

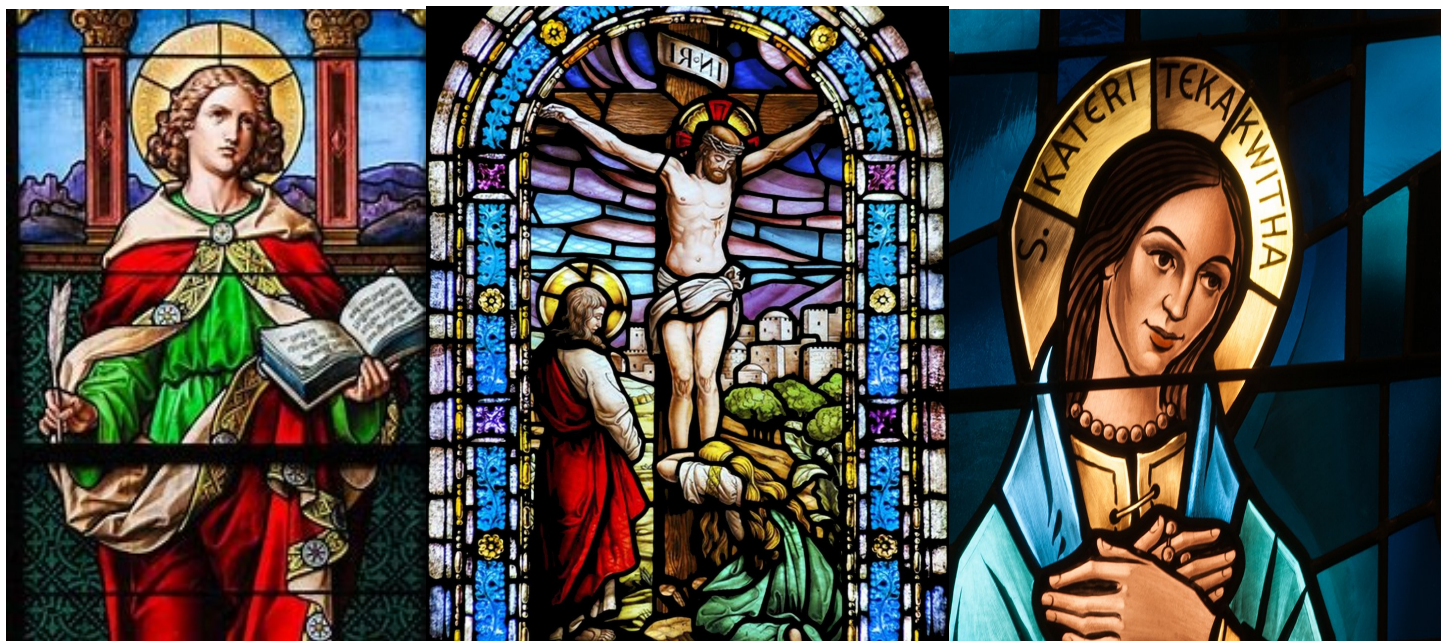
# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

# ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## March 29, 2026/Palm/Passion Sunday



### 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, March 28

**5:00 PM** People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 29

**8:00 AM** Alice Saxion (Sam Saxion)

**10:15 AM** Pam Crantz (Trexler Family)

### Monday, March 30

**9:00 AM NO MASS TODAY**  
Clergy at Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

### Tuesday, March 31

**8:00 AM** Joe and Luci Fodor (Russell Family)

### Wednesday, April 1

**8:00 AM** James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

### Thursday, April 2; HOLY THURSDAY

**7:00 PM** Charlotte Burcin  
(Helen & Lonnie Lowry)

### Friday, April 3; GOOD FRIDAY

**12:00 PM** Passion of Our Lord

### Saturday, April 4

**8:00 PM** Marjorie Rackoski Spear (Family)

### Sunday, April 5

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

**10:15 AM** Elsie & Sam Nastase  
(The Miller Family)

## St. Kateri Masses for the week

### Sunday, March 29

**12:00 PM** John Daniel Klena  
(Klena & Hodgson Families)

### Friday, April 3; GOOD FRIDAY

**2:00 PM** Passion of Our Lord

### Sunday, April 5

**12:00 PM** Geralyn Kaminski Kraus & Joseph D. Kraus  
And their parents (Geraldyn Kaminski Kraus)

**COMMUNION SERVICE** There will be a communion service this Tuesday, March 31st at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

