

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

*Did not God
choose those who
are poor in the world
to be rich in faith
and heirs of the
kingdom that he
promised to those
who love him?*

James 2:5

September



2021

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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-Friday: 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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Masses for the week

Saturday, September 4

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife, Genny)

Sunday, September 5

8:00 AM Jack Fellin (Pat & Family)

10:15 AM James Sr. & Mary O'Neill
and James O'Neill Jr. (The Family)

Monday, September 6—Labor Day

9:00 AM Rose & Francis Plozner (John & Linda Plozner)

Tuesday, September 7

8:00 AM Bill Fucich (Phyllis Austin)

Wednesday, September 8—Nativity of the BVM

8:00 AM Cindy Spicer (Rosalie Bailey)

Thursday, September 9—St. Peter Claver

6:00 PM Mary Kushwara (Rosemary Kushwara)

Friday, September 10

8:00 AM Anthony & Ida Ardire (The Ardire Family)

Saturday, September 11

8:45 AM Sept 11 Prayer Service (in Church)

5:00 PM Lt. Jonas Martin Panik (The Family)

Sunday, September 12

8:00 AM Mary Shoemaker
(Linda Fielding & Rich Struble)

10:15 AM Deceased members of the
Barr-Polansky Families (The Polansky Family)

12:00 PM Latin Mass

FLOCKNOTE

Our newest communication tool. **It's easy to sign up.**
Text "SJ814" to the number 84576. You will receive a quick follow up text to complete your sign-up.

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 11 5:00 PM David Harry

Sunday, September 12 8:00 AM Folk

Sunday, September 12 10:15 AM Youth

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. John's CCD classes will begin on **Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 am for Grades 7-10th** and the first class for **Grades K-6th will be on Sunday, September 19th at 9:00 am.** **Please note:** Students in grades K-11 will enter the building at the "maintenance entrance" which is in the alleyway between the school and the church. Parents cannot enter the school building. All students and teachers in K-6 must be wearing masks upon arrival and will need to wear masks at all times during CCD. CCD registration forms are in the back of the Church. Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the first day of CCD. **Parents,** please sign up for Flocknote. This will be our main way to inform you of schedule changes. **Text "SJ814" to the number 84576.**

11th Grade Confirmation Class

Sundays from 11:15-12:30 pm in the school auditorium.

Sunday, Sept. 12—Class at 11:15 AM

Questions- please contact Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin at 355-4234(H) or text to 814-883-8123 or email at stboldin@verizon.net.

CCD MASS

Our first CCD Mass this year will be **Sunday, October 3rd at the 10:15 AM Mass.** The **3rd & 4th grades** will be participating in the liturgy. Only 3rd & 4th graders will sit with their teachers in reserved pews. All other grades can sit with their families

SEWING GROUP

St. John's in Stitches will meet **Monday, September 20 from 1:00-3:00 PM** in the rectory basement. Please wear a mask. New members are always welcome!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

PLEASE NOTE Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no Adoration on **Monday, September 6th.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

LECTOR / SERVER SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturday, September 11

Lector: Aghogho Oghohjevwe

Servers: Gavin Chalfa & Henry St. Amant

8:00 AM Sunday, September 12

Lector: Adam Rawding

Servers: Carter Boone & Jonathan Gasper

10:15 AM Sunday, September 12

Lectors: Traci Capperella

Servers: Rebecca Burns & Leah Ondish

Parish News

HAITI COLLECTION

Bishop Mark has designated the weekend of **September 18-19** for a special collection for the people of Haiti. Proceeds from the collection will be given to Catholic Relief Services for immediate distribution. Please mark your donations **"Haiti Relief."**

SEPTEMBER 11 PRAYER SERVICE

As we commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the attacks on September 11, you are invited to gather in the church for a prayer service that **Saturday, September 11, at 8:45 AM** (the time the first plane struck the towers). If you would like to assist in the service, please contact Fr. Brian.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Starting Tuesday, September 7th:

**The rectory office will be open
Monday-Friday 8:30 am—1:00 pm**

LABOR DAY

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday.

