

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

April 26, 2026/Fourth Sunday of Easter



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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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, April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist
5:00 PM Fr. Joshi's Ordination Anniversary

Sunday, April 26
8:00 AM Tom Hayden
(Doug & Sharon Johnson)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday, April 27
9:00 AM Robert Rose (Rose Family)

Tuesday, April 28 Ss. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion
8:00 AM Felix Albarano (Joe & Toni Beigle)

Wednesday, April 29 St. Catherin of Siena
8:00 AM James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

Thursday, April 30 St. Pius V, Pope
6:00 PM Special Intentions of Carole Rose
(Rose Family)

Friday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker
8:00 AM Barbara Pearce
(Donna & Terry Neidigh)

Saturday, May 2 St. Athanasius
8:00 AM Recently Deceased

5:00 PM Lee Marshall (Gingher Family)

Sunday, May 3
8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM Helen & Henry Grote
(Fabian & Monica Grote)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, May 2 5:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Janie Provan/Sandy Kowalski
Lector: Lucia Stover
Servers: Elliott Brezler/Luke Russell
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, May 3 8:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Rawding/Kevin Trimpey
Lector: Kevin Trimpey
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Oliver St. Amant
Music: Traditional

Sunday, May 3 10:15 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Burkett/Leoni Martins
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Ali Nasoni/Lilly Weiser
Music: Jay Zimmerman

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, April 26
12:00 PM Carol Hayes (Lynn Ellen Dixon)

Sunday, May 3
12:00 PM Walter Johnson (Johnson Family)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, April 28th 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

April 26: Millie Turner
May 3: Deb Cusatis

Eucharistic Minister

April 26: Sandy Rockey
May 3: Sister Judith

Hospitality

April 26: Shelly Houser & Susan Slenker
May 3: Connie Corl & Celina Jovel
May 10: Mother's Day- no hospitality

GREETERS WANTED: at St. John and St. Kateri

We are interested in setting up a system where parishioners greet other parishioners and guests as they enter the church before the scheduled Masses. The commitment would be for a half hour before the scheduled Mass time on the day and time that you normally attend. Frequency would be once every other month. Individuals, couples and families are invited to participate. Contact the Parish office if interested.

ST. JOHN MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Received in Memory of
Owen Herniman
From Jane & Daniel Fisher;
From Howard Haus and
From Cecelia Doty

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2026: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. The class dates for 2026 are June 14, 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. April 26 **3:00 PM Holy Hour for
Vocations**
Mon. April 27 **1:00 PM St. John's in Stitches**

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.

Carmelite Community of the Word Golf Tournament

The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Scotch Valley Country Club. This year our tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. We will provide a continental breakfast in the morning, and after your round of golf, lunch will be served, followed by awards and an auction. Cost is \$450 for a foursome; \$150 for individual golfers. Final deadline for Registration is May 27 or when we get 28 teams. To register, or for more information, contact Kelli Murphy at 814-886-4098 or email at communityofficeccw@gmail.com. Come and join us, this event has proven to be a fun day for all! If you cannot golf, but would like to make a donation, contact our offices. Thank you!

PRAY FOR AMERICA: The prayer group will be meeting after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, May 17 th in the rectory basement. 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. JOHN'S IN STITCHES FUNDRAISER

St. John's in Stitches will be holding a "Christmas in May" Sidewalk Sale Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16 from 8am-1pm on the sidewalk in front of the church during the Bellefonte Community Yard Sale. We will be selling Christmas nativity sets, wreaths, decorative snowmen and more. These items were donated to our group from the private collection of St John's parishioners Jim and Nancy Swartzell. You don't want to miss this sale!

Saint John's in Stitches sewing group is meeting on Monday 4/27 at 1 pm in the rectory basement.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling COAL tickets in front of the church before and after all Masses on Sunday, April 26th. Tickets are \$5.00 each

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of April 19, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 5,926.40
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,221.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 4.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 655.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 154.18

ORDINARY TOTAL **\$ 7,960.58**

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 50.00
Maintenance:	\$ 120.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: **\$ 170.00**

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: **\$ 8,130.58**

SCHOOL COLLECTION: **\$ 245.00**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Land	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 120.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$ 100.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS *(regular & online)*

April 12, 2026	\$ 1,022.00
April 19, 2026	\$ 1,168.00
Food Pantry Donations	\$ 107.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

St. John Parish: \$55,600.00

\$30,360.00 as of March 31, 2026

St. Kateri Parish: \$7,700.00

\$10,365.00 as of March 31, 2026

Religious Education

St. John

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
April 25—First Communion 10:00 AM

9th , 10th , 11th Grade Confirmation Class

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

Wednesday, April 22 Confirmation 7:00 PM

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

St. Kateri

April 26—First Holy Communion

As the CCD year has come to an end the church sponsored a WONDERFUL dinner to recognize the volunteer's sacrifice and commitment. The turnout at the dinner was awesome! Thanks for your support! The teachers are: Michelle Wise, Jenny Wise, Kathleen Rhoades, Patrick Beherec and kb Boomer.