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

### ST. KATERI MINISTERS

#### Lector

March 29 Deb Cusatis  
April 5 Millie Turner

#### Eucharistic Minister

March 29 Jim Hodgson  
April 5 Gail Anderson

#### Hospitality

March 29: Diane Brown and kb & Rick BB  
April 5: Easter Sunday—No hospitality  
April 12: Connie Corl & Stephanie Perrot

### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

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

Mar. 31 6:00 PM Worship Hall, Pasquerilla, Penn State

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

#### Saturday, April 4 8:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul McCloskey/Michael Pavone  
Lector: Angela Basalla  
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Cameron Niemann  
Music: Combo Choir

#### Sunday, April 5 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/Jeff Drapcho  
Lector: Marie Lingle  
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Mallory White  
Music: Traditional

#### Sunday, April 5 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Herzing/Lorraine Fello  
Lector: Paul McCloskey  
Servers: Grace & Michael Herzing/  
Evelynn Martin  
Music: Stephen St. Amant

### HOLY WEEK

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

#### Thursday, April 2 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hallahan/Phyllis Austin  
Lector: Bib Polak  
Servers: Lilly & Trey Weiser  
Music: Folk

#### Friday, April 3 12:00pm

Lector: Marie Lingle  
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti  
Music: Suzi Egli

**BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2026:** Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are 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)

# Weekly events

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
Followed by Adoration until 10:00 pm

### Good Friday:

**St. John:** Passion of Our Lord 12 Noon  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

**St. Kateri:** Passion of Our Lord 2:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

### Holy Saturday:

Blessing of Easter Foods & Baskets 11:00 am

### Easter

**St. John: Vigil:** 8:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 am; 10:15 am

**St. Kateri: Sunday:** 12:00 pm

**Saint John's in Stitches** sewing group is meeting on Monday 3/30 at 1 pm in the rectory basement.

**The April CDA Meeting** has been changed from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> due to Holy Week.

*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

# Weekly Financial Report

## For the Weekend of March 22, 2026

### ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,075.40
Loose Offertory:	\$ 2,783.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 7.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 225.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 215.53

**ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 11,305.93**

### EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 475.00
Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Maintenance:	\$ 405.00

**EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 880.00**

**ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 12,185.93**

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**SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 555.00**

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### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 649.00
Jesus Calls	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 505.00

### ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

March 15, 2026	\$ 1,374.30
March 22, 2026	\$ 1,138.00

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

**St. John Parish: \$55,600.00**

**St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00**

**TRAVELING VOCATION CRUCIFIX PROGRAM:** 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.

# 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 29—CCD Stations of the Cross Grades 5-8

April 5—No CCD EASTER

April 12 —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 29 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, April 5 No Class EASTER

Sunday, April 12 Group Mass & 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)

## St. Kateri

March 29—CCD Palm Sunday-teacher appreciation Dinner

April 5—No CCD Happy Easter

April 12—CCD Divine Mercy Sunday

### **Dear Parishioners of St John's and St Kateri,**

With a grateful heart, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your generous support towards our seminarians through "JESUS CALLS". Your prayers, encouragement and financial assistance have been a great blessing in their seminary life. Because of your kindness, these young men are able to continue their journey of discernment and formation, responding to God's call to serve the Church as priest. Please be assured that the seminarians remember you in their daily prayers, and we ask the Lord to bless you abundantly for your goodness and sacrifice.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr Joshi

**ST. KATERI EASTER FLOWERS:** Envelopes are available in the back of the church for Easter Flower donations.

**PRAY FOR AMERICA & ALL THAT IS GOOD:** The initial meeting of the prayer group was held on Sunday, 03/08/26. There was a wonderful turnout of twelve participants! Everyone expressed their joy and appreciation for the chance to unite and pray for America, as well as numerous other requests. The prayer group will be meeting again after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, April 12th, in the rectory basement. Copies of the Pray for America prayer booklet are available in the entryway of the church. Please email Stan and Tanya at [tsechrist260@comcast.net](mailto:tsechrist260@comcast.net) if you have any questions and/or to let us know that you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

### **WITNESS STATIONS**

St. Mary's Altoona Confirmation Candidates will be doing Witness Stations of the Cross (Dramatic Stations) on Palm Sunday evening at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Altoona 1401 Fifth Avenue. Please join us; this is something you really don't want to miss. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **GREETERS WANTED: at St. John and St. Kateri**

We are interested in setting up a system where parishioners greet other parishioners and guests as they enter the church before the scheduled Masses. The commitment would be for a half hour before the scheduled Mass time on the day and time that you normally attend. Frequency would be once every other month. Individuals, couples and families are invited to participate. Contact the Parish office if interested.

