

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

September 27, 2026/26th 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 OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

CONTACT US

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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
Michelle Russell: 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, September 26

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM Toby Capparelle
(Joe & Diane Klimek)

10:15 AM Chris Burger (Janell Burger)

Monday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

9:00 AM St. John School Grandparents
(St. John School)

Tuesday, September 29 SS. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

8:00 AM Lt. Jonas M. Panik
(Tom Bender Family)

Wednesday, September 30 St. Jerome

8:00 AM Richard Egli Sr. & Family
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Thursday, October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

6:00 PM Barb Surovec
(Dorothy & Rich Surovec)

Friday, October 2 Guardian Angels

8:00 AM Rose Granite (Joe & Fran Verbiak)

Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM Healing of Dana Gambino
(Mariah Lucas)

5:00 PM Edward P. Rose
(Wendt/Rose Family)

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Suzanne & Richard Egli)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector/Altar Server/Music

Saturday, October 3 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe & Toni Beigle
Lector: Steve Brezler
Servers: Elliott Brezler/Oliver St. Aman
Music: Joe Lexon

Sunday, October 4 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul McCloskey/Kevin Trimpey
Lector: Adam Rawding
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Mallory White
Music: Traditional

Sunday, October 4 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Leoni Martins/Kevin King
Lector: John Hillard
Servers: Luke Russell/Kamdyn Brungard
Music: Youth

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, September 27

12:00 PM Intentions of Brett & Rachel Turner
(Jan & Millie Turner)

Sunday, October 4

12:00 PM Joyce Sipley (Lynn Ellen Dixon)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, September 29th 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

September 27: Millie Turner
October 4: Jim Hodgson

Eucharistic Minister

September 27: Jim Hodgson
October 4: Gail Anderson

Hospitality

September 27: Connie Corl & Celina Jovel
October 4: Diane Brown & Barb & Chris Cole
October 11: Connie Corl & Celina Jovel

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 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 **CLASS DATES 2027:** March 14, June 13, September 12 and December 12.

Weekly events

Sun. September 27 3:00 PM Holy Hour for
Vocations
Mon. September 28 1:00 PM St. John's in Stitches
Thurs. October 1 6:30 PM Fr. Joshi Bible Study
Sat. October 3 10:00 AM Blessing of Pets

COME CELEBRATE THE WONDER, WARMTH, AND MAGIC OF THE SEASON!

Father Brian will be hosting a bus trip to Lancaster to see the all-new American Music Theatre live, original musical Christmas Show: Winter Wonderland.

Step into the magic of the season with Winter Wonderland, American Music Theatre's 2026 Christmas show! From a charming Bavarian village to the festive North Pole, this dazzling production features stunning sets, gorgeous costumes, and live performances of your favorite sacred and secular holiday songs. With our sensational cast, live orchestra, and even a visit from Santa, it's a joyful experience for the whole family—and a holiday tradition for all!

The bus trip is on **Thursday, November 19**, for the 10:30 am showing. Travel will be by Fullington Trailways. We will be stopping after the show at Cracker Barrel in Harrisburg. The bus will be boarding in front of St. John's at 6:00 am and returning approximately at 7:00 pm. Cost of the trip is **\$140.00 per person** which includes show ticket and transportation. Meals will be on your own.

All reservations and money must be received in St. John's parish office by Friday, October 9th. Please note – no reservations will be accepted without payment. Space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact St. John's parish office at (814) 355-3134.

Saint John's in Stitches sewing group is meeting on Monday 9/28 at 1 pm in the rectory basement. New members are encouraged to attend. You do not need to be able to sew, knit or crochet as some of our projects such as tying fleece blankets and making Christmas cards for nursing home residents do not involve sewing. If you are unable to attend our meetings but wish to help, many projects can be completed at home. Contact Marian at mgoodnack@hotmail.com for more information.

PRAY FOR AMERICA: The prayer group will be meeting after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, October 25th 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 September 20, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 7,830.05
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,087.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 8.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 400.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 189.50

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 9,514.55

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 262.00
Cemetery	\$ 220.00
Maintenance:	\$ 645.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 1,127.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 10,701.55

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 1,090.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary	\$ 11,075.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 20.00
Catholic University	\$ 50.00
Retired Priest Medical	\$ 30.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

September 13, 2026 \$ 641.00

September 20, 2026 \$ 1,206.00

Outreach \$ 13.00

Missionary Coop \$ 470.00

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 Pam Callahan

(psb146@msn.com) or Fr. Brian Saylor

(bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or 814-355-3134) or

L.P. Pilgrimage (1-833-944-8242 or booking@Lpjp.org).



Religious Education

St. John

CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes begin **Sunday, September 13th at 9 AM**. Registration forms are available at the back of the church by the confessionals for any students not already registered. Please return completed forms to the church office or bring the first day of class.

We will hold a brief parent meeting the first week in the school auditorium. Students will gather with their grades and proceed to their rooms after the meeting has ended.

Starting 9/20 we can update it to:

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

Sept 27th - Class

Oct 4th - Class

Oct 11th - Class- 7th & 8th grade mass (10:15)

Oct 18th - NO CLASS

9th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Mass at 10:15 AM Followed by Class from 11:15 AM-12:30 PM in the School Auditorium.