Knights of Columbus



BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast will be **Sunday, September 19** from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at their hall on Stoney Batter. Price is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for children under 7. The menu includes orange juice, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, French toast, pancakes, sausage gravy, oatmeal, hot syrup, peaches, waffles, coffee and hot chocolate. We make specialty eggs and blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes upon request. Please come enjoy a great breakfast at the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus Home at 315 Stoney Batter (up the hill from Dollar General). Eat-in or Take-out!

BINGO!

The Knights of Columbus BINGO will be held **Monday, September 13th** in the School Auditorium. Doors will open to the public for food and Games of Chance at 6PM, and the first BINGO will begin at 7PM. \$20 for 20 Games. Walk-ins welcome! Smoke Free Facility. We will have plenty of homemade baked goods and items for dinner. Bingo is the second Monday of each month thru June.

FAMILY PICNIC

Brother Knights and their Families are invited to a Family Picnic on **Sunday, September 12th** at Bald Eagle State Park. Picnic will be Pot Luck with the council providing Hamburgers and Grilled Chicken. Please RSVP to Brother Knight Art Ardire at aaakc4u@gmail.com by September 9th with how many will be attending from your family.

FROM FR. RALPH

Dear Fr. Brian, Deacon Tom and most cherished Parishioners of St. John and St. Kateri Catholic Church,

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to see all of you again. These past six weeks have passed quickly, however I have been blessed to renew our strong bonds of friendship. I am always inspired by your immense financial support, kindness and generosity; and I am most grateful to you.

As you know it takes about \$44,000 just to run the school for one year with teachers' salaries, supplies, the lunch program, gas and maintenance for the bus and in-service training, etc., etc. Added to that the need for about \$30,000 worth of repairs and up keep. However as you have done many times through the years you have given me hope and assurance that your support remains strong. My prayers and gratitude are always with you. God is doing great work through you. It has been a joy to get to know Father Brian and I can say with confidence I have found a new friend! I see God's hand in providing these good people both past and present.

I am looking forward to seeing you again next summer with an update and examples of the good work God does by means of your generosity.

May God Bless each and everyone of you. You are amazingly wonderful people!

With a grateful heart.
Fr Ralph

Weekly Financial Report

For Weekend of August 29, 2021

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory:	\$	5,920.00
Loose Offertory:	\$	1,526.00
Children's Offertory:	\$	21.00
Special Monthly:	\$	220.00
Votive Candles:	\$	122.80

ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ **7,809.80**

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Ascension:	\$	35.00
Local Family Assistance:	\$	361.00
Cemetery:	\$	45.00
Maintenance:	\$	625.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ **1,066.00**

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ **8,875.80**

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ **90.00**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary:	\$	25,396.00
Catholic University:	\$	60.00
Retired Priest Medical:	\$	15.00

Thank you for your generosity.

St. John School News



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MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

- We have received donations from the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters to assist with the purchase of a new office mailbox for our faculty and staff.
- We have received a donation to the Angel Fund from Tracey Benson & Claire Kimmel. This donation will assist with the tuition of a student(s) attending our school.
- We have received a donation in memory of Mary "Molly" Danko from Sarah Shirk.
- We have also received the following donations in memory of Cynthia "Cindy" Rose Spicer: Lois Watson; Mary Jo Stine; Rosalie Bailey; and Greg & Tina Wendt.
- We appreciate the generosity of our alumni and would like to thank John Luckovich/Plumb's Drug Store & Gift Shop for his annual donation of free ice cream cone coupons given to each student on their birthday.
- Thank you to the following people who volunteered their time and talent to help with summer projects: Bob Kucas, Ed Mulfinger, Stephen St. Amant, Fred Smithmyer, Jim and Nancy Swartzell, Greg Wendt, and Brian Yangula. We are so appreciative of everyone's help and apologize if we've missed mentioning your name, but know that you are in our prayers for your contributions to Saint John School.

