

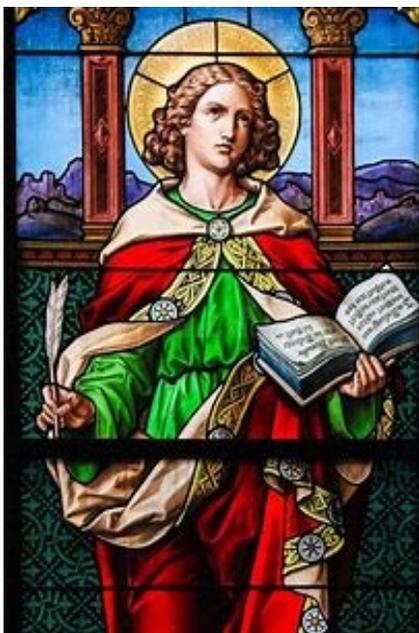
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

March 8, 2026/Third 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, 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 & Shirley Boldin)

Monday, March 9

9:00 AM Sam Brezler (The Brezler Family)

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 AM Barb Surovec
(Rich & Dorothy Surovec)

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, March 12

6:00 PM Margaret Vance (Gingher Family)

Friday, March 13

8:00 AM Walter Dunn & Family
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Saturday, March 14

5:00 PM Ivicic Sisters (Anspauch, Neidigh & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, March 15

8:00 AM Mary Jane Davidson
(Phil & Karen Pipta)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, March 14 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul McCloskey/George Callahan
Lector: Christine Surovec
Servers: Matt & Josie DeRemer
Music: Joe Lexon

Sunday, March 15 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Boldin/Adam Rawding
Lector: David Harry
Servers: Alivia Smithmyer/Jonathan Gasper
Music: Folk

Sunday, March 15 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin King/Leoni Martins
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Evelyn Martin/Alec Rudella
Music: Youth

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 15

12:00 PM David Surkosky (Cathy Surkosky)

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

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, March 10th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

ST. KATERI MINISTERS

Lector

March 8 Jim Hodgson
March 15 Gail Anderson

Eucharistic Minister

March 8 kb Boomer
March 15 Deb Cusatis

Hospitality

March 8: Barb Cole & Susan Slenker
March 15: Soup Fundraiser—CCD Students & Parents
March 22: Diane Brown and kb & Rick BB

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

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 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.

Weekly events

Sun. March 8	4:00 PM Latin Mass
Mon. March 9	6:00 PM BINGO
Wed. March 11	9:00 AM Healing through Faith
Thurs. March 12	6:30 PM KOC Meeting
Fri. March 13	1:00 PM & 7:00 PM Stations
Fri. March 13	4:00-7:00 PM Fish Fry

Eucharist Adoration in March Mark your calendar and spend some quiet time in prayer with our Eucharistic Lord on the following dates in March.
 Monday, March 16 (9:30-1:00 pm)
 Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Vocations
 There is a sign-in book as you enter the church and reading material to borrow. If you would like to join our Adoration email list, contact Liz Forstmeier at lforstmeier@gmail.com.

FISH FRY 2026

Bellefonte Friday Night Fish Fry at St. John's Catholic School (116 East Bishop Street) will be on the following Fridays of Lent: **March 13th, March 20th, March 27th.** We will be open to the public from **4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** The menu will consist of Baked Lemon Pepper Cod (GF) or Yuengling Beer Battered Haddock or Panko Crusted Fried Shrimp, Choice of 3 Sides: French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce and a homemade dessert. Ala Carte items including Haluski and Pierogies with butter and onions will also be available. Eat in or Take Out; CASH ONLY. The cost is only \$15.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for children under 12, under 6 eat for free. Come experience Centre County's Largest Fish Fry prepared and served by the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

If you would like to volunteer your time or a dessert, please contact: Pam Callahan at 814-571-0207 or pcallahan487@gmail.com

SJCA LEO CLUB Glasses Drive: The drive will run the month of February and boxes will be picked up the first week of March. See the collection box in the vestibule.

Acceptable Eyeglasses for Donation:

- ✓ Usable Glasses - Eyeglasses that are in good condition and can help correct vision
- ✓ Any Prescription Strength - Glasses with any prescription power are accepted
- ✓ Any Frame Style - All frame types and styles are welcome
- ✓ Unopened Contact Lenses - These can also be donated alongside eyeglasses

Condition Requirements:

- Lenses should be clean and free from major scratches or damage
- Frames should be intact and functional
- Glasses should be in a condition that allows them to be worn

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of March 1, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 9,200.30
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,196.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 7.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 1,706.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 167.95

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 12,277.25

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 100.00
Cemetery	\$ 100.00
Maintenance:	\$ 465.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 665.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 12,942.25

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 265.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Black & Indian Mission	\$ 100.00
Jesus Calls	\$ 2,215.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

February 22, 2026	\$ 993.50
March 1, 2026	\$ 1,188.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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-8th class times are Sunday 9:00-10:00 in St. John School. Please contact Tony (tcroland@hotmail.com) or Paula Roland (proland@dioceseaj.org) for new student registration or with any questions.

