the mail explaining the details and/or you can review the poster board on display in the vestibule of the church. We ask that you please use caution when entering the church for the next several weeks.



CCD

CCD classes are weekly on Sundays / 9:00-10:00 am.
 Sunday, December 25—No Class (Merry Christmas)
 Sunday, January 1, 2023—No Class (Happy New Year)

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15-12:30 pm in the school auditorium.
 Sunday, December 25—No Class
 Sunday, January 1, 2023—No Class
 Questions - please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday / The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
 Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
 Monday / St. Stephen
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday / St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;
 Wednesday / Holy Innocents
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday
 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday / The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Saturday
 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday / Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
 Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21;

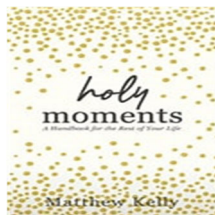
Please pray for those serving in the military:

LTC Jason Meier, US Army
LTC William Smith, US Army
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, US Army
CPT Peter J. Muto, US Army
CPT Nicholas Taylor, US Army
1LT Alexis Franks, US Army
SFC Eric Callahan, US Army
SSG Matthew Bickle, US Army
SPC Caleb Eyster, US Army
LtCol Tim Jackson, USMC
LtCol T.J. Valley, USMC
Maj Jared Swancer, USMC
Maj Alaina Valley, USMC
CPT Andrew Malia, USMC
CPL Hunter M. O'Neil, USMC
LCDR Jared T. Hallahan, US Navy
LT Joshua Malia, US Navy
LT Patricia Wilson, US Navy
LT Steven Wright, US Navy
ENS Matthew Goodpaster, US Navy
CWO James Decker, US Navy
PO2 Andrew Kaschalk, US Navy
2LT Caleb Gindhart, US Air Force
MSgt Joseph Trimpey, US Air Force
TSgt Jacob Nieto, US Air Force
SrA Floyd Meeker III, US Air Force
SrA Shane Kaschalk, US Air Force
A1C Ethan Scicchitano, US Air Force
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard
SGT Brad D. Coder, Army Nat'l Guard
SGT Toby Dugal, Army Nat'l Guard
PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army Nat'l Guard
CPT James Bickle, US Army Reserve
CPT Jacob Jude Pipta, US Army Reserve
Col Gordon Frankenfield, Air Nat'l Guard
SSgt Eric Roberts, Air Nat'l Guard

St. John News continued

Christmas gift from the Parish

A special thank you to generous Parishioners for copies of Matthew Kelly's "Holy Moments" book which we invite you to take a copy of for Christmas!



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.org

and click the **Give Now** button OR

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

Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of December 18, 2022

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 6,701.45
Loose Offertory:	\$ 726.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 19.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 400.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 135.86
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 7,982.31

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$ 195.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$ 195.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 8,177.31

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 809.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Charities:	\$ 5.00
Christmas flowers	\$ 35.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 45.00
Christmas	\$ 1,177.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 80.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Giving Tree Thank You

Thank you, thank you, thank you St. John's!

The 27th annual St. John's Giving Tree Project was another huge success. Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity in helping over 300 children, adults, and families have a very happy Christmas this year.

Your gifts helped children and families from Bellefonte and Bald Eagle Schools, clients of FICS, Youth Service Bureau and Parenting Plus, as well as many residents of Centre Care and families in the area.

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts and donations. Also thank you to everyone who helped to move and sort the gifts, load vans, and deliver to schools and agencies. A special Thank You to the CCD students and the "angels" who helped behind the scenes with preparations, organization, shopping, and deliveries.

***Have a Merry Christmas and may God
bless everyone in the coming year.***

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 24

**6:00 PM Deceased Members of St. Kateri
(The Rockey's)**

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:15 AM David Surkosky (The Family)

HOSPITALITY

December 25 Merry Christmas! No hospitality

January 1 Happy New Year! No hospitality

January 8 Shelly Ash & Millie Turner

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 24 Jim Hodgson

January 1 Gail Anderson

CCD SCHEDULE

December 25—No Class

January 1—No Class

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

December 11 \$ 2504.12

December 18 \$ 1,731.00

**St. Kateri Parishioners gave the additional
donations:**

Christmas Flowers—\$240.00

Food Bank—\$100.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

**Joe & Pauline Bosak, John & Josephine
Rusnak**

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

St. Kateri is collection for the New Hope Lutheran
Church Food Bank. Please drop off items in the
basket at the back of the church.