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday, April 6 (9:30-1:00 pm)

Monday, April 20 (9:30-1:00 pm)

Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in April. All are welcome!. You can come and go as you please - there is no sign-up. Whether your visit is short or long, whatever you can offer to the Lord He will multiply. It is a beautiful way to spend quiet, one-on-one time with our Lord.

If you would like to join our Adoration email list (used only for reminders and cancellations due to weather, funerals, etc), contact Liz Forstmeier at [lforstmeier@gmail.com](mailto:lforstmeier@gmail.com)

## St. John School News

### MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

General donations: Frederick Saylor  
Lunch Program donation: Joseph Worrick  
In memory of Colin McAtee: Aunt Suzie Dove

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Parishioners are invited to join Saint John School as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:00 pm during Lent. During Holy Week, our 4th graders will present two Live Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 31st at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

### NATIONAL ARTS IN EDUCATION CONTEST

We are grateful to the Bellefonte Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #448 for once again sponsoring the Arts in Education contest! Your continued support and dedication to our students and school community is a true blessing. Thank you for helping our young artists shine!

A special thank you to Mrs. Weiser, our Art Teacher, and Mrs. Barb Uadiski, Mrs. Ellen Dyakiw, Mrs. Pam Vaiana, and Mrs. Kelly Berkey, our contest judges, for sharing their time and talent.

Congratulations to our top three winners: First Place: Jack Stauffer (5th grade); Second Place: Karina Turco (5th Grade); Third Place: Ali Nasoni (4th Grade) and to the honorable mention winners: Nathan Snyder (4th Grade) and Kelly Beaton (4th Grade CCD). Jack's entry has been submitted for judging at the state level.

### 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.

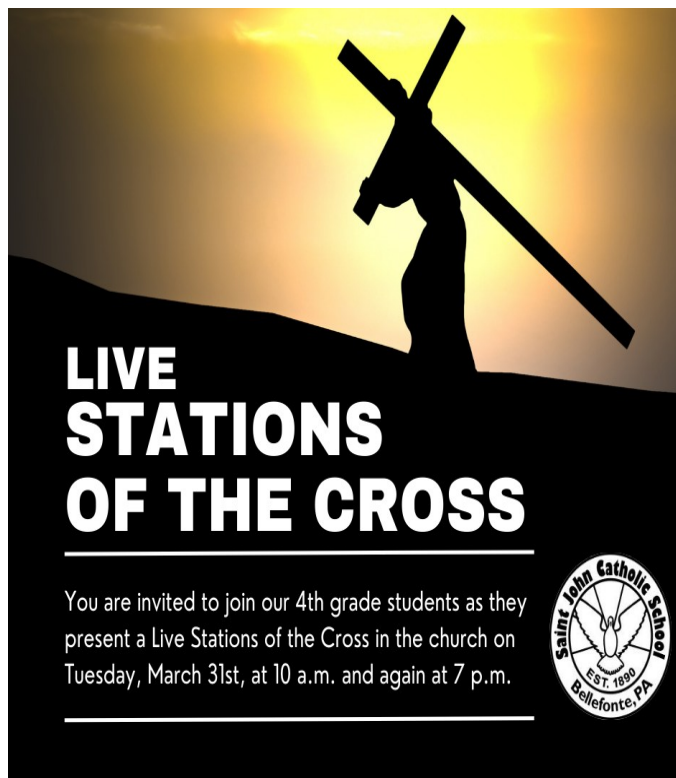
We would love to welcome you into our Saint John School family - where small seeds grow into great things!

### GARDNERS CANDIES EASTER SALE:

Gardners Candies Easter orders are in and can be picked up at the School office between 7:30 AM - 3 PM on Monday & Tuesday this coming week! Thank you again for supporting our school.


### EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) PROGRAM:

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 Brooke Sheesley if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-270-1871 | [brooke@redefiningeducation.org](mailto:brooke@redefiningeducation.org) | [redefiningeducation.org](http://redefiningeducation.org)



## LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join our 4th grade students as they present a Live Stations of the Cross in the church on Tuesday, March 31st, at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m.



### VOCATION CORNER

#### PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday, we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem, where His journey of love reaches its deepest expression. He does not come with power and prestige, but with humility and a heart ready to serve. His vocation — to give His life for the salvation of all — becomes our model for living.



Each of us is called to follow Christ in our own vocation, whether in family life, priesthood, religious life, or single service. True discipleship means embracing our call with faith, even when it leads through sacrifice. In giving ourselves, we discover the joy and freedom of love that mirrors Christ's own. As Holy Week begins, may we renew our "yes" to God's call, trusting that the path of the cross always leads to the glory of the resurrection.

"Lord, help me to live my vocation with humility, courage, and love, so that my life may lead others to You."

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).