Blessings! Millie Turner, DRE.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 pm - Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in April. All are welcome! You can come and go as you please - there is no sign-up. Whether your visit is short or long, whatever you can offer to the Lord He will multiply. It is a beautiful way to spend quiet, one-on-one time with our Lord.

ANOTHER CHURCH VISIT:

Even though the Pilgrimage Year Church Visits ended in December, members of the committee have decided (*because we enjoyed visiting other churches so much*) to continue visiting churches in our diocese.

Therefore, Sunday, May 3, we plan to visit St. Matthew Church in Tyrone where Fr. Mike Pleva is the priest. Remember him, he was a seminarian here at St. John's several summers ago.

Mass is at 10:30 so we plan to gather in the "old Weis" parking lot at 9:00. Hopefully, some of you can join us.

DEANERY TICKET SALES: Once again we are selling Northern Deanery tickets giving you the opportunity to win the Grand Prize of \$25,000 plus several additional prizes. Tickets will be on sale at: **St. John's** in the vestibule the weekend of April 25-26. At **St. Kateri** tickets can be purchased from Sandy Rockey April 26.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY 2026

Registrations for our diocesan summer camp, Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 4-9) and are now being accepted!

Camp Z as it is fondly referred as, is an amazing week-long camping opportunity that offers participants An opportunity to learn more about their faith while enjoying the great outdoors.

A week full of FAITH~FUN~FRIENDSHIP!

Funds are available to help give campers the blessing of Camp Z!

We do not want any child to miss camp because of financial concerns.

Due to the generosity of many of the faithful in our diocese there are Angel Fund scholarships available to help offset the cost of camp for any family who is interested. Every year we have had a pool of donors that continue to support the Angel Fund. We have been very blessed that we have never have had to turn any down any family that wanted to send their child to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy. Any family that would like to apply for a scholarship is encouraged to do so.

Camp Zacchaeus – July 19-24, 2026

For more information or an application, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646 or at fswope@dioceseaj.org.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

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

ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all of our amazing spellers who participated in our Saint John School Spelling Bee! A special shoutout to Samantha Davidson, our 1st place winner, and to Jeremiah Cleaver, who earned the title of first runner-up. We're proud to announce that Samantha will represent Saint John School at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on May 7th. Our eight fourth and fifth grade finalists were: Sadie Brown, Jeremiah Cleaver, Crew Cunningham, Samantha Davidson, Audrey Hallman, Ali Nasoni, Nathan Snyder and Karina Turco.

MAY CROWNING:

All parishioners are invited to join our students on Monday, May 4, during the 9:00 am School Mass for the May Crowning celebration

WHOLE SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT AND ART SHOW:

All parishioners and families are invited to join our students on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00pm for a Whole School Music Concert and Art Show. We will begin with the Music Program in the Church and then transition to the school for the Art Show.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL - PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/REGISTRAR POSITION OPEN FOR 2026-2027:

We share both gratitude and a bit of bittersweet news with our school community. After 20 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Tina Wendt will be retiring from her role as our School Office Manager and Registrar. For two decades, Tina has been the heart of our office, welcoming families, supporting students and staff, and gracefully navigating the many needs, demands, and changes that come each day. Her kindness, steady presence, and deep love for Saint John School have touched countless lives. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school family and wish her every blessing in this next chapter. As we celebrate Tina's well-earned retirement, we are also seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant/Registrar to join our team. This position plays a vital role in the daily life of our school, serving as the first point of contact for families and supporting essential office and registration functions. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact the school office.

Please join us in thanking Tina for her years of faithful service!

EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) PROGRAM:

Let your PA tax dollars help Saint John School! We have partnered with RedefinED Advisors to help local businesses and individuals direct 90% of their already owed tax dollars to help Saint John School through the Educational Improvement Credit (EITC). Please contact Brooke Sheesley if you are interested in learning more, or share her information with an individual or business you know that might be interested. 814-270-1871 | brooke@redefiningeducation.org | redefiningeducation.org

MAY CROWNING

Monday, May 4th

9 a.m. Mass

followed by the crowning of
Our Blessed Mother



SAINT JOHN FAMILIES

Please send fresh cut flowers to school with your children on Monday, May 4th. Flowers will be arranged into vases for our classroom May altars.



VOCATION CORNER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.



Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

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.