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Vincentians and Volunteers **thank you all for your support and generous donations** over the past year, and wish you a Blessed Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Now is the time for New Year's resolutions: please consider making a resolution to serve Our Lord by helping those in need in our community—**volunteering with the SVdP Thrift Store** is an excellent way to do that! If you can give an hour or two, call the Store at 814-867-3131 or stop by during our open hours: while we are **closed for the holidays** from December 24 through January 1, we will be **open starting on January 2** from 10AM-4PM Mon-Sat.

Diocesan News

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 8th 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 as well as refreshments. 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.

Share in the gift of WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM this Christmas!

Enjoy special Christmas programming beginning on Christmas Eve @ 5pm and continuing throughout the octave season. God bless you for prayerfully considering a year-end contribution to support our spiritual work of mercy. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers at Christmas.

OLV News

Our Lady of Victory Church is seeking a reliable and proactive building custodial worker. The custodial worker reports to the OLV Facility Manager. Depending on the candidate's experience, this may be a part-time or full-time position. The custodial worker is responsible for day-to-day cleaning and general maintenance of Church facilities as well as seasonal grounds maintenance. The successful candidate will be self-motivated with a positive attitude and strong work ethic. Background clearances are required for all church employees. To apply, please contact Mary Ellen at Finance@ourladyofvictory.com

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Bellefonte Court #448, wish all of our parishioners & friends a very Blessed Holiday season. We thank you for all that you do for our Court and we remember you in our prayers. In Unity & Charity.



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Thank you to all Saint John Catholic Parish and School families for their support throughout the past year. The Students, Faculty, and Staff of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School extend our heartfelt wish that God's blessings fill your heart and strengthen your family in the coming year. Best wishes for a Healthy, Happy New Year!

DONATIONS TIME AND TALENT

-We are grateful for the generosity of time spent over the last year by parishioners and school families and would like to thank everyone who has volunteered in any way with building upkeep, assisting at lunch and/or recess, or in every other way we have needed.

-We are always thankful to the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus for their constant support of our students and Catholic education.

-We are thankful for our parents and their strong level of commitment to our school. We are blessed to work with such wonderful families.

-Thank you to the faculty and staff of Saint John Catholic School for choosing Catholic education. Our school has a 132-year history of strong teachers and staff committed to student achievement and bringing out the best in each and every student. Being able to do so in an environment enveloped with God's love and the teachings of the Catholic Church are benefits which cannot be measured. We are so blessed.

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy

Sign Up Now for Saint Joseph's Basketball Clinic for Boys in Grades 1-6. All boys in grades 1-6 are invited to join in a fun four-week Saturday basketball clinic. Clinic will meet at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy gymnasium on all **Saturdays in January (Jan 7, 14, 21, and 28) from 9 to 10 AM**. Cost: \$30 if registered by Jan. 1st. For more information and to register, go to www.stjoeacad.org.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Our Nativity Pageant was held at the Church on the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18. The students spread JOY throughout our Parish and School community by telling the story of Jesus' birth through song. We are so proud of them.

We are grateful to Mrs. Natalie Stanton, our music teacher, for always sharing her contagious joy, excitement, and love of music with our students.

Thank you to our Home & School Association for providing hot cocoa for everyone and to the countless others who helped behind the scenes with set up, clean up, costumes, photography, and more.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is a week designated to celebrate what makes Catholic Schools special. We will begin the week with the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2023, with an Open House immediately following in the School. Please watch upcoming bulletins and our website for details about other events planned for this week.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open, and registration documents are available on our website. Please contact the school office after January 3 with any questions or to schedule a visit.