

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

July 26, 2026/17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE A MERCHANT ON
THE LOOKOUT FOR CHOICE
PEARLS. WHEN HE
DISCOVERED A PEARL OF
GREAT VALUE, HE SOLD
EVERYTHING HE OWNED
AND BOUGHT IT!

Matthew 13:45-46



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

CONTACT US

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www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

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, July 25 St. James, Apostle

5:00 PM Donald & Vilma Anspauch
(Anspauch, Neidigh, & Kowalski Families)

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM Charles Lutchko
(Mindy & Pat Terkak)

10:15 AM Alice Saxion (Sam Saxion)

Monday, July 27

9:00 AM Nunziata Rose
(The Rose Family)

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 AM Barbara Pearce
(Mark & Rebecca Nogacek)

Wednesday, July 29 Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:00 AM Jude Rhine (Chris & Mark Rhine)

Thursday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

6:00 PM No Mass

Friday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM Robert Saylor (Fr. Brian)

10:15 AM Clinton Swartz (Susan Swartz)

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, August 1 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Kowalski/Connie McCulley
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Cameron Niemann/Elliott Brezler
Music: Folk

Sunday, August 2 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Kathy Kresovich
Lector: David Harry
Servers: Josie & Matt DeRemer
Music: Jay Zimmerman

Sunday, August 2 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Margaret Gorzelnik/
Carolyn Marshall
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Lilly Weiser/Blaire Lewis
Music: Youth

St. Kateri Masses for the week

Sunday, July 26

12:00 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, August 2

12:00 PM David Surkosky (Cathy Surkosky)

COMMUNION SERVICE There will be a communion service this Tuesday, July 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

July 26 Gail Anderson
August 2 Millie Turner

Eucharistic Minister

July 26 Sandy Rockey
August 2 Shelly Ash

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

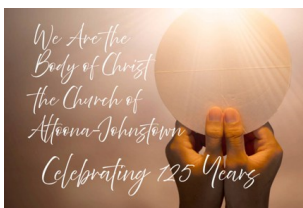
Sunday, July 26 3:00—4:00 PM

Holy Hour for
Vocations

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).

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP:

We will not be meeting in July and August! We will start our monthly meetings again in September. Please be on the lookout for any future changes.

GIFT BEARERS

If you, with your family or a friend would be willing, we are always looking for people to present the gifts during Mass. Just take the egg when you come in for Mass and then return it when the collection begins. It is a beautiful way to be more a part of the Mass.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of July 19, 2026

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 6,378.60
Loose Offertory:	\$ 1,564.00
Children's Offertory:	\$ 13.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 80.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 190.25

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 8,225.85

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 0.00
Cemetery	\$ 110.00
Maintenance:	\$ 280.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 390.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 8,615.85

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 490.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Holy Name of Mary \$ 50.00

ST. KATERI COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

July 12, 2026 \$ 1,228.00

July 19, 2026 \$ 990.25

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

Journey Through Loss will be offered at Holy Family Parish, Portage from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM on Wednesdays, beginning on Wednesday, July 29. Journey Through Loss is a 9-week Christian based Bereavement Support Program for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Friends and family members from other parishes and denominations are most welcome. We will meet in the Parish Hall, the space below the Church.

For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak, 814 502-6076, mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

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



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.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS. Bishop Mark will celebrate the annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college and their families on August 2 at 7:00 pm at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Recent high school graduates entering the military or workforce are also invited. During the Mass, the Bishop will offer a special blessing to the young adults and present them with a small gift. Please bring your own lawn chairs. If it rains, the Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, next to the Shrine.

THE COMBINED REPORT OF ASSISTANCE

FOR MAY AND JUNE, 2026

FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"Let us love God my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow." a quote from St. Vincent de Paul.

In May and June, the Our Lady of Victory Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul received 212 requests and directly assisted 338 individuals, including 216 adults and 122 children.

We helped 60 households secure or maintain housing or shelter and provided utility assistance for 35 other households.

We provided transportation assistance for 28 others and helped with the personal/physical needs of 59 others.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists Centre County residents with basic needs on a case-by-case basis. Your support allows us to accomplish the work that God has given us to do. New Volunteers and Vincentians are always welcome. Call (814) 867-3131 for more information or stop at the Thrift Store on the Benner Pike and ask to speak to the Day Manager.

