

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 9, 2026/19th 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

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www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

www.stkaterichurch.org

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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 8 St. Dominic

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

Sunday, August 9

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Nancy Palfey (David Files)

Monday, August 10 St. Lawrence

9:00 AM Barbara Gillespie (Family)

Tuesday, August 11 St. Clare

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

Wednesday, August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, August 13 Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus

6:00 PM Eric Egli & Family
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Friday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 AM Barb Surovec
(Ronald & Christine Surovec & family)

Saturday, August 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Louis Salerno (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)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, August 15 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe & Toni Beigle
Lector: Christine Surovec
Servers: Cristiano & Josiah Pacheco
Music: Natalie Stanton

Sunday, August 16 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Art & Deb Ardire
Lector: Pam Callahan
Servers: Mallory White/Evelynn Martin
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, August 16 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Boldin/Kevin King
Lector: Jason Cossman
Servers: Lilly Weiser/Ali Nasoni
Music: Youth

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, August 9

12:00 PM John & Josephine Rusnak
(Phil & Katy Bosak)

Sunday, August 16

12:00 Lewis Turner (Jan & Millie Turner)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, August 11th 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 9 Deb Cusatis
August 16 Millie Turner

Eucharistic Minister

August 9 Sandy Rockey
August 16 kb Boomer

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

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

Weekly events

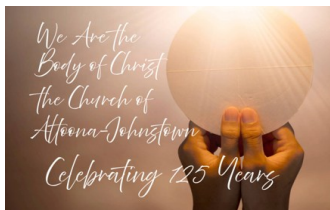
Sun. August 9 4:00 PM Latin Mass
Wed. August 12 9:00 AM Healing Through Faith
Thurs. August 13 6:00 PM Healing Mass

CCD TEACHER NEEDED

St. John's CCD program is looking for a teacher for the upcoming year. If you think you might be interested in sharing God's word with our students, please contact Paula or Tony Roland at proland@dioceseaj.org;

tcroland@hotmail.com.

Clearances are required and we can guide you through the process.



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/ or by mail (pick up a registration booklet from the parish).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION PACKETS were

mailed to all registered parishioners. If you did not receive a packet, please contact the rectory office so we can update our records and make sure you receive one. Many adult children have not registered under their own name/address. Please contact us so you can be registered. Email: saintjohnsoff@gmail.com or call 814-355-3134.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 2, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 10,090.85
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,318.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 8.24
Special Monthly:	\$ 2,574.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 204.35

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 14,195.44

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 00.00
Maintenance:	\$ 1,420.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,420.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 15,615.44

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 300.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 1,480.00
Father's Day	\$ 20.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

July 26, 2026	\$ 3,070.75
August 2, 2026	\$ 1,406.00
Food Pantry	\$ 19.00

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be cleaning the Church on Thursday, August 20th after the 6:pm Mass. Please consider volunteering to help! Many hands make light work!

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), Pam Callahan (814) 571-0207 or L.P. Pilgrimage (1-833-944-8242 or booking@Lpjp.org).



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.

St. 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 about opportunities to help, please call 814-867-3131.

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

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday August 13th at 6:30pm in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather it will be at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the homilist and the choir from the Our Lady Mother of Sorrows will lead the singing. We encourage you to Bring a Friend!

Pixie Dust Wishes is holding their second annual Summer Bingo Night with cash prizes, food and drinks, basket raffle, and silent auction on 8/22 at Mountain View Country Club from 5-8. Tickets are sold ahead to ensure seating at the following link: <https://pixiedustwishes.org/summer-bingo> This event supports PDW's mission of granting wishes to children with disabilities and special needs to go to Disney World and was started and run locally by Jaimie Miller.

WHAT IS AN ANOINTING MASS?

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated on

August 13th at the 6:00 pm Mass.

