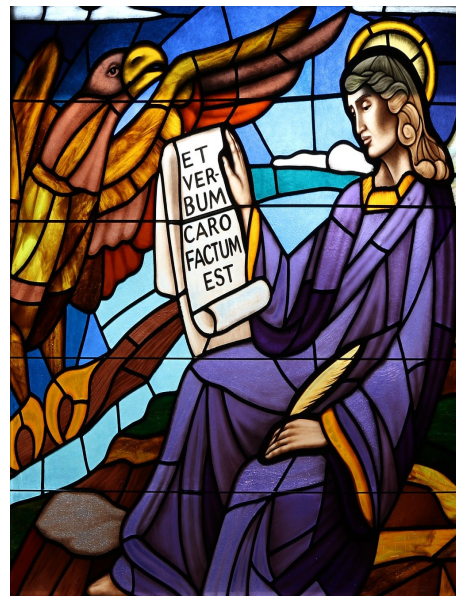


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

February 9th, 2025/ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.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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Join us on FlockNote!

Text "SJ814" to the number 84576

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin

Fr. Joshi Narisetti, HGN, Parochial Vicar

Lorraine Fello 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, February 8

5:00 PM Mary Jane Davidson
(Karen & Phil Pipta)

Sunday, February 9

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Luckovich Family (Family)

10:15 AM Mary Parmenter
(Mary Margaret Gorzelnik)

Monday, February 10 St. Scholastica

9:00 AM Nancy Kelley (Trish Long)

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 AM Sylvia Swartz (Matthew Montgomery)

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 AM Paul Saylor (Father Brian)

Thursday, February 13

6:00 PM Sam Brezler (Brezler Family)

Friday, February 14 SS. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

8:00 AM Memory of Georgeanna Yahner
(Yahner Family)

Saturday, February 15

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 16

8:00 AM Francis Granite (Karen & Phil Pipta)

10:15 AM Ann & Paul Oesterling
(Oesterling Family)

Religious Education

CCD grades k-10

Sundays 9-10 AM in the school
February 9th—Class & CCD Mass 9th & 10th grade
February 16th—No CCD
February 23rd—Class
March 2nd—Class

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the school auditorium
Sunday, February 9—No Class
Sunday, February 16—No Class
Sunday, February 23—Class
Sunday, March 2—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

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2024: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. Class dates for 2025 are March 9, June 8, September 14, December 14. 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

TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM: The Traveling Vocation Crucifix will begin traveling the First Sunday of Advent! The Vocation Crucifix will be available to travel from home to home for one-week intervals. During that week the host family will be asked to make a special effort to pray together with emphasis on an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as a clear understanding as to the vocation Christ is calling each family member. A booklet of prayers will accompany the chalice. Sign-up by calling or emailing the Church Office.

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, February 15 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hallahan/Volunteer
Lector: Doreen Koleno
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant
Music: Folk

Sunday, February 16 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Volunteer
Lector: Jeff Drapcho
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Sara McElhinny
Music: Traditional

Sunday, February 16 10:15 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: David Files/Volunteer
Lector: Paul Dombrowski
Servers: Grant & Jack Wintersteen
Music: Youth

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11
Monday, Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday, Weekday
Gen 1:20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, Weekday
Gen 2:4b-9; 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday, Weekday
Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday, Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday, Weekday
Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Weekly events

Sunday February 9	12:00 PM Latin Mass
Monday February 10	6:00 PM BINGO
Wednesday February 12	9:00 AM Healing through Faith
Thursday February 13	6:00 PM KOC meeting

SPRING BUS TRIP

Father Brian at St. John's will be hosting a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see NOAH.

Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary season.

The bus trip is on Thursday, April 10th, for the 11:00 am showing. Travel will be by Fullington Trailways. We will be stopping after the show at Cracker Barrel in Harrisburg. The bus will be boarding in front of St. John's at 6:30 am and returning approximately at 7:00 pm. Cost of the trip is \$150.00 per person which includes show ticket and transportation. Meals will be on your own. All reservations and money must be received in St. John's parish office by Friday, March 7th. Please note – no reservations will be accepted without payment. Space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact St. John's parish office at (814) 355-3134

A **Centering Prayer Introductory Session** lead by Nancy Cord-Baran will be offered on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at St. John's Rectory in the basement meeting room. Anyone interested in learning about this silent method of prayer and those interested in refreshing their Centering Prayer practice are invited to attend.

Centering prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster the relationship. Centering prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather it adds depth and meaning to all prayer and is a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with God to communion with Christ. Please call the Rectory Office at 814 355-3134 during regular office hours, 8:30 am -1:00 pm, Monday to Friday, to register for this Centering Prayer Session.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeffrey and Allison Koleno, their son Jordan Tyler was baptized February 1st, 2025. May they continue to grow in the faith.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of February 2, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 10,681.25
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,220.53
Children's Offertory:	\$ 4.22
Special Monthly:	\$ 2,235.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 169.00

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 14,310.00

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 50.00
Maintenance:	\$ 435.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 485.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 14,795.00

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 1,070.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 150.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 15.00

Thank you for your generosity!

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT SERIES

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting the "Empowered by the Spirit Series" on 4 consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 18th, at St. Michael Activity Center & Church, Hollidaysburg. The prayer experience begins at 7PM and includes dynamic speakers, testimonies, praise & worship, small group discussions and more! Refreshments and fellowship will begin in the Activity Center at 6:30PM. The purpose of the series is to explore and equip the faithful for evangelization through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no charge, but registration is required: holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or calling 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting series.

St. John's in Stitches is in need of lap blankets for our homebound parishioners. They can be knit, crocheted or quilted and of any size. Completed blankets can be dropped off in the rectory meeting room. If you have any questions contact, Rosie Wood at rosieandwoody3@hotmail.com.

