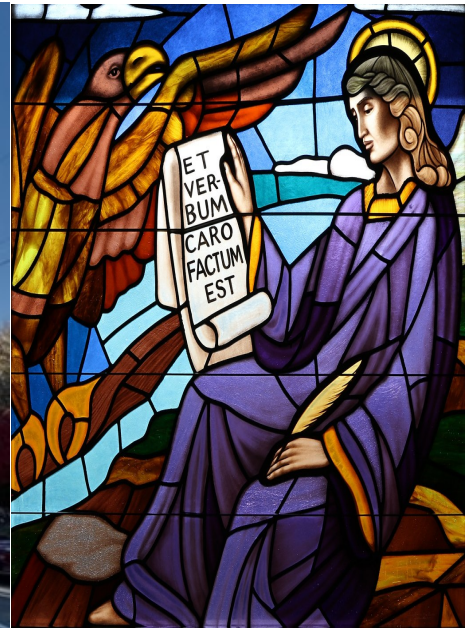


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

134 East Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

August 31, 2025/ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

**Weekday: Varies—see weekly
Mass schedule**

**St. Kateri Church: 12:00 p.m.
Sunday**

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY CLOSED

CONTACT US

(814) 355-3134 | saintjohnsoff@gmail.com
www.bellefontecatholicchurch.org

Join us on FlockNote!

Text "SJ814" to the number 84576

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor | Deacon Tom Boldin

Fr. Joshi Narisetti, HGN, Parochial Vicar

Lorraine Fello and Rose Truglio: Office Staff

Kristina Tice: St. John School Principal

Tony and Paula Roland: Directors of Rel. Ed.

David Harry: O.C.I.A. Coordinator

Deacon Tom & Shirley Boldin:

Confirmation Directors

Natalie Stanton: Music Ministry Coordinator

Joe Baummer: Maintenance

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Baptism: Call the rectory

O.C.I.A.: Call the rectory

**Marriage: Notify pastor 9 months
in advance**

Masses for the week

Saturday, August 30

5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife Genny)

Sunday, August 31

8:00 AM Vera & John Eckert I
(Jane & Jim Eckert)

10:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday, September 1

9:00 AM Egli Family living & deceased
(Suzanne & Richard)

Tuesday, September 2

8:00 AM Joe & Connie Moseri
(Brezler Family)

Wednesday, September 3 St. Gregory

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory (CDA)

Thursday, September 4 St. Augustine

6:00 PM Hazel A. Hight (Rosemary Truglio)

Friday, September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 AM James Ficarro (Kathleen Ficarro)

Saturday, September 6

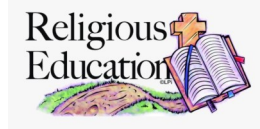
5:00 PM Jerome Basalla (Wife Genny)

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:15 AM For the Health of Jeanne Thompson
(Deacon Tom & Shirley)

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 chalice. Sign-up by calling or emailing the Church Office.



CCD GRADES K-8

CCD classes begin Sunday, September 14th 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.

ATTENTION 9th, 10th and 11th GRADE STUDENTS – For the past three years the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been working to update the preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Confirmation revision involves all ninth, tenth and eleventh grade religious education students, Home School students and St. Joseph's students. Father Brian and the Confirmation Team will be having a meeting to introduce the new Confirmation preparation process on September 7th after the 10:15 Mass.

It is required that the Candidate and at least one parent be present

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

BAPTISM CLASS DATES 2025: Families who would like their first child baptized must attend a baptism class. Class dates for 2025 are September 14, December 14. 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

Eucharistic Minister/Lector /Altar Server/Music

Saturday, September 6 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie McCulley/David Files
Lector: Angela Basalla
Servers: Henry & Oliver St. Amant
Music: Stephen St. Amant

Sunday, September 7 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Art & Deb Ardire
Lector: Art Ardire
Servers: Dante & Leon Pighetti
Music: Traditional

Sunday, September 7 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin King & Carolyn Marshall
Lector: Michael Jurewicz
Servers: Blaire Lewis/Alexis Fisher
Music: Youth

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday, Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, Weekday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, Weekday

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, Weekday

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Weekly events

Monday September

9:30 AM Adoration

Thursday September 4

6:30 PM CDA meeting

Box of Joy 2025

St John's in Stitches is excited to Kick-Off the Box of Joy Christmas Shoebox campaign today! There will be collection bins in the vestibule of the church from August 30 through October 11/12. Our goal is to provide 150 shoeboxes for boys and girls in Central and South America in 3 age groups: 2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs, 10-14 yrs. The sewing group has been busy making washcloths, headbands, small stuffed animals and drawstring bags. *(Note - We have sunglasses, flip flops and glue sticks - we no longer need those items)*

