

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

# ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PO Box 159  
3503 Penns Valley Rd,  
Spring Mills, PA 16875

March 1, 2026/Second Sunday of Lent



## MASS SCHEDULE

St. John: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.;  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

St. Kateri: Sunday 12:00 p.m.  
Weekday: Varies—see weekly Mass  
schedule

## CONFESSION

St. John: Saturday: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.  
St. Kateri: First Sunday: 1:00 p.m.

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## CONTACT US

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Join us on FlockNote!  
Text “SJ814” to the number 84576

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, VF, Pastor |  
Deacon Tom Boldin  
Fr. Joshi Narisetti, HGN, Parochial Vicar  
Lorraine Fello and Rose Truglio: Office Staff  
Kristina Tice: St. John School Principal  
Religious Education:  
Tony and Paula Roland: Directors-St. John  
Millie Turner: Director -St. Kateri  
Confirmation Program:  
Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin: Directors-St. John  
kb Boomer: Director-St. Kateri  
David Harry: O.C.I.A. Coordinator  
Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator  
Joe Baummer: Maintenance

## SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the rectory  
O.C.I.A.: Call the rectory  
Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months  
in advance

## St. John Masses for the week

### Saturday, February 28

5:00 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM Ed & Millie Drapcho (Jeff Drapcho)

10:15 AM Ralph Capparelle (Vickie Wolfe)  
(Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin)

### Monday, March 2

9:00 AM William Luther (Family)

### Tuesday, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel

8:00 AM Michael Renosky  
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

### Wednesday, March 4 St. Casimir

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

### Thursday, March 5

6:00 PM Charlotte Burcin  
(CDA Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448)

### Friday, March 6

8:00 AM Raymond Trexler  
(Trexler & Gunsallus Families)

### Saturday, March 7 Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00 AM Barbara Ivicic Thal (Cindy Thal Harter)

5:00 PM Nancy Buller (Doug & Sharon Johnson)

### Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM For the Health of Sherri Gehringer  
(Deacon Tom and Shirley Boldin)

## St. Kateri Masses for the week

### Sunday, March 1

12:00 PM Mary & Walter Kaminski (Their Daughter)

### Tuesday, March 3

11:00 AM Joseph D. Kraus & his Parents  
(His Wife)

### Sunday, March 8

12:00 PM Michael Grove (Hal & Karen Grove)

WEEKDAY MASS There will be Mass this Tuesday, March 3rd at 11:00 AM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent

### ST. KATERI MINISTERS

#### Lector

March 1 Millie Turner  
March 8 Jim Hodgson

#### Eucharistic Minister

March 1 Deb Cusatis  
March 8 kb Boomer

#### Hospitality

March 1: Millie Turner, kb & Rick BB  
March 8: Barb Cole & Susan Slenker  
March 15: Soup Fundraiser—CCD Students &

### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

**ST. JOHN, BELLEFONTE: MARCH 15, 3:00 PM**

Mar. 24 7:00 PM Good Shepherd, Port Matilda

Mar. 25 6:30 PM Queen of Archangels, Clarence

Mar. 29 6:00 PM Our Lady of Victory, State College

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2026: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are March 8, June 14, September 13, and December 13. 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

### PRAY FOR AMERICA AND ALL THAT IS GOOD

There will be an initial meeting to discuss a prayer group named "Pray for America and All that is Good" on Sunday, March 8, after the 10:15 mass in the rectory basement. This initial gathering will be to review the overall intentions and further define scope, schedule, etc. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please email Stan and Tanya [tsechrist260@comcast.net](mailto:tsechrist260@comcast.net) if you plan to attend so that we have an idea on the anticipated number of participants. Copies of the prayer book are available in the entry way of the church to look over.

### Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

#### Saturday, March 7 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Pavone & Stephanie Mullin  
Lector: Stephanie Mullin  
Servers: Oliver St. Amant/Cameron Niemann  
Music: Natalie Stanton

#### Sunday, March 8 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Trimpey/Jeff Drapcho  
Lector: Jeff Drapcho  
Servers: Mallory White/Matt DeRemer  
Music: Traditional

#### Sunday, March 8 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Provan/  
Mary Margaret Gorzelnik  
Lector: John Hillard  
Servers: Luke Russell/Michael Maney  
Music: Youth



# Religious Education

## St. John

### CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes have resumed! Grades K-8<sup>th</sup> class times are Sunday 9:00-10:00 in St. John School. Please contact Tony ([tcroland@hotmail.com](mailto:tcroland@hotmail.com)) or Paula Roland ([proland@dioceseaj.org](mailto:proland@dioceseaj.org)) for new student registration or with any questions.

Please note the following class schedule

March 1st—CCD Mass 5th & 6th grades

March 8th—CCD Reconciliation Grades 2-4

March 15th—CCD

March 22—CCD

### 9th , 10th , 11th Grade Confirmation Class

Mass at 10:15 am - Followed by Class from 11:15 am-12:30 pm in the School Auditorium.

