

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823



There appeared to them
tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest
on each one of them.
And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

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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-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Fridays: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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Masses for the week

Saturday, May 22

5:00 PM Henry Sahakian
(Russell & Barbara Ann Gutch)

Sunday, May 23

8:00 AM Margaret & Paul Saxion
(Sam & Alice Saxion)

10:15 AM Mary Bonfatto (St. John's)

Monday, May 24

9:00 AM John Saylor (A Friend)

***Please note—Not a School Mass—open to the public. Also, starting in June all Monday summer Masses will be open to the public**

Tuesday, May 25

8:00 AM No Mass

Wednesday, May 26

8:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, May 27- School Mass

9:00 AM Mario Truglio (Rosemary Truglio)

**Note: School Mass is only open to the school children and teachers. Live stream: <https://youtu.be/uLcaFQZoEWg>
Also, NO evening Mass.**

Friday, May 28

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, May 29

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Yost Family
(Barbara Materna)

Sunday, May 30

8:00 AM Bob Davis (Ivivic & Davis Families)

10:15 AM Mary Kushwara (Rosemarie Kushwara)

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 29	5:00 PM	David Harry
Sunday, May 30	8:00 AM	Stephen St. Amant
Sunday, May 30	10:15 AM	Natalie Stanton

PARISH STAFF:

Fr. George Jakopac, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin
Liz Forstmeier & Doris Mayers, Office Staff
Kristina Tice, St. John School Principal
Mark & Denise Leskovansky, 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

Parish News

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Next weekend May 29/30 will be the last weekend of social distancing. Starting in June all the pews will be open. Masks will still be required.

Please read the statement from the Bishop.

After consultation with the Deans, the Vicar General, and Public Health Advisors, Bishop Mark has issued the following update in response to the lifting of measures that have been in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Bishop is grateful to all who have been diligent in taking the necessary precautions that have enabled Catholic schools and parish churches to remain open.

As public health officials have been advising repeatedly, wearing masks and getting vaccinated are key to keeping everyone safe and healthy. With the exception of those who are not to receive the vaccination per their physician's direction, all are encouraged to receive the vaccine as soon as possible. Vaccination and face covering are the most important ways to win the fight against COVID-19.

On May 4, 2021, the Pennsylvania Governor's Office announced plans to lift government issued mitigation orders, with one exception. Face coverings (masks) are still required to be worn indoors and outdoors when you are away from your home.

Per diocesan protocols issued in 2020, this mask requirement remains in effect in church settings, including attendance at Mass and other religious activities in church (e.g., confessions, adoration, novenas, etc.). As of Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, at 12:01 am, other mitigation efforts, however, may be curtailed. Thus, parishes may resume offertory processions, use hymnals and other materials, fill holy water fonts, and the like. Singing may resume, but only with Masks in place. As a result, parish choirs may not be able to resume their normal function until masks are no longer required. Confessionals and other enclosed places may be used, but only with adequate ventilation.

The announcement made by the Governor's Office indicates that the directives regarding the use of Masks remains in effect even beyond May 31, 2021.

Bishop Mark directs, therefore, that masks must be worn at any and all indoor functions in schools, parish social halls, etc. Even if not on parish or school property, masks must also be worn at any indoor function sponsored by a parish, school or affiliated organization.

The lifting of statewide mitigation orders will allow for indoor activities (e.g. Bingo) without the physical distancing measures that have been in effect. However, participants (workers, volunteers, guests, etc.) **must wear a face covering at all times** during these activities.

Beginning May 31, 2021, at 12:01 am, outdoor picnics, festivals, etc. are permitted on parish property. Parish and church-related organizations (Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Knights of Columbus, parish choirs, booster clubs, etc.) may have similar activities. Whenever these activities occur outdoors, masks are not required. However, if any part of these outdoor activities takes place **indoors**, masks must be worn by all. This circumstance may arise when food preparation takes place inside or a festival activity such as Bingo is held inside. Masks are required of those serving and partaking of the food at an indoor location (e.g. inside the parish hall) during a parish festival.

Planning for an outdoor festival, dance, etc. should take into account the possibility of rain. If tents are used in order to mitigate the impact of inclement weather and a large crowd congregates under a tent, it is possible that this arrangement may be construed as "indoors" and thus making the use of masks necessary.

On April 27, 2021, the PA Department of Health issued an update that should be taken into account in planning parish activities.

The Governor's Office and the PA Department of Health have stated explicitly that the use of masks/face coverings will remain in effect until 70% of Pennsylvania adults are fully vaccinated.

All parishes, schools, and related organizations in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are to follow the state guidelines and directives. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic people have talked about being in this together. That care for everyone must continue in a proactive way.

Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of May 16, 2021

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	6,700.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	929.00
Children's Offertory:	\$	17.00
Special Monthly:	\$	693.00
Votive Candles:	\$	108.25
ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	8,447.25

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Maintenance:	\$	346.00
Cemetery:	\$	150.00
Easter:	\$	175.00
Father's Day:	\$	285.00
Mother's Day:	\$	45.00
Ascension:	\$	985.00
EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL:	\$	1,986.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 10,433.25

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 895.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Catholic Home Mission:	\$	20.00
Catholic Communications:	\$	106.00

Thank you for your generosity.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are resuming Adoration. Our first Adoration will be on **Monday, June 7th** after the 9:00 AM Mass (which will be open to the public, since school will be on summer break). It will continue like in the past—every other Monday. Adoration will close at 1:00 PM.

Knights of Columbus



SPAGHETTI DINNER & CHICKEN SOUP SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be having a TO-GO Spaghetti Dinner and Chicken Soup Sale on **Monday, May 24 from 4:00-7:00 PM** or until sold out. No advanced tickets required.