Sunday, September 27 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, October 4 Group Mass & Class

Sunday, October 11 No Class

Sunday, October 18 No Class

Sunday, October 25 Group Mass & Class

St. Kateri

CCD classes are from **10:15-11:45** the first and third Sunday with some variations during Easter season. Classes are offered for students in grades Kindergarten through 9th grade. Only new students need to register. Forms are on the bookshelf in the church foyer. Contact Millie Turner if you have questions. 814-883-6474 or mlt3557@verizon.net

September 27—No CCD

October 4—CCD

Box of Joy 2026

St John in Stitches is excited to announce the **Box of Joy Christmas Shoebox** campaign for 2026. We will be collecting for 5 weeks from Sept 6th - October 11th. Our goal is to provide 50 gift boxes for girls and boys 10-14 years old living in Central and South America. The sewing group has been busy making small dresses, headbands, drawstring bags, wash cloths and hacky sacks. We are asking our parish family to help fill the boxes with additional items such as: small* toys & games, lip balm, boys and girls socks and underwear (large youth), sunglasses and flip flops. *Items should be SMALL. Space is limited in the shoeboxes. Please drop your donations in the collection bins in the vestibule of the church.

UPDATE

Thanks to your overwhelming response, we no longer need financial donations to cover the postage for mailing the boxes. We have met our goal of \$450! Thank you so much for your generosity. It's nothing short of amazing. **Thank you for caring for these children in need. We couldn't do it without your help and generosity!**

Helping Our Ukraine Friends As the war rages on in Ukraine, our friends still desperately need our prayers, our help and support. They have been so thankful and grateful for our past help. So again they need the following supplies

- Cereal, tea, coffee, pasta, cookies, peanut butter, jelly, honey, ketchup, raisins, tuna, corn and soups
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, body soap and hand soap
- Pull ups, diapers, wipes, pads, underwear for men and women as well as disposable underwear. Socks of all sizes

Please place your donated items in the tubs located in the vestibule by September 28. And, again many, many thanks for your continued generosity and prayers.

Mark Your Calendars!

JOIN US FOR
FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC Adoration
WITH
FR. LEO PATALINGHUG
"The Cooking Priest"

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH LOCK HAVEN and ST. JOSEPH PARISH RENOVO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

A special time of prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic Adoration.

WATCH FOR UPDATES! Details & Schedule Coming Soon!

LEARN MORE ABOUT FR. LEO AND HIS MINISTRY: <https://platingrace.com/>

COME SPEND TIME WITH JESUS. All Are Welcome!

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

Birthday Treats: Pelican's Snowballs generously donated coupons this year for each student to receive on their birthday. We are grateful for their willingness to provide each student with a delicious frozen treat in celebration of their birthday.

Lunch Program: Rich and Linda Struble, Helen Lowry

In Memory of John E. Pipta, Jr: Art and Deb Ardire

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

OKTOBERFEST TICKET SALES ENDING SOON!

Saturday, October 10th

6:00–9:00 p.m.

The Shop in Zion

Tickets are just \$40 each and include:

- Choice of Meal from Robinhood Brewing (Hunter Stew over Egg Noodles, Bratwurst Sandwich with German Red Cabbage w/Apples, or Hühnerschnitzel with Cheese Spaetzle.)
- Dessert - choose from Apple Bundt Cake with Caramel Drizzle or Guinness Mocha Cupcakes
- First Beverage (Beer from Robinhood Brewing, Axemann Cider, Wine from Barrels and Kegs, fresh cider, sodas, and water)
- Entry for Door Prizes (donated by Woodrings Floral Gardens)
- Rip Tickets to win CASH prizes
- Live Entertainment by The Little German Band of State College

Just a few of our raffle prizes:

- A "Suite" Night at the Spikes for 20 donated by Happy Valley Financial Services
- \$100 flower arrangement a month for a year donated by Daniel Vaughn Designs
- PSU basket donated by Provan Enterprises
- 2 Center Ice Tickets for PSU Hockey (your choice of Minnesota or Notre Dame) donated by Steve and Jen Koller
- 4 PSU Football v Indiana tickets donated by John Faulker
- A 50" Television donated by The Diehl Family
- Gift baskets from PA Precision Engraving, St. John's in Stitches, Trader Joe's and more!
- Lotto basket donated by Doug and Kristina Tice
- AND MORE!

Tickets available before and after Masses, at the school office or by visiting

<https://www.saintjohnsch.net/oktoberfest>

SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES:

We are accepting applications for substitute teachers. Candidates must possess a valid Pennsylvania teaching certificate and be able to obtain all state and federal clearances. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Catholic Church and be able to provide for the academic and spiritual health of our students.

Interested applicants should contact Michelle Russell at principal@sainjohnsch.net.

SCHOOL LUNCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

As part of our Saint John family, we often hear from parishioners looking for ways to support our school and students in a significant way. If you would like to make a daily impact in the life of a student, we would be greatly appreciative of donations geared directly toward offsetting lunch fees for our students in need. Saint John School does not receive government funds for school lunches, but we still have students who qualify for reduced lunches.

Donations can be sent to the school office via a labeled envelope in the collection basket, dropping it off directly, or mailing to 116 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte, PA 16823. If you have any questions, please contact Erin St. Amant at estamant@saintjohnsch.net or 814-355-7859. We are grateful for your consideration.

VOCATION CORNER 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parable of the two sons is one of Jesus' most direct teachings about vocation because it cuts through appearances and goes straight to the heart of discipleship.

A father asks both sons to work in the vineyard. One refuses but later goes; the other agrees but never shows up. Jesus asks which did the father's will. The answer is obvious — but the implications for our lives are not always comfortable.

Matthew 21:28–32 reminds us that vocation is measured not by **words**, promises, or outward signs, but by **conversion expressed in action**. God calls each of us to the vineyard — to serve, to love, to build the Kingdom — and our true response is revealed in what we actually do.

In the vineyard of the Lord, the most important moment is **now** — the moment we choose to act. Whether our first response was reluctance, fear, or even refusal, God delights in the second response that says, "I will go." Vocation is not about getting it right the first time; it is about letting grace move us into faithful action.

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.