This sacrament is a communal celebration, allowing the congregation to support those seeking healing through prayer and Presence, and the embodiment of the Church's prayer for healing. It is meant for all who are considered seriously ill such as: those suffering from a physical ailment, those who suffer from a serious mental or emotional condition, those in need of spiritual healing, those preparing for serious surgery in the near future, children who are seriously ill, have reached the age of reason and able to understand the sacrament, those who are elderly, even though no dangerous illness is present.

A person may receive the Sacrament more than once. For example, a person receives the Anointing and then recovers but falls sick again or their condition worsens. Receiving the Sacrament does not mean that one will die.

The Church encourages her ill and elderly members to receive the Sacrament so their faith may be strengthened and so they will not give in to discouragement.

What will happen at the Anointing Mass?

After the homily, the priest will pray, calling down the Holy Spirit upon those to be anointed, laying his hands upon their heads. Then, using the sacred oil of the sick which was blessed by the Bishop, he will make the sign of the cross on their forehead and palms of the hands of those receiving the sacrament.



Alpha Invitation Alpha is an international, nondenominational program designed to explore and promote the Christian faith. Hosted by **Good Shepherd Catholic Church** in State College, the program begins on Thursday September 10, and runs every Thursday through November 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will also be a special Saturday session on October 24 (a non-football weekend) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Alpha provides the opportunity to make new friends and enhance your Christian faith over a light dinner, a video presentation and sharing in small groups.

GSCC Alpha 2026 would welcome participation from all Christian communities in the Centre region.

For more information about Alpha or to register for the program go to: <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/alpha-program>

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.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

In Memory of Anna Mae "Oma" Stitzer: Rob and Susan Hodder; Helen and Lonnie Lowry; and St. Amant Family.

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 WARM SAINT JOHN WELCOME! It is with great joy and excitement that we announce Mrs. Michelle Russell as the next principal of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School! Mrs. Russell is certainly no stranger to the Saint John School family. For the past 15 years, she has faithfully served our school community, sharing her gifts as an educator, colleague, and leader. She holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education and brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and dedication to this new role. Throughout her years at Saint John, Mrs. Russell has demonstrated a deep love for our school, a strong commitment to Catholic education, and a genuine dedication to our students and families. Her strong faith, knowledge of our school and its traditions, and commitment to its mission make her an exceptional choice to lead Saint John into its next chapter.

As principal, Mrs. Russell plans to lead with faith, warmth, and a steadfast belief in every child's potential. She understands what makes Saint John School so special while also bringing the energy, vision, and dedication needed to continue moving our school forward. Most importantly, Mrs. Russell loves Saint John School and the people who make it the extraordinary community that it is. We are truly blessed to have someone who already knows and cares so deeply for our students, families, faculty, parish, and community step into this important leadership role. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Michelle Russell and welcoming her as the new principal of Saint John School. We look forward with great confidence and excitement to all that lies ahead under her leadership. Congratulations, Mrs. Russell! The adventure ahead is bright!

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

SAINT JOHN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY

IMMEDIATE OPENING

Fourth Grade Teacher
Fifth Grade Teacher

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

Apply at:

www.dioceseaj.org/employment-opportunities-edu/



VOCATION CORNER 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets the disciples in the midst of wind and waves, calling Peter to step out of the boat and walk toward Him. For those discerning or living a religious vocation, this moment captures the heart of calling. Christ invites us beyond what feels safe or certain, asking us to trust His voice more than our fear. This is the beginning of every authentic vocation: hearing His call and daring to take the first step.

Peter walks on water not because he is strong, but because he keeps his eyes on Jesus. When he falters, Jesus immediately reaches out His hand. So it is with vocation. The Lord does not expect perfection — only the courage to step toward Him and the humility to reach for His hand when the waves rise.

A vocation rooted in this Gospel is a life shaped by trust: stepping out in faith, walking toward Christ, and discovering that He is always there, steadying, strengthening, and leading us deeper into His love.

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.