Sunday, March 1 Regular Class

Saturday, March 7 Bus Trip

Sunday, March 8 No Class

Sunday, March 15, Parents Meeting Following Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Questions - please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 814-355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or

## St. Kateri

March 1—CCD

March 8—No CCD

March 15—CCD

March 23—No CCD

*Please pray for those serving in the military*

LTC William Smith, US Army  
MAJ Michael R. Kranch, US Army  
CPT Everett K. Benson, US Army  
CPT Alexis Franks, US Army  
CPT Peter J. Muto, US Army  
CPT Nicholas Taylor, US Army  
1 LT Caleb Eyster, US Army  
SSG Matthew Bickle, US Army  
LtCol Tim Jackson, USMC  
LtCol T.J. Valley, USMC  
Maj Jared Swancer, USMC  
Maj Alaina Valley, USMC  
CPT Andrew Malia, 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  
CPT Olivia Hale, US Air Force  
2d Lt Caleb Gindhart, US Air Force  
2d LT Jacob Nieto, US Air Force  
MSgt Joseph Trimpey, US Air Force  
SrA Shane Kaschalk, US Air Force  
A1C Ethan Scicchitano, US Air Force  
SFC Patricia Markle, Army Nat'l Guard  
SGT Toby Dugal, Army Nat'l Guard  
PFC Kaleb Weaver, Army Nat'l Guard  
CPT James Bickle, US Army Reserve  
Col Gordon Frankenfield, Air Nat'l Guard  
MSgt Kristina Roberts, Air Guard  
PV2 Trevor D. Cort, US Army  
ENS Luke Sicard, U.S. Navy  
Madison Ripka, HM3, U.S. Navy  
David Rodriguez USMC  
Cmdr. John T. Cole, US Navy  
Cmdr. Maggie V. Cole US Navy

### ST. JOHN MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Received in Memory of  
Rosemarie Kushwara

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Received in Memory of  
Barbara Pearce  
From Centre Care Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to take over the indoor flower ministry at St Kateri. Please contact Stephanie Gover at 814-321-8073 if you are willing to help.

### PALM COLLECTION

A basket will be available in the foyer throughout Lent to collect your palm from past years.

### ST. KATERI SOUP & COOKIE FUNDRAISER

After Mass on March 15th there will be a Soup and Cookie fundraiser in support of Sr Judith's food pantry in Nigeria. Stay and eat or take home. Please join us at St Kateri.

### St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: March Specials

- It's time for March Madness – Winter Coats, Vests and Snow Pants are available at discounted prices.
  - Check out our selection of Penn State Apparel.
- We are looking for individuals to join our team of volunteers. From Donation Greeters, Sorters and Cashiers, all positions are needed.

If you are interested in learning more, please call 814-867-3131 or stop by the Thrift Store. The Thrift Store is open Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.  
Donations are accepted Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 3:30 pm and Friday and Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm ONLY.

# St. John School News

## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

**Lunch program:** Joseph Worrick

**In memory of Rosemarie Kushwara:** Frank and Rosalie Halderman, Mary Kay and Paul Badger and family

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

## SAINT JOHN DRAMA CLUB

Join the Saint John Drama Club on March 1st for their performance of Dorothy in Wonderland. Show times are 3pm and 6pm in the school auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## LENTEN FAMILY ADORATION NIGHT

All are invited to join us for a beautiful evening of prayer during this holy season of Lent. Families, children, teens, grandparents — young and old — are welcome to come spend quiet time with the Lord in Adoration.

Join us at 6:00 PM in the Church for this special opportunity to grow together in faith and reflection.

## SAINT JOHN SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING

Saint John School is now accepting applications for the 2026–2027 school year!

At this time, both our 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Pre-K classes are full, and we have begun a waiting list. Our Kindergarten class is filling quickly, and limited spaces remain in Grades 1–5.

The online Registration link can be found on our website. To complete the application process, the following items must be submitted to the school office:

- Completed Registration Form
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of the most recent Immunization Records
- \$100 Registration Fee

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit.

We would love to welcome you into our Saint John School family - where small seeds grow into great things!

## IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR AT SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

Saint John School is excited to be hosting an Ignatius Book Fair, featuring faith-filled books for all ages—perfect for Easter Gifts! Parishioners are invited to shop in person in the School Library: Friday, March 6 during the Fish Fry (4:00pm - 7:00pm); Weekend of March 7-8 after Masses; and Tuesday, March 10 after Family Adoration night (until 7pm). Shop any time by visiting the school website and clicking the Ignatius Book Fair link!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We are extremely grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their \$1500 donation that will be awarded in six \$250 scholarships for the 2026-27 school year. This scholarship is not based on financial need or academic excellence, but is chosen randomly. One student from each grade will receive this scholarship to help their family fulfill their tuition obligation for next year. The 2026-2027 recipients are: Waylon Fisher, 1st; Madison Neely, 2nd; Wyatt Nasoni, 3rd; Zachary Hillard, 4th; Nathan Snyder, 5th. A recipient from Kindergarten will be selected after February 16th. God bless the Knights for their generosity and continued support of our school and Catholic education.

JOIN SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

6:00 - 7:00 PM



## Family Adoration Night

Saint John Catholic Church

Experience the peace and beauty of praying before the Blessed Sacrament, and deepen your faith as Father Brian shares the powerful gifts of Adoration. Don't miss this sacred opportunity to grow together in prayer!



## 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 Molly Fertick if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-599-0696 | Molly@redefinineducation.org | redefinineducation.org

## VOCATION CORNER

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This Sunday's Gospel of the Transfiguration reminds us that God calls each of us to a life that is transformed by His love. On the mountain, the disciples hear the Father's voice: "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him."



Our vocation—whether to marriage, priesthood, religious life, or dedicated single life—begins with listening to Jesus. He invites us to trust Him, even when the path is uncertain, and to let His light shine through us for others.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we take time to pause, pray, and ask: Lord, how are You calling me to serve You and Your people?

"Lord, help me to hear Your voice and follow You with courage and joy."

If you sense an invitation to consider the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at email:

[vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org).