



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *Oct. 28 2018*

30th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way;
your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his
sight and followed him on the
way. - Mk 10:52

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM
WEEKDAYS (Chapel): Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM
HOLY DAYS: Vigil - 7:00 PM; 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
HOLIDAYS: 9:00 AM
CONFESSION: Sat., 3:00 - 3:45 PM or by appointment

Business Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
(Office closed weekdays from 12:00-1:00pm for lunch)

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TODAY IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, THE 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Today's Gospel is Mark 10: 46-52.

"Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man

with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers. When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, he begins his shouts for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward. "What do you want me to do for you?"

Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. By asking James and John about their request, their selfishness is exposed. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us! Take some time in silent prayer today. Imagine yourself there on a dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, he asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Search your heart. How would you respond? He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent! "Go ... your faith has saved you."



ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY APPEAL

St. John Fisher Parish has been very blessed this year to have two seminarians serve our parish in a variety of ways. Both Henry Graebe and Matthew Nwafor have brought their exuberance and faithfulness to our parish.

The work of the seminary requires the generosity of the faithful in Philadelphia. Without financial and prayerful support, St. Charles couldn't continue its mission of forming good priests with a deep commitment to become servant leaders. A gift also supports the candidates for the Permanent Diaconate and programs for lay church leaders. A gift provides for the future of our faith.

The annual St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal begins in November. On the weekend of **November 10 & 11**, Henry will speak at all Masses and tell you, in his own words, what your financial support means to his classmates and him, as well as the future of the seminary. Pledge cards will be available in Church. You can make a pledge, a one-time gift, or an electronic donation by visiting www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org.

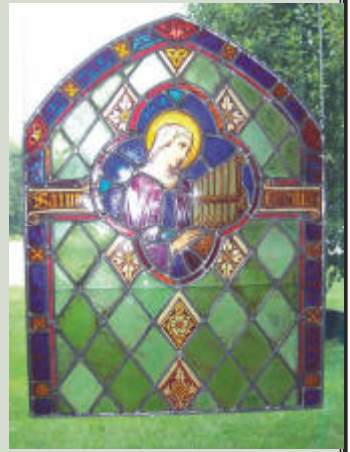


THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS is November 1, a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Parish will celebrate a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, October 31 at 7:00pm. Masses on Thursday, November 1, will be held at 9:00am and 7:00pm. There will be no

7:30am Mass in the Chapel on November 1.

REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF! Stained Glass Windows

Beyer Studio, located in Germantown, employs the artisans working on the restoration of the stained glass windows from Holy Saviour Church that will be re-used in the St. John Fisher Church renovations. Beyer Studio is noted for their safety precautions, care for historic glass and rebuilding windows to match original design and intent of the artwork. We will be using a number of windows from Holy Saviour in the renovation. The Rose Window of a youthful Jesus, with the cross background, will be the centerpiece of the sanctuary wall. The shrine area/Baptistry will have the stained glass windows of Saints Agnes, Monica, Patrick, and Augustine. The area where the organ and choir will be located will display the stained glass windows of Saints Dominic, Cecilia and Brigid and the Little Flower. A new piece of stained glass will be created by Beyer Studio as the finishing touch - an image representing the Holy Spirit will be mounted overhead to cover the skylight in the center of the church. The renovation and production of these windows have been designated as items that can be named as a memorial within the *Revitalize in Christ - Raising the Roof* capital campaign. Please speak to Father McDermott if you have an interest in funding and naming one of these beautiful works of art.



Plans and preparations are being made for an **All Parish Capital Campaign Kickoff**, town-meeting style, on **Thursday, November 15, at 7:00pm**. Refreshments will be served and the architects will present the final plans.

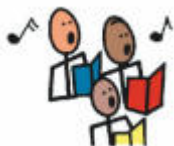
In advance of the Kickoff, there will be one more **Pacesetter Pastor Reception**, to be held on **Sunday, November 4, at 5:00pm**. It will take place in the Parish Center. This event is for parishioners who may be in a position to help ignite the campaign by making an early, lead-donor commitment at a pace-setting level. We hope as many members as possible will consider this opportunity to help launch the campaign and inspire everyone to greater heights! Anyone wishing to attend on November 4 should call the Parish Office at 610-485-0441 or e-mail your response to contact@sjf71.org.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

During this time of commemoration of All Saints and All Souls, St. John Fisher Parish prays for our parishioners who have died and been buried from our parish during the past year. The annual Mass of Remembrance is **Saturday, November 3, at 10:00am**. Families and friends who have lost a loved one this past year are welcome to attend. Family members should RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2. If you would like to volunteer to bring a dessert for the reception following the Mass, please call the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL MEN!