Spaghetti Dinner—\$9

Spaghetti, Homemade Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread and Cookie.

KofC Famous Chicken Noodle Soup—\$5 per Quart

Parish News

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father Bernard Olszewski will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 31 will be held in the church this year—not at the cemetery. Feel free to visit our cemetery after Mass.

SEWING GROUP

St. John's in Stitches will meet **Monday, May 31 from 1:00-3:00 PM** in the rectory basement. Please wear a mask. New members are always welcome!

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in having your child Baptized at St. John's, call or email the office and provide your name and mailing address and we will mail you a Baptism packet. If this is your first child to be Baptized, you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class with Deacon Tom (see below). Baptisms will be scheduled once we receive your Baptism registration form and you have attended the prep class (if applicable).

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **Sunday, June 6, 2021** from 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the rectory basement. You will register for the class by filling out the form sent in the packet. Two more classes will be offered this year: **September 12 and December 5**. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom Boldin at 355-4234 or email at stboldin@verizon.net.

Catholic Daughters



DIAPER DRIVE

The Catholic Daughters Diaper Drive continues year-round. You may leave your diaper donations in the bins in the vestibule outside of the small prayer room. These diapers are given to **Project Gabriel** in State College.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

St. John School News



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MASS OF BLESSING

The following Saint John School 5th graders participated in a Mass of Blessing on May 20: Kooper Dominic Booher, Bridget Mae Dechow, Nolan James Hockenberry, Reagan-May Merlino, Stella Marie Puhala, Sophie Leigh Smith, Henry James St. Amant and Megan Lucille Weiser. May God bless these students as they continue their educational journeys...sharing the patience, love, peace and wisdom shown to them during their years at Saint John School.

Thank you to the following for our congratulatory gifts and their part in the celebration: Principal Kristina Tice, Fr. George, Music Minister Natalie Stanton, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Bellefonte Knights of Columbus #1314, Saint John Home & School Association and St. John's in Stitches.

Our students and parents are very thankful for your thoughtfulness and generosity shown to our students all year long. God bless your support of Saint John School!

BEST WISHES

Please join us in thanking Mrs. Barbara Uadiski for her 8 years of service to Saint John School in both our Art Room and After School Program. We are grateful for all the love she has given to our students and pray for her as she moves on to her next adventure. We will miss her and the many ways that she made our school more beautiful.



ANTICIPATED SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS FOR 2021-2022 are as follows:

- *Long Term Substitute Teacher
- *Pre-K Teacher
- *Art Teacher
- *After School Program Aide

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these openings, please contact the school office or sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net.

SCHOOL MASS

Monday is our school Mass day, but for safety reasons, all school Masses this year will be closed to anyone that is not a student or staff of Saint John School. To maintain social distancing for our students and staff, the entire seating area of the Church will be at capacity.

We will live-stream the Mass for those of you who wish to join us from home. There is no school Mass on Monday, May 24, but there will be Mass on Thursday, May 27, our final day of school. This link for the live stream on Thursday, May 27 is: <https://youtu.be/uLcaFQZoEWg>

SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS

Saint John School ends for summer break on Thursday, May 27, with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal. The office will be closed until we begin summer hours on June 2. Regular summer office hours will be Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or by appointment. Feel free to call and leave a message since we will be answering phones and scheduling appointments throughout the week. You can also email us at twendt@saintjohnsch.net or sjadmin@saintjohnsch.net.

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

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

P.O. Box 159, 3503 Penns Valley Rd Spring Mills, PA 16875 | www.stkaterichurch.org | Rev. George Jakopac, Pastor

Mass is celebrated Sunday at 12:00 Noon

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, May 23

12:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 30

12:00 PM People of the Parish

LECTOR SCHEDULE

May 23—Jim Hodgson

May 30—Donna Kuzma

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

May 9 \$ 1,922.00

May 16 \$ 1,328.00

Communion Service/Holy Hour

Next service: Tuesday, May 25th

Communion service at 11AM. Adoration until 12PM.

PRAYER TO ST. KATERI TETAKWITHA



St. Kateri, Star of the Native People and bright light for all! We thank God for your heroic courage, constant perseverance and deep love of the Cross. Pray for us that our love for Christ may deepen. And may we imitate you in following God's will even when difficulties arise. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Diocesan News and Events

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

December 8, 2020– December 8, 2021

There are many events going on for the **Year of St. Joseph** in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Pilgrimage sites:

Saint Joseph, Bellwood
Saint Joseph Church, Renovo
Saint Joseph the Worker Church, Williamsburg
Saint Joseph Mission Church at
Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown

Except for St. Joseph Mission Church, you need not wait for a special event to make a visit. Please use parish websites for Mass and Confession schedules.

PILGRIM MASS

Saint Joseph Church, Renovo

Saturday, June 26 at 3:00 pm during parish festival June 25, 26 & 27. Pilgrims are welcome all weekends for Mass & Confession.

SAVE THE DATE:

August 1, 2021

Outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:00 PM
At **Saint Joseph Mission Church**, Hart's Sleeping Place, Carrolltown.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

St. John's 2021 CMD Goal:

\$55,362.00



MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2021

Are you engaged and planning to be married in the Catholic Church? Congratulations! The next step is to attend Marriage Preparation classes. The cost per couple is \$70. A full list of dates, places and times is online at **www.dioceseaj.org** (Ministries, Marriage Preparation). Pre-registration is required. Register by email. Local classes will be held at **Our Lady of Victory**, State College on Thursdays 7pm-9:30pm, June 3rd, 10th and 17th. Here at **St. John the Evangelist** on Tuesdays 7pm-9:30pm October 12th, 19th and 26th.

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Thanks so much!
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