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

There will be no school on Friday, Sept. 3, and Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

**God bless all our benefactors
for your generosity to
and support of our school.**

Parish News

ADULT CHOIR

The Traditional (Adult) Choir is beginning rehearsals, after our summer break. We are always looking for new voices, especially *male* voices! No musical experience is necessary – just a desire to praise God through song. We are also looking for instrumentalists. If you would like to join your voice with ours, please contact Choir Director David Harry at 814-880-8427 or at centreplayhouse@aol.com.

RCIA

Thinking about becoming Catholic? It's not too late to join the RCIA Class! If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. If you would like more information, please contact the rectory office, or RCIA coordinator David Harry at 814-880-8427 or at centreplayhouse@aol.com.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

St. John's 2021 CMD Goal: **\$55,362.00**
Total donations pledged through August 10, 2021:
\$42,906.00 Thank you for your generosity!

HEALING THROUGH FAITH MEETINGS

Are you grieving the loss of your health, a job, financial stability, marriage, lifestyle changes due to living during a pandemic, grieving a miscarriage, or grieving the loss of a loved one? If you are looking for an opportunity to talk about your grief with others who are experiencing similar feelings, join us as we support one another through our faith. The next Healing Through Faith meetings will be **Tuesday, September 14 at 9:00 AM** and **Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 PM**. Meetings are held in the rectory basement. For more information call Ed Mulfinger at 280-2755 or Connie Davis at 355-1280.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church

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

Mass is celebrated Sunday at 12:00 Noon

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 12

12:00 PM Flood & Kennedy Families
(Polly Flood)

2022 St. Kateri MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for **2022** is open for booking. Call or email Liz (355-3134) to schedule your intentions.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD for the 2021-22 school year for grades 1st thru 11th will begin on **Sunday September 19th**. Classes will be held 10:15 am to 11:45 am. Classes to be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Only new students need to register using the forms located on the shelf in the church foyer. Return completed forms to Millie Turner.

Parents for students in grades 9th thru 11th are required to attend class with their student on the first day (September 19).

Contact Millie Turner with any questions.
Email: mlt3557@verizon.net or 814-883-6474.

Communion Service/Holy Hour

Next service: Tuesday, September 7

Communion service at 11AM. Adoration until 12PM.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 5—Jim Hodgson

September 12—Norma Muck

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS

August 22 \$ 1,304.00

August 29 \$ 1,355.00

Parish News

Calling all YOUTH

The Saint John Youth Choir is looking for more singers! If you are in grades 3-12, love to sing and are looking for a fun way to get involved in the church, you should definitely come check us out. More detailed information about Youth Choir is available on the table in the back of the church. If you have questions feel free to contact Natalie Stanton (Youth Choir Director and Church Music Coordinator) nstanton@saintjohnsch.net.

BASKET RAFFLE & JEWELRY SILENT AUCTION

The Saint John's in Stitches basket raffle & jewelry silent auction will be September 25 & 26 after all masses in the school auditorium. Also, we are going to have a presale weekend on September 18 & 19 after all masses (outside, weather permitting). Tickets are \$10 for 25 basket raffle chances and 1 door prize. Cookies and water will be available on the weekend of the 25th - 26th at the raffle. Call Joan Brummert at 353-4923 or Janie Provan at 814-933-9656 for more information or to buy presale tickets. **Over 60 baskets! Bowling, Golf, wine, kids, lottery tickets, gift cards—come & check it out!**

HOLY NAME OF MARY SCHOOL

How to support Fr. Ralph's School:

Make checks to "St John the Evangelist Catholic Church" with "Holy Name of Mary School" in the Memo.

Drop your donation in the collection basket at Mass or mail to 134 E. Bishop St, Bellefonte 16823.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12, 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. One more class will be offered this year: **December 5**. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tom Boldin at 355-4234 or email at stboldin@verizon.net.

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Thanks so much!
Liz