The Knights of Columbus Holy Saviour Choir was formed in 2005. At our first Mass, we were introduced as "The Holy Howlers." Since that very first Mass, we have been howling at least one Mass a month. We practice every Wednesday night at Immaculate Conception in Marcus Hook. There is plenty of parking and no stairs to climb. We are always looking for new members — please consider joining us. Stop by at 7:00pm on any Wednesday evening at Immaculate Conception. There is no commitment required to come and listen before deciding if you'd like to join.



CHANCE OF A LIFETIME SWEEPSTAKES

The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus are selling **Chance of A Lifetime** (COAL) raffle tickets after every Mass until **November 18**. There are 16 great prizes, with the top prize of a 2019 Chevy Spark automobile! Cash equivalent of any prize may be taken in lieu of the item. COAL chances, sold state-wide, benefit the Knights of Columbus State Council scholarship program, which awards scholarships to deserving students throughout Pennsylvania. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 chances for \$5.00. Pick up your chances soon! **The COAL drawing will be held on December 8.**



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

We rejoice with the families of our newly baptized members! Please continue to pray for these children and their parents:

Joseph Stephen-Ross McInnis,
son of Stephen and Angelina

Mario Luciano and Sophia Rose Vega,
twin children of Mario and Christina

Robert James Butler,
son of Kelly Cashwell.

May God continue to bless these children as they grow!

THERE ARE NO PREP CLASSES the week of October 28, due to Halloween and the Feast of All Saints.

The PREP program is in need of a classroom aide on Tuesday evenings at 6:15pm. If you can help this year, please contact Kathy Aaronson, 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, SO YOU'LL BE ON TIME FOR MASS ON SUNDAY!



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Total: \$ 10,655

Number of Envelopes: 452

MISSION SUNDAY

Total: \$ 1,423

Thank you for your continued support of our the parish!



Today is Priesthood Sunday, designated by Serra International, a day set aside to specifically honor priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred. We take this single day out of the year to acknowledge and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholics to thank and support the men who serve their community.

Recognizing the challenge of promoting a day to honor priests when stories of abuse appear in the news, we should strengthen our resolve to honor good and holy priests – the innocent majority whose reputations have been called into question by the acts of others. Let *Priesthood Sunday* be the one day this year when we make it a point to make the priests we know feel appreciated and special!

A BLESSING FOR THE PRIESTS WHO SERVE US

In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide. Father McDermott and Father Devlin continue Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard by sustaining and guiding your holy people. Bless Father McDermott and Father Devlin, and let your Spirit uphold them always in their service to the people of this parish.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

There are baskets on the tables at the rear of Church with cards in them with a child's name on it. Please take a prayer card and pray for our candidates as they journey toward the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

There is a **Parents Meeting** for Reconciliation and Eucharist on **Monday, November 12**, at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. At least one parent of each candidate must attend.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins this weekend. The collection of Thanksgiving meal staples will run through **Sunday, November 18**. We are in need of turkeys (or gift cards to buy them), boxed stuffing, canned vegetables and fruit, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, rice, cranberry sauce, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, and canned soup. Place your donation can in the baskets in the Church Hall or drop it off at the Parish office. No fresh or frozen food, other than turkeys, please.

DISTRIBUTION OF BASKETS: The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus will be distributing the Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in our area in mid-November. If you know of someone who could use this assistance, call Joe DiMarco, 302-218-5261.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Please return the Baby Bottles to benefit the Mother's Home in Darby by next weekend, **November 4**, to the tables in Church or the Parish Business Office. Thanks!

THANK YOU!

The response to the request for meals to restock the Aid for Friends freezer was overwhelming! Thanks to all who took the time to prepare an extra 'plate' of dinner to add to the freezer. Please continue with your generosity, which helps us feed the elderly and needy in our community!

The BEST Catholic Education Choice!

If you have children as young as three or school-aged children up to and including 8th grade, make **Holy Family Regional Catholic School** your choice for Catholic Education! When you join Holy Family School, you are joining a community with a *legacy of success*.

