

**St. John Fisher  
Roman Catholic Church**  
30 Jones Hollow Rd, Marlborough, CT. 06447

# BREAD



“For the bread of God  
is that which comes  
down from heaven and  
gives life to the world.”

JOHN 6:33

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**NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to the St. John Fisher Parish Family!**  
Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or give it to Father Sas after Mass. We will send you a registration form and a welcome packet as new parishioners.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30am Monday - Thursday

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00pm or by  
Appointment

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## Bible School Opportunity

Looking for a way to take a deeper dive into Sacred Scripture? Consider enrolling in the Catholic Biblical School offered through our diocese. This comprehensive program allows you the opportunity to read, pray and interpret sacred biblical texts while enriching your faith in a communal setting. Classes are currently being offered in-person and virtually. Barbara Jean Daly-Horell, Director of the program, states that through participation in this program, "You will increase your understanding of Christ and will engage the Bible within its cultural and literary context, enabling you better to live and be a witness to your Catholic faith today."

Applications for enrollment in the Catholic Biblical School are now being accepted through the end of August. The required Orientation is Saturday, September 11, and first-year classes begin September 20-24. Virtual and in-person classes are scheduled as follows:

- In-person in the Greater Hartford area on Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- In-person at Saint Aloysius in Plantsville on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Virtual (including satellite sites for small groups) on Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Adoration will continue every Sunday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm. All safety measures apply.

**Prayer**

**DAYLINE:** Cheryl & John Egazarian @ 860.798.9010

**NIGHTLINE:** Peter Yorio @ 860.228.4109

You may also send your prayer requests to [stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnfisher30@yahoo.com) or call 860.295.0001



### Saturday, July 31

4:00 PM *Saint John Fisher Parish Family*

### Sunday, August 1

8:30 AM *First year anniversary remembrance of Belisario (Nino) DiTaranto*

*Requested by his daughter Marianne Matunas and family*

10:30AM *In loving memory of John Sarnik*

*Requested by Steve and Gail Krasinski*

### Monday, August 2

8:30 AM *In loving memory of John Masotti*

*Requested by Deacon John and Patty McKaig*

### Tuesday, August 3

8:30 AM *In loving memory of Jane Kinney-Knotk*

*Requested by Bob and Sheila Sale*

### Wednesday, August 4

8:30AM *Saint John Fisher Parish Family*

### Thursday, August 5

8:30 AM *Saint John Fisher Parish Family*

### Friday, August 6

*No Mass*

### Saturday, August 7

4 PM *In loving memory of Sonny Ratti*

*Requested by Marie Schirripa*

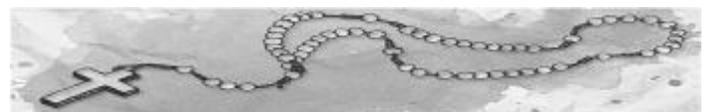
### Sunday, August 8

8:30AM *For Sharon Friel*

*Requested by her family*

10:30AM *Saint John Fisher Parish Family*

*Please remember to schedule Masses for deceased loved ones as soon as possible. Mass cards are also available for Masses offered for a special intention such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, dealing with illness, requests for healing, or any special needs. Please feel free to e-mail, call, or stop by the parish office with your request.*



Join us for the virtual rosary on Monday mornings at 8:30am. The rosary takes about 30 minutes and you do not need to have your camera or microphone on to participate. Please use the link on the parish website.

## The Power of Prayer

Prayer is that essential element in our relationship with God that can be both a struggle and a gift. Am I doing it right? Is God really listening? What is the best thing to say? Just as our relationships with friends and family change over time, so too does our relationship with God. The more time we spend in prayer, the deeper we will grow in relationship with our heavenly Father. However, prayer can be challenging for even the most devoted believer. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring prayer with the hopes that you might discover prayer in new ways, enhance your current prayer routine and ultimately grow in faith and relationship with our loving God. Like any relationship worthy of growth, the way in which we communicate contributes to the depth of our relationship. If we only devote a quick couple of minutes to prayer when we need something or when we are in crisis mode, we might not be getting the results we want. If we are honest, we discover that the most meaningful relationships in our life are the ones that we nurture and that take time and a commitment to show up. God is always ready with open arms. Are we willing to walk into his embrace?

We will begin our journey with the familiar – rote prayers. These are the prayers that many of us learned from an early age and have gone on to teach our own children. The familiarity of these prayers not only comforts us, but they are often the ones we automatically go to in a crisis. The Our Father, for example, is often the first prayer we learn, which is appropriate as it is the prayer Jesus gave the disciples when they asked Him to “teach us to pray.” How lucky we are that Jesus, himself, gives us the words to connect to our heavenly Father. Take a moment and appreciate the history of this singular prayer. Apostles, saints, popes, priest and those of us in the pews have all used these same words. The same can be said whether it is the Hail Mary, the Our Father, the Jesus prayer or the Magnificat, for example. We join with a community of believers when we recite these prayers. Commit this week to offering a few moments of your day for one of the prayers you know by heart. Looking to experience the power of these prayers with others? Join our virtual rosary on Monday mornings at 8:30am, by following the link on the parish website.

Give yourself the gift of spending time with God as you take the time to think about the words you are reciting and reflect upon their meaning. Remember, any time in prayer with an open heart and mind is time well spent!

## Save the Date: St. John Fisher Parish Family "Welcome Home" Picnic

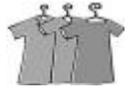
We are extremely excited to share the date of our parish picnic as we prepare to fully "welcome home" all our parishioners with a glorious gathering on Sunday, September 19th, on our parish grounds. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there as we celebrate our full reopening, where we can all finally be face-to-face as our St. John Fisher Parish Family of faith.

To make this the best gathering yet, planning will begin shortly - if you would like to be part of the planning or if you have suggestions to share, please reach out to Barbara at dembkm@comcast.net. An initial planning meeting will be set soon!



## Help Others by Donating to Goodwill

Since August 2020, St. Vincent DePaul has provided over \$4,000 in clothing vouchers to their clients. These vouchers allow clients to choose clothes for themselves, reducing the embarrassment and stigma associated with poverty. This program allows individuals in our greater community to maintain their dignity. As you go through your closets this summer, please pick up a yellow donation card at the church before you bring your donations to Goodwill. Yellow donation cards can be found at the entrances to the church.



## Saint Ignatius of Loyola

"Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."

St. Ignatius of Loyola

July 31 is the memorial for St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and author of the Spiritual Exercises. Born into nobility as the youngest of thirteen children, this Spanish saint lived a colorful and accomplished life in the military until a cannonball injured his leg. During his recovery, Ignatius spent time reading about the life of Christ and various saints. He was deeply impacted by these stories and thus began his conversion. In founding the order of the Society of Jesus, St. Ignatius shares his vision of “finding God in all places.” May we take a moment on this day to use our God-given gifts and talents to heed St. Ignatius’ call to “go forth and set the world on fire.”

To learn more about St. Ignatius you can visit: [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ignatius-of-loyola](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ignatius-of-loyola)

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