We are asking our parish family to help fill the boxes with items such as (see today's bulletin insert for a complete list): SMALL notebooks (4"x6"), coloring books, bars of soap, toothbrushes, boys and girls socks and underwear, toys/games and small deflated balls and hand pumps. *ALL donations should be SMALL. Space is limited in the shoeboxes. **NEW THIS YEAR - they will no longer be collecting toothpaste.**

Each shoebox also needs \$9 for shipping and handling. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make checks payable to "St John's in Stitches" with "Box of Joy" in the memo and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

Thank you!

44th ANNIVERSARY BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION:

Monday, September 8, 2025 at St. Catherine of Siena Church & Fatima Shrine, 308 Old Route 22, Duncansville, PA
Mass Times: 7:45 AM, 12:05 PM, 5:30 PM

Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine *Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather the outdoor Mass will be celebrated in church*

Rosary 8:15 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:00 PM & 4:30 PM

-Food, exhibits, religious raffle, rosary makers, and crafts in the church hall

-Following morning Mass-coffee and donuts in the church hall

-Conclude the day with birthday cake and beverages for ALL in the church hall .

2025 Wedding Anniversary Liturgies: Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years** of Marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21 in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 28 in Johnstown at St. John Gaulbert Cathedral**. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location **begin at 2:00 PM**. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through our parish office for either celebration by Friday, September 12th. Call the rectory office to register at 814-355-3134.

CONGRATULATIONS to Justin & Caitlin Leiter! Their daughter Saylor Leiter was baptized on August 23, 2025. May they continue to grow in the Faith.

Weekly Financial Report

For the Weekend of August 24, 2025

ORDINARY COLLECTION INCOME RECEIVED:

Adult Offertory (regular & online):	\$ 5,380.10
Loose Offertory:	\$ 969.00
Children	\$ 5.00
Special Monthly:	\$ 175.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 222.42

ORDINARY TOTAL \$ 6,751.52

EXTRA ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED:

Local Family	\$ 220.00
Cemetery	\$ 00.00
Maintenance:	\$ 245.00

EXTRA ORDINARY TOTAL: \$ 465.00

ORDINARY & EXTRA TOTAL: \$ 7,216.52

SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 200.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: (Diocesan or Other)

Assumption	\$ 50.00
Holy Name of Mary	\$
Missionary Coop	\$ 50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Cash BINGO: St. John's Bingo Returns Monday September 8th at St. John's Catholic 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. We will have plenty of homemade baked goods and items for dinner. Benefits the Bellefonte Knights of Columbus. Bingo is the second Monday of each month thru June, except December (third Monday).

OCIA Classes begin in September! If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) class will begin in September. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. These sessions are not only for those who have decided to join, but also those who are curious about the faith – all are welcome! 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. We are also looking for faithful Catholics interested in joining the RCIA team – we need people to help with the program and to serve as sponsors for our candidates and catechumens. We look forward to hearing from you!

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 | Confession: 1st Sunday after Mass (1:00 pm)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 31

12:00 PM Lewis Turner
(Millie Turner)

Tuesday, September 2

11:00 AM Millie & Jan Turner
(Millie Turner)

Sunday, September 7

12:00 PM Marjorie Turner
(Millie Turner)

LECTOR SCHEDULE

August 31 Millie Turner
September 7 Deb Cusatis

WEEKDAY MASS There will be Mass this Tuesday, September 2nd at 11:00 AM.

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS (regular & online)

August 17, 2025	\$ 1,008.00
Assumption	\$ 30.00
August 24, 2025	\$ 810.00

HOSPITALITY

September 7: Barb Cole and kb and Rick BB

ROSARY at St. Kateri 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

August 31	Sandy Rockey
September 7	Sister Judy

ST. KATERI RELIGIOUS ED

First day of CCD is September 21. Only new students need to register for CCD. registration forms are in the back of the church. We now have a kindergarten starting this year so any kindergarten student will need to register. CCD will be offered the first and third Sunday of the month.

Box of Joy 2025

Collection for the **Box of Joy** campaign kicks off today and runs through October 11/12! Collection bins will be placed in the back of St. Kateri church. See the announcement in the St. John section of the bulletin and today's insert for more details.

Join us for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Women's Conference at Mount Aloysius College on Saturday, September 20, 2025!

