

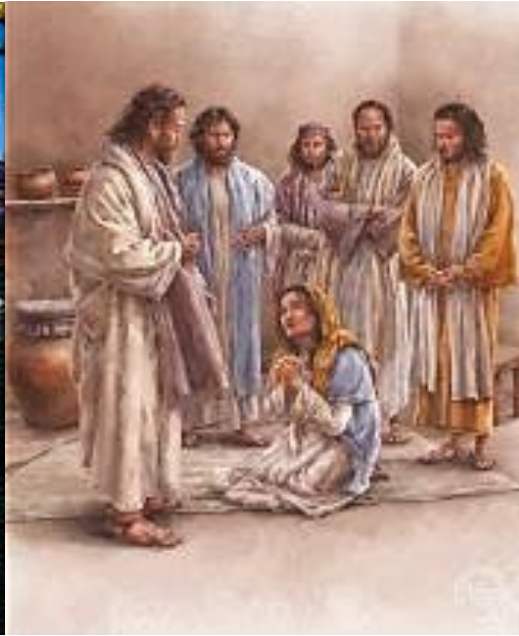
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

August 16, 2026/20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY CLOSED

CONTACT US

(814) 355-3134 | saintjohnsoff@gmail.com

www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

www.stkaterichurch.org

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, August 15 Assumption of Mary

8:00 AM Louis Solerno (Rosemary Truglio)

5:00 PM Fred Buttenschon
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

Sunday, August 16

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Kristina Cleaver
(Kim & Rich Fornicola)

Monday, August 17

9:00 AM Toby Capparelle (Sandy Rogus)

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 AM Roger & Mary Hasselman
(Donald & Sara Nagel)

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 AM Bernice Capperella
(Renee Brown & Family)

Thursday, August 20 St. Bernard

6:00 PM Rose Granite (Kitty & Ryan Kilbane)

Friday, August 21 St. Pius X, Pope

8:00 AM Eugene & Jane Nagel
(Donald & Sara Nagel)

Saturday, August 22 Queenship of Mary

5:00 PM Toby Capparelle
(Marilyn & Mike Ivicic)

Sunday, August 23

8:00 AM Mary Capparelle (Vickie Wolfe)

10:15 AM Patricia Grote
(Fabian & Monica Grote)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, August 22 **5:00 pm**

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Pavone/Stephanie Mullin
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Cameron Niemann/Oliver St. Amant
Music: Natalie Stanton

Sunday, August 23 **8:00 am**

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Burkett/Dave Files
Lector: David Files
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
Music: Traditional

Sunday, August 23 **10:15 am**

Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Provan/Jason Cossman
Lector: Lucia Stover
Servers: Michael Maney/Alec Rudella
Music: Folk

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, August 16

12:00 PM Lewis Turner (Jan & Millie Turner)

Sunday, August 23

12:00 PM People of the Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, August 18th at 11:00 AM followed by Adoration.

The ROSARY 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.

ST. KATERI MINISTERS

Lector

August 16 Millie Turner
August 23 Jim Hodgson

Eucharistic Minister

August 16 kb Boomer
August 23 Deb Cusatis

**Sanctuary Candle in memory of
Rose Granite from
Kitty & Ryan Kilbane**

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 crucifix. Sign-up by calling or emailing the Church Office.

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

Cards for Father's father.

If you would like to send a card or note to Fr. Brian's dad, Richard, as he recovers from his fall, they can be sent to:

**Richard Saylor
825 S. 94th Street
Chandler, AZ 85224**

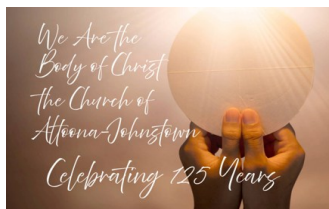
Thank you for all the prayers on his long journey to recovery.

Weekly events

Sun. August 16 11:15 Pray for America Group
 Mon. August 17 9:30 Adoration
 Thurs. August 20 6:30 Healing Through Faith

CCD CLASSES

CCD classes will start in mid-September. There are registration forms by the confessional in the back of the church for students that are new to the CCD program or students/parents that may need to update their contact information. Completed forms can be placed in the collection baskets or delivered to Tony or Paula Roland. CCD classes for grades K-8 will be held weekly from 9:00-10:00 am in the St. John's School.



DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE Saturday, September 19, 2026 Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg

In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese

of Altoona-Johnstown, the annual diocesan men's, women's, and youth conferences have been combined into one signature event for all ages. The theme of the conference is "We Are the Body of Christ, The Church of Altoona-Johnstown" in celebration of the family of believers that has shaped the 125-year legacy of faith in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

This family conference offers opportunities for men, women, married couples, single individuals, young adults, teens and youth. There will be a keynote address for all and breakout sessions for the groups mentioned above. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass as part of the day, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and an Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be available.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 4

Registration can be completed online at www.dioceseaj.org/diocesan-family-conference-2026/

PRAY FOR AMERICA: The prayer group will be meeting after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, August 16th in the rectory dining room. All are welcome! Please join us to pray "The Divine Mercy Chaplet" as well as prayers for America and any special intentions. Copies of the Pray for America prayer booklet are available in the entryway of the church. Email Stan and Tanya at tsechrist260@comcast.net with any questions.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 9, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 8,957.20
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,252.00
Latin Mass	\$ 90.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 5.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 1,052.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 162.51

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 11,518.71

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Maintenance:	\$ 467.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 467.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 11,985.71

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 257.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 6,360.00
Father's Day	\$ 2.00
Assumption	\$ 115.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 2.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 2.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

August 2, 2026	\$ 1,406.00
Food Pantry	\$ 19.00
August 9, 2026	\$ 1,547.50

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00
\$44,425.00 as of June 30, 2026

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00
\$12,980.00 as of June 30, 2026

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

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

Save This Date

September 12 @ 1:30 -- A Rosary Rally is scheduled at Boal Mansion led by Fr. Joshi.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE WITH FR. BRIAN

October 4-14, 2027

Fr. Brian invites you to join him for a pilgrimage to France.

WHERE YOU'LL GO: Paris • Lisieux • Omaha Beach • Mont St. Michel • Nevers • Paray-Le Monial • Lourdes

COST: \$5,800.00

For more information contact Fr. Brian Saylor
(bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or 814-355-3134) or
L.P. Pilgrimage (1-833-944-8242 or booking@Lpjp.org).



FISHER'S OF MEN VOCATIONS APPEAL

As our number of seminarians increases, the cost of their formation also rises. This is a good problem to have! But we need your support to fund their formation, which costs approximately \$65,000 per year for tuition, room and board, and health insurance. We've also added excellent new programs to reach young men, so we expect our number of seminarians to increase even further! To support our seminarians and these increased efforts, please give using the envelopes in your pews or at ajvocations.org/give.

ANNUAL SCOUT MASS

Scouts and families, If you are interested in earning your Catholic Religious Emblem, or if you have turned in the paperwork to receive one since last summer, please contact Stacey Burns, Committee Chair, at staceyburns@gmail.com no later than September 1. This year, the Scout Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be October 3 at 12 Noon. This Mass is open to the public.

ANNUAL WEDDING LITURGY

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 13** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 20** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.

Congratulations to

David & Emma Bastis parents of
Daniel Bryan who received his Baptism
August 2, 2026. May they continue to grow
in the Faith

ST. JOHN MEMORIAL DONATION

Received in Memory of
Anna Mae Stitzer from
Joann Knupp

ST. JOHN MEMORIAL DONATION

Received in Memory of
Owen Herniman from
Thomas & Donna Taylor

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE: AUGUST SPECIALS

- PRE-Winter Coat and Vest Sale - Only \$5.
- Check out our selection of Housewares and Domestic Items.

If you have free time and are looking for something fun to do, why not consider joining our team of Volunteers? Training will be provided. To find out more opportunities to help, please call 814-867-3131.

The Thrift Store is open Monday through Saturday, 10:00am - 4:00pm. Donations are accepted Monday through Thursday, 10:00am – 3:30pm and Friday and Saturday, 10:00am – 1:00 pm ONLY.

