

# 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

## May 10, 2026/Sixth 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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[www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org](http://www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org)  
[www.stkaterichurch.org](http://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, May 9

**5:00 PM** All Law Enforcement living & Deceased (Suzanne & Richard Egli)

### Sunday, May 10 MOTHER'S DAY

**8:00 AM** Sylvia Swartz (Susan Swartz)

**10:15 AM** People of the Parish

### Monday, May 11

**9:00 AM** Edward Rose (The Rose Family)

### Tuesday, May 12 Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, Pancras

**8:00 AM** Barb Surovec (Dorothy & Rich Surovec)

### Wednesday, May 13 Our Lady Of Fatima

**8:00 AM** James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

### Thursday, May 14 ASCENSION of the LORD (St. Matthias, Apostle)

**9:00 AM** Mario Truglio (Rosemary Truglio)

**6:00 PM** Barbara Gibney Gallo (Donna & Terry)

### Friday, May 15

**8:00 AM** James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

### Saturday, May 16

**5:00 PM** Justin Turcotte (Doug & Sharon Johnson)

### Sunday, May 17

**8:00 AM** James Ficarro (Tammy Ficarro)

**10:15 AM** Lillian Boldin (Tom & Shirley Boldin)

### Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

#### Saturday, May 16 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: George Callahan/David Files  
Lector: John Hillard  
Servers: Oliver St. Amant/Peter Levandoski  
Music: David Harry

#### Sunday, May 17 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Kathy Kresovich  
Lector: David Harry  
Servers: Jonathan Gasper/Matt DeRemer  
Music: Folk

#### Sunday, May 17 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Boldin/Barry Pearce  
Lector: Bib Polak  
Servers: Jack & Grant Wintersteen  
Music: Youth

## St. Kateri Masses for the week

### Sunday, May 10

**12:00 PM** Tom Klena (Diane Klena)

### Sunday, May 17

**12:00 PM** People of the Parish

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](mailto:mlt3557@verizon.net)) if you would like to lead the rosary on occasion.

### ST. KATERI MINISTERS

#### Lector

**May 10:** kb Boomer  
**May 17:** Jim Hodgson

#### Eucharistic Minister

**May 10:** Millie Turner  
**May 17:** Gail Anderson

#### Hospitality

**May 10:** Mother's Day– no hospitality  
**May 17:** Diane Brown, kb & Rick BB  
**May 24:** Memorial Day Weekend-no hospitality

**SAVE THE DATE: St. John Church Picnic June 28**

### 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.

### 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 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](mailto:stboldin@verizon.net)



**Thank you to our CCD teachers, aides, and substitutes for generously giving your time and talent to educate the students of St. John's CCD program. Your valuable time is truly respected, and we are grateful for your willingness to spend it with the students.**

**Travel with Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor of St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bellefonte, PA on our Pilgrimage to Alaska with Fr. Brian S. trip**

Where: Anchorage, Lake Hood Harbor, Alaska Railroad Depot, Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay, Whittier, Skagway, AK, Juneau, AK, Ketchikan, Vancouver

Trip Dates: Sep 04-13, 2026

Cost: \$5,699.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370.

You can also register online at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com)

### **ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP:**

Are you a young adult looking for ways to meet other people your age within the parish? Please join our group! We meet every third Saturday of the month after the 5pm mass in front of the church. Our mission is to foster community through fun experiences, spiritual reading, and charity. Our main form of communication is through our WhatsApp group chat! Use this link to join the group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FKsi3SOY6o0605hllexqRl> or email Abigael Fisher ([abigael.f.20@gmail.com](mailto:abigael.f.20@gmail.com)) for more information. **Our next meeting is May 16! See you there!**

### **CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

Please welcome the priest visiting our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to: [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach).

### **Dear Parishioners of St. Kateri and St. John,**

I am deeply grateful to God for the gift of the priesthood and for the opportunity to serve this wonderful parish community. I sincerely thank each of you for your kind wishes, prayers, and support. Your encouragement strengthens me in my vocation and reminds me that I do not walk this journey alone.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as I remember you all in mine, especially at the altar. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your goodness and generosity.

Fr. Joshi Narisetti

### **ST. JOHN'S CASH BINGO:**

Monday, May 11th at St. John's school auditorium. Paying out \$850 each evening. 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. See Facebook for this month's menu!

### **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](mailto:fswope@dioceseaj.org).

### **Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised**

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at the Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast.

All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

### **ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CATHOLIC FAMILY FAITH NIGHT at the SPIKES BASEBALL GAME**

**Friday, June 19, 2026**

6:35 PM (Gates Open at 5:25 PM)

Discounted Field Box Section 203 Tickets: **\$13.00**

National Anthem (before the game) and God Bless America (7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch) will be performed by adults and youth members of the Parishes/Schools

Please Contact: Chris Kirkpatrick @ [chris@ourladyofvictory.com](mailto:chris@ourladyofvictory.com) or call 814-237-7832 ext. 421 for information and reservation.

P.S. you don't have to sing to join in the FUN. Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church/Spikes game. 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. Deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

# St. John School News

There are many ways in which you can support our school families with their desire to provide a Catholic education for their children and reduce their out of pocket costs:

- Consider giving a donation directly to Saint John School in honor/memory of a loved one;
- Donate to our Angel Fund. Money given to the Angel Fund is used to assist with the tuition of families who are in need. The donor may remain anonymous, can designate a particular student(s) to receive the funds, or may request that the school administration choose the recipient;
- Direct your tax dollars directly to Saint John School by participating in the Earned Income Tax Credit Program. Contact the school for more information.

We are grateful for your support and keep you, and all benefactors, in our daily prayers.

## MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

School Collection (April): \$1,729

Alumni Support: Kara and Sam Cross, John and Loretta Dahmus

In Memory of Barbara Surovec: Rich and Kim Fornicola

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

## COME AND JOIN OUR SCHOOL:

We still have 2 spots remaining in our 3-Year Pre-K program! Our 4-Year Pre-K is currently full with a waiting list, and we have a few openings left in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us at [mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:mainoffice@saintjohnsch.net). We would love to welcome you to our Saint John School family!

## 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](mailto:brooke@redefiningeducation.org) | [redefiningeducation.org](http://redefiningeducation.org)

## A Saint John Catholic School education is more affordable than you think.

### Scholarship Income Guidelines

- ✓ A family with three qualifying dependents and an income level below \$177,339 is eligible for scholarships for their Preschool through 5th grade children.

### Additional Financial Support

- ✓ Active Parishioner Scholarship
- ✓ Multi-Child Scholarship

### Avg Monthly Tuition Payment

- ✓ \$259 a month over 10 months in 2025-2026 for K-5 families

### More Information

814-355-7859

[www.saintjohnsch.net](http://www.saintjohnsch.net)

[inquire@saintjohnsch.net](mailto:inquire@saintjohnsch.net)



Give your child the gift of a Catholic education.



## VOCATION CORNER

### SIXTH SUNDAY EASTER

The Sixth Sunday of Easter reminds us that Christian vocation is rooted in love and guided by the Holy Spirit. Jesus calls His disciples to keep His commandments as an expression of their love for Him, and He promises the Spirit who will remain with them always. Our calling is to live this love in concrete ways—through faithfulness, service, and witness—trusting that the Spirit strengthens and accompanies us. As we follow Christ's word, we reveal God's presence in the world and continue the mission He entrusts to His Church.



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](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org).