The day includes light breakfast, lunch, a keynote address by speaker Megan Hjelmstad, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop Mark.

Megan Hjelmstad, a Catholic author, speaker, and hockey mom residing in Denver, will be the keynote presenter at the 2025 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Women's Conference on September 20. Hjelmstad spent 15 years in the United States Army and currently serves the Church through Blessed is She, a global Catholic women's ministry. Register at www.dioceseaj.org/2025-womens-conference/ or call Brittany Bolland at the diocese at 814-695-5579 or with the form in the main entry way.

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL

\$8,500.00

\$18,550.00 as of June 30, 2025

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025.

Important Notice: We are taking reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The cost of the Bus is \$70.00 per person and does not include meals or the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at **EXACTLY** 6:00 AM from the Walmart parking lot, Benner Pike, State College.

ONLY 2 BUSES with 100 SEATS are available.

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to St. John the Evangelist Parish, please call 814-355-3134. More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event.

Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Northern Deanery area.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS:

Lunch program donation: Gennaro DeLuca and Wanda Villatore

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

As we joyfully begin the 135th year of Saint John Catholic School, I give thanks for the rich tradition begun by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more than a century, their vision has guided us in fostering academic excellence, nurturing a warm and welcoming community, and instilling in our students a deep commitment to living out the Catholic faith.

This year, our theme, "From Small Seeds, Great Things Grow," reminds us that every lesson taught, every act of kindness shared, and every prayer offered plants seeds that will flourish in the lives of our students for years to come.

I am deeply grateful to our parishioners for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support, which make our mission possible. I especially thank our school families for entrusting us with their greatest gifts: their children. It is our privilege to walk with them as they grow into bright, faith-filled servant leaders. May God bless our students, families, faculty, staff, and parish as we begin another year of faith and learning together.

In Christ,
Kristina Tice

Principal of Saint John Catholic School

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Friday, August 29th and Monday, September 1st - No School in observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 2nd - School resumes and first day of Pre-K

A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

The school would like to give a special thanks to Joe Baumer, Bob Kucas, Genie Robine, Henry St. Amant, Katey Smoyer, Nancy Swartzell, and Sam Yangula. Thank you for the time, energy, and care you gave in preparing our school over the summer. Your hard work—often behind the scenes—has created a welcoming space for our students to learn and grow this year.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR SAINT JOHN OKTOBERFEST:

Join us for a fun and festive evening to benefit Saint John School.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Location: The Shop – 129 Snyder Brook Lane, Bellefonte

Cost: \$40 per person (must be 21 or older)

Each ticket includes:

- One beverage
- One meal
- One dessert
- Door prize entry
- Custom mug
- Live entertainment by The Little German Band

Purchase tickets at the school or rectory office, or securely online at <https://www.saintjohnsch.net/oktoberfest>. Tickets will be available through September 27 and will not be sold at the door. For questions or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact us at 814-355-7859 or oktoberfest@saintjohnsch.net. We hope to see you there in support of Saint John School.

SAINT JOHN Oktoberfest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 6-9 PM
The Shop - 129 Snyder Brook Lane, Bellefonte

TICKET INCLUDES:
ONE BEVERAGE | ONE MEAL | ONE DESSERT
DOOR PRIZE ENTRY | CUSTOM MUG
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY THE LITTLE GERMAN BAND

**Purchase tickets at school or rectory office,
or pay securely online using QR code
to pick up your tickets at the event.**

**ON SALE NOW
\$40/PERSON**
must be 21 years of age or older

**TICKETS FROM THIS
21+ EVENT TO BENEFIT
SAINT JOHN SCHOOL**

**Robin Hood
Brewing Co.**

**AXEMANN
BREWERY**

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Contact us at
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with any questions or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.
Tickets will be sold until September 27
and will not be available at the door.





Calling All Youth Singers!



The Saint John Youth Choir is looking for more voices to join our joyful music-making! If you're in grades 3–12, love to sing, and want a fun way to get involved in our church family, we'd love for you to come check us out.

Questions? Contact Natalie Stanton — Youth Choir Director & Church Music Coordinator — at nstanton@saintjohnsch.net.

VOCATION CORNER

"An attentive ear is the desire of the wise." Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?



Today's readings remind us that true greatness lies in humility and service. Is the Lord calling you to follow in his footsteps, embracing a life of humble service as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact our Vocation Office to learn more about how you can serve God and others through a vocation in the Church. Fr. Peter Crowe vocations@dioceseaj.org