SAINT JOHN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOIN OUR SCHOOL
FAMILY

IMMEDIATE OPENING

Fourth Grade Teacher

Email Mrs. Michelle Russell
for more information
principal@saintjohnsch.net

Apply at:
www.dioceseaj.org/employment-opportunities-edu/



St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

Alumni Support: Sam and Kara Cross, J. Ronald Hughes

School Collection (School): \$2,190

In Memory of Anna Mae "Oma" Stitzer: Bob, Mary Kay and Renee Royer, The Russell Family, Greg and Tina Wendt

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

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

AUGUST: Wednesdays from 8:30 - 12:30 p.m. and by appointment. Items may be dropped off at any time in the box by the main entrance at the top right of the courtyard. Although the box will be checked regularly, we would appreciate a quick email or call to notify us of your drop-off. To schedule appointments or notify of an item being dropped off: Please email mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net or call 814-355-7859.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear St. John the Evangelist Families,

It is with a full and grateful heart that I write to you for the very first time as your principal! After many wonderful years walking these halls as a teacher, stepping into this role feels less like a beginning and more like continuing a story I've been part of for a long time.

The thing I want you to know most is that I love this school. I love the students who fill these classrooms with energy, curiosity, and joy. I love the families who entrust us with their children and pour so much into this community, and I love the faith that grounds everything we do here. St. John School isn't just where I work; it's a place my heart has called home for a very long time.

The trust you've placed in me means more than I can express, and I don't take it lightly. I am so excited for the year ahead and for all the ways we'll continue to grow, learn, and love one another in the light of our faith.

Thank you for your support, your prayers, and your partnership. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this year. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

With gratitude and excitement,

Mrs. Michelle Russell

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

Thursday, August 20th - Kindergarten Kick-Off - 6:15 - 7pm

Sunday, August 30th - Mass/Blessing of Backpacks

@ Governors Park - 4pm

Tuesday, September 1st - New school year begins for K-5th grade (full day)

Wednesday, September 2nd - 4-year-old Pre-K orientation - 9am

Thursday, September 3rd - 3 year-old Pre-K orientation - 9am

Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th - No School in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th - School resumes and first day of 3 year-old Pre-K

Wednesday, September 9th - First day of school for 4 year-old PreK

CLASSROOM CULTIVATORS:

A big **thank you** goes out to the following Classroom Cultivators:

3YR PK - OPEN

4YR PK - Mr. Ed Jedrzejewski and Ms. Barbara Eddy

Kindergarten - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Louise Rogers

First Grade - Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cathy Himmel

Second Grade - Anonymous

Third Grade - Ms. Barbara Carver and Ms. Kay Uncapher

Fourth Grade - Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cathy Himmel

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Gloria Rogers

Art - Mr. and Mrs. Jason and Taylor Doksa

Music - Deacon Tom and Mrs. Shirley Boldin

Library - Mrs. Cecelia Ebeling-Doty and Mrs. Rosalie Ebeling-Bailey

PE - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Louise Rogers

STREAM - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Melissa Yahner

Faith Formation - Mr. and Mrs. Doug and Kristina Tice

After School Care - Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Barbara Materna

Drama Club - OPEN

We're still looking for sponsors for a few more classes!

Let's make sure every classroom is covered - especially Pre-K and our Drama Club. Families are welcome to join together to sponsor a class, making it an easy way to support our students and teachers. For details or to get involved, please contact the Main Office. Together, we can make sure every class feels the love!

VOCATION CORNER 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman, we see a faith that is bold, persistent, and unafraid to keep asking. For those discerning or living a religious vocation, her example is a powerful reminder that God often deepens our calling through perseverance.

Like her, we may face moments of silence, uncertainty, or seeming distance — yet vocation grows when we continue to seek the Lord with trust.

The woman's unwavering plea reveals a heart convinced of Jesus' goodness. This is the heart of vocation: a steady, humble confidence that Christ will provide what is needed for the journey. Her faith opens the way for grace, and Jesus responds with healing and blessing — a sign of God's fidelity to those who keep turning toward Him.

A vocation shaped by this Gospel is one that refuses to give up — a life that keeps turning toward Christ, trusting that He hears, He sees, and He will act in His perfect time. This is the quiet strength at the center of every authentic call.

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.