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.

PRAY FOR AMERICA: The prayer group will be meeting after the 10:15 mass on Sunday, July 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: July Specials

- Christmas in July Blowout Sale. . . All Holiday items are 50% off.

Check out our selection of Capris, Shorts, Sleeveless Tops and Bathing Suits.

We need Donation Greeter(s) for Saturday mornings (10 am-1pm). Even if you only have one or two days a month to volunteer, we are looking for you. 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.

St. John School News

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

In Memory of Anna Mae "Oma" Stitzer: Anthony and Roseann Mattucci, Tony and Fran Silveti, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #448, John and Mary Jo Bachman and family, and the Marchini family

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

CLASSROOM CULTIVATOR PROGRAM:

Please consider becoming a 2026-2027 Classroom Cultivator! Thank you to the following for being among the first of our 2026-2027 Classroom Cultivators:

- 3YR PK - OPEN
- 4YR PK - OPEN
- Kindergarten - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Louise Rogers
- First Grade - Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cathy Himmel
- Second Grade - OPEN
- Third Grade - Ms. Barbara Carver and Ms. Kay Uncapher
- Fourth Grade - Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Cathy Himmel
- Fifth Grade - Mrs. Gloria Rogers
- Art - Mr. and Mrs. Jason and Taylor Doksa
- Music - Deacon Tom and Mrs. Shirley Boldin
- Library - Mrs. Cecelia Ebeling-Doty and Mrs. Rosalie Ebeling-Bailey
- PE - Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Louise Rogers
- STREAM - OPEN
- Faith Formation - Mr. and Mrs. Doug and Kristina Tice
- After School Care - Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Barbara Materna
- Drama Club - OPEN

What are Classroom Cultivators? Classroom Cultivators are generous individuals or families who sponsor a specific classroom at Saint John School for the year with a \$500 donation. Their support helps ensure that teachers don't need to use their own funds to provide classroom materials, student resources, and special activities - planting the seeds for a joyful, faith-filled learning environment where great things grow! We still have plenty of opportunities to support our students and teachers. Please join our mission today and help us continue to grow!

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM DR. SEMKO

Several weeks ago, we distributed an action alert regarding proposed legislation in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives that could have impacted the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. We are grateful to report that, thanks to the overwhelming response from supporters across the Commonwealth, the EITC and OSTC programs were not affected in this round of budget negotiations. It is important that our families know their voices made a difference. Members of the legislature received more than 50,000 responses from Catholic school and parish families throughout Pennsylvania. While lawmakers also heard from many other nonprofit and nonpublic school advocates, the strongest and most significant response came from our Catholic school communities. Thank you to everyone who took the time to contact their legislators and advocate for these important programs. Your engagement demonstrated the strength of our Catholic school families and helped ensure that lawmakers understood the value of preserving educational opportunities for students across Pennsylvania. Together, we made our voices heard, and together, we made a difference.

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

inquire@saintjohnsch.net



Give your child the gift of a Catholic education.



OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION

I would like to express the deep gratitude and appreciation of St. John School and Parish for the years of dedicated service of Mrs. Kristina Tice and Mrs. Tina Wendt. Their love for both communities shone forth in all that they did. On a personal note, I would like to say how much my mind was at ease, knowing that they were here. May God continue to bless you both.

Fr. Brian

VOCATION CORNER 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In these parables, Jesus describes the Kingdom as a treasure worth everything — a pearl so valuable that a person joyfully gives up all else to possess it. For those discerning or living a religious vocation, this is a powerful image.

A vocation begins when the heart recognizes Christ as the treasure above all treasures, the One worth reshaping an entire life around. This is the moment of the joyful surrender that marks authentic calling.

Jesus also speaks of the wise disciple who brings out of the storeroom "what is new and what is old." Religious vocation reflects this wisdom: offering one's whole self — past and present, gifts and wounds, hopes and limitations — so that Christ can shape it into something fruitful for the Kingdom.

A vocation rooted in these parables is a wholehearted yes: a life joyfully surrendered to the greatest treasure, and a willingness to let Christ make of that offering something abundantly good.

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.