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, February 9

12:00 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, February 16

12:00 PM

James Trexler
(Father Brian)

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

January 26, 2025 \$ 1,091.80

February 2, 2025 \$ 1,820.45

HOSPITALITY

February 2, 2025 Shelly Houser & Mary Conklin

February 9, 2025 kb & Rick BB and Mandy Stitzer

February 16, 2025

ROSARY at St. Kateri is prayed before Mass most Sundays beginning at 11:30 am. Why not come a little early to church that day to pray the rosary to Our Lady with us! Contact Millie Turner (mlt3557@verizon.net) if you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

COMMUNION SERVICE

There will be a Communion Service this Tuesday, February 11th at 11:00AM. followed by Adoration.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 9 Jim Hodgson

February 16 Gail Anderson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

February 9 Sandy Rockey

February 16 kb Boomer

CCD SCHEDULE

February 9—No CCD

February 16—CCD

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal
St. Kateri \$8,770.00
\$ 28,045.00 as of November 30, 2024

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST

Men's Conference—Sunday, March 30 th , 2025 from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. Registration closes March 21st. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

Catholic Daughters

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle, #448 would like to *congratulate Jennifer Gill*, former member of our Court, now a member of the Lock Haven Court, upon receiving St. Johns School Distinguished Graduate Award. God Bless you Jennifer!

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: February Specials:

Brand New LuLaRoe comfort wear now BOGO buy one get one free! Including Valentine's Day leggings. Get them while they last!

Winter Blazers & Vests \$5

BOGO Fabric Sale: Buy one, Get one free!

Winter Coat Overstock Sale! Newly stocked short & long

Winter Coats at low prices.

Vintage Furs \$20

The Thrift Store is in urgent need of a **cashier** (or assistant cashier) and a **donations greeter** on **Saturday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. Please come give it a try and join our Family of Volunteers—we enjoy working together to serve those in need in our community. Stop by the Thrift Store (open 10:00am-4:00pm Monday-Saturday) for a tour and to learn more; or call 814-867-3131 for more information.

Tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM during this

Ordinary Time! The Church's calendar may be in the final weeks before Lent, but our extraordinary programming and prayers will accompany you during these days. In Luke's upcoming gospel readings, Christ will invite followers to join in the mission of "catching" men, bless those who accept the hardship and rejection that they will experience as His disciples, and exhort them to offer mercy, not judgment to others. The need for us to witness to our Catholic faith is great at this time. Don't wait until Ash Wednesday to make use of the opportunities that God presents to you. 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. Remember, we receive no direct funding from the local parishes or diocese, so your faithful support is vital to our evangelization effort.



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

School Collection (January): \$2,274.69
 Donation in memory of Glenn "Barry" McMullin: Susan Eckley
 Thank you to all of our benefactors and God bless your generosity to and support of our school.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year's Catholic Schools Week at Saint John School so special! From start to finish, it was a beautiful celebration of faith, community, and service.

Highlights of the week included our inspiring Kick-Off Mass and Open House, where we gathered as one school family, and a teaching liturgy, led by school parents, that deepened our understanding of our faith.

We also came together in a community prayer service to show our appreciation for the many volunteers and members of our community who work to make our area such a special place.

Our students demonstrated their commitment to service through meaningful class projects, benefiting the food bank, Hope's Dream Rescue, The Gabriel Project, and The Arc of Centre County. These acts of charity embody the spirit of being Saints in the Making: Prayerful Hearts, Radiant Souls.

The week would not have been complete without honoring the invaluable contributions of our parents, families, clergy, students, faculty, and staff. Your support and dedication truly make Saint John School a shining light in our community.

Thank you for celebrating with us and for your ongoing prayers and support. Together, we continue to grow in faith, knowledge, and love!

2025 SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD

Congratulations to Jennifer Gill, Saint John Catholic School Class of 1982, on being named the 2025 Distinguished Graduate! Jennifer exemplifies the mission of Catholic education through her unwavering faith, dedication to service, and commitment to her community. A permanent substitute at Wingate Elementary and an active member of Holy Spirit Parish, Jennifer has served as a Religious Education teacher, Director of Religious Education, and a Catholic Daughter. She is a prayer warrior and advocate for individuals with Spina Bifida. Jennifer's life reflects the values of character, community, knowledge, service, and faith, making her a shining example of the impact of Catholic education.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We are extremely grateful for the Knights of Columbus for their \$1500 donation that will be awarded in six \$250 scholarships for the 2025 school year. This scholarship is not based on financial need or academic excellence, but chosen randomly. One student from each grade will receive this scholarship to aid their family in fulfilling their tuition obligation for next year. The 2025-2026 recipients are: Isaiah Young, 1st; Eli Struble, 2nd; Charlotte Miller, 3rd; Audrey Hallman, 4th; Evelyn Martin, 5th. A recipient from Kindergarten will be selected after February 15th. God bless the Knights for their generosity and continued support of our school and Catholic education.

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! Registration documents can be found on our website. Registration form, birth certificate, copy of the most recent immunization records, and \$100 registration fee must be submitted to the office to complete the application process. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or wish to schedule a visit.

EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit)

Let your PA tax dollars help Saint John School! We have partnered with RedefinED Advisors to help local businesses and individuals direct 90% of their already owed tax dollars to help Saint John School through the Educational Improvement Credit (EITC). Please contact Hayley Younkin if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-505-9835 | hayley@redefiningeducation.org | Redefiningeducation.org

VOCATION CORNER

February 7-14: National Marriage Week

During this week we lift up those who have said yes to the vocation of marriage, so that they recognize the joys of this vocation as they did on their wedding day.

Prayer for Married Couples:

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