Please note the following class schedule

March 8th—CCD Reconciliation Grades 2-4
March 15th—CCD Reconciliation Grades 5-6
March 22—CCD Reconciliation Grades 7-8
March 29—CCD Stations of the Cross Grades 5-8

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 8 No Class

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

Tues., March 17 Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 22 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

PALM COLLECTION

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

St. Kateri

March 8—No CCD

March 15—CCD

March 22—No CCD

March 29—CCD Palm Sunday-teacher appreciation dinner

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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: March Specials

- It's time for March Madness – Winter Coats and vests are available at discounted prices.
 - Check out our selection of Penn State Apparel.
- Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity but have limited time available? Our volunteers help a few hours a month or a week, whatever can work into your schedule. For more information, 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.

FOOD BANK

Reminder: Food Bank donations are welcome, needed and collected year-round. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries in the bin located in the vestibule just outside of the prayer room and beneath the large painting of the crucifixion. Our donations are taken regularly to the Faith Centre Food Bank. *Thank you for your generosity.*

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

The contact person for our parish prayer chain is Sara Nagel. For any prayer requests please email Sara at: donaldnagel@verizon.net, or you may call her at 814-353-1010.



ALTOONA AREA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS PRESENT

CATHEDRAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

A NIGHT OF LENTEN HYMNS, CHORALS AND FELLOWSHIP

PETER SWEENEY
AVA ADAMS
IAN BRANNAN
CLAUDE FABINYI
BRANDIS AJAY
JJ COLOMBO

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH • 7PM
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | SOCIAL TO FOLLOW
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
1 CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA

ST. JOHN MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Received in Memory of
Rosemarie Kushwara
From Jane Fisher

St. John School News

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!



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

School Collection: (February): \$2,514

School Lunch program: Ed Mulfinger, Gennaro DeLuca and Wanda Villatore

Drama Club donations: Phyllis Austin, Greg and Tina Wendt, CDA Court #448 for upgrading the auditorium sound system

In memory of Barbara Pearce and Rosemarie Kushwara: Tony and Paula Roland

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

SAINT JOHN DRAMA CLUB

Kudos to the Saint John School Drama Club for their recent performance of Dorothy in Wonderland! Our talented cast included: Sadie Brown, Isiah Diehl, Audrey Hallman, Peter Levandoski, Ali Nasoni, Nathan Snyder, Owen Watson, Lilly Weiser, Crew Cunningham, Aiden Fisher, Bill Gerber, Jane Jennings, Michael Maney, Evelyn Martin, Cameron Niemann, Alec Rudella, Luke Russell, Oliver St. Amant, Karina Turco, and Leo Wedlake.

Audiences were swept away on a whimsical adventure as Dorothy found herself in a curious mashup of Oz and Wonderland. Along the way, she encountered unforgettable characters, unexpected twists, and plenty of laughter as two beloved storybook worlds collided in this imaginative and high-spirited production.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Packer, and Mrs. Tice for their dedication in planning and rehearsing, to our wonderful parents and guardians for their unwavering support, and most of all, to our amazing students for their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment.

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 8pm). Shop any time by visiting the school website and clicking the Ignatius Book Fair link!

YOU CAN STILL GET GARDNERS CANDIES IN TIME FOR EASTER AND SUPPORT SAINT JOHN SCHOOL!

Visit gardnerscandiesfundraising.com, select "Order Now," enter our Group ID #10-0987, and start shopping. Online orders ship directly to the buyer. Thank you for your continued support of this school fundraiser!

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@redefininededucation.org | redefininededucation.org

VOCATION CORNER

Third Sunday Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and offers her "living water" — the gift of His life and love. Her encounter with Christ transforms her from a seeker into a witness, eager to share the Good News.



Our own vocation begins the same way: with a personal meeting with Jesus that changes our hearts and sends us out to serve. Whether in family life, priesthood, religious life, or lay ministry, we are called to let His love flow through us to a thirsty world. This Lent, may we draw deeply from the well of God's mercy and allow our lives to become a source of hope for others.

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.