The Regotti family is just one example of this legacy. Current 7th grader Peter Regotti has a sister Emma, who graduated in 2017, and Peter's dad was a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph School! The Regotti's want to be sure that Peter, just like his sister and father before him, has a rigorous academic program and learns "the values we teach and live by at home." The Regotti's are confident in Holy Family School and are proud to be part of its strong legacy of outstanding Catholic Education.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesdays at 7:15pm in Church

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: Sundays at 10:35 – 11:10am in Church

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: Every other Tuesday evening at 7:00pm

RESURRECTION CHOIR: Sings for funeral Masses. No rehearsals.

MEN'S GATHERING: Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the 'Living Room' meeting space in Church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Mondays after the 7:30am Mass until noon in the Chapel. Benediction follows at noon.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY: Daily after the 7:30am Mass

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.): Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Email items to ReneeDevine@sjf71.org by noon on Tuesday.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets on the first Thursday of the month

FINANCE COUNCIL: Meets on the second Tuesday of the month

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Meets every other Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center; begins September 17, 2018.

ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL SENIORS: Second and fourth Thursdays at 12:30pm in the Church Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY SAVIOUR COUNCIL 13710: Officers' Meeting, 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm; General membership meeting, 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Meetings held at Immaculate Conception in the Hall. Contact Joe DiMarco, Grand Knight, at 302-218-5261 for information.

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wed., Oct. 31	7:00pm Vigil	Cantor
Thurs., Nov. 1	9:00am	Cantor
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Sat., Nov. 3	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
Sun., Nov. 4	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Cantor

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Celebrated on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 12:45pm. Pre-Jordan baptismal instruction is held on the Third Sunday at 12:45pm. Please call or visit the Parish Office to arrange baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm; other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: One party must be a registered member of Saint John Fisher Parish. Couples must make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. Weddings can be held at Saint John Fisher or at Immaculate Conception Church. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Sacramental Preparation Program for Marriage (four sessions) or a Pre-Cana program.

PARISH REGISTRATION: We welcome new members to Saint John Fisher! If you are new to our parish, please call or visit the Parish Office to register.

LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: If you need a Letter of Eligibility from Saint John Fisher Parish to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be

- a registered member of the parish,
- at least 16 years of age,
- a practicing Catholic (have received the Sacraments and attend Mass regularly).
- If married, you must be in a 'valid' marriage.

The pastor is unable to sign a letter unless you meet these requirements. To request a letter, please speak with Father McDermott after any Mass or call the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2.

PARISH ON-LINE GIVING: Visit the parish website, www.stjohnfisherchurch.com and click on the **We Share** icon to sign up for the electronic giving program.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP): The PREP program provides religious education for public school children from September through May. Please call the PREP office at 610-485-0441, ext. 5, for more information and to register.

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Grades Pre-K through Eight: St. John Fisher parishioners support Holy Family Regional Catholic School. Children from the parish who enroll there receive the supporting parish tuition rate. Principal: Charles Hughes
Business Manager: Kristy Cobb
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA
(610) 494-0147 www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

BRENDA GIOVENELLO
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH R. CISTONE

Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. - Matthew 11:28

Please Pray for Our Sick

Elizabeth 'Liz' Riccardi, Rita O'Neal, Tina Ferry, Molly Keough, Bobby Keough, Frank Breitmayer, Edward Haggerty, Hazel Neary, Pat Flanagan, Tanner Bell, Mary Giambri, Joe Montagno, Louis Filippone, Sr., Sister Jordan Marie Goeke, OSF, Helen McGowan, Baby Josie Sayer, Ruth Jobe, Fr. Anthony Orth, Marie Creedon, Theresa Matterno, Velia Brill, Joseph Glynn, Peg Camero, Brian Allison, Pasquale & Frankie Mignogna, Rob Busch, Judy & Jerry Frezetti, Paula Davis, Pat Oakes, Hank Granville, Colleen Hughes, John Rossi, May Graves, Amy Calcagno, Susan Curl, Marie Barker, Veronica & Joe Egan, Helen Brogley, Judy Giovan, Kevin Neary, Tom O'Leary, Nancy Finn, Barbara Rogers, Miles Owen. *Prayers for the Sick: Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days. If a person needs prayers beyond that, please call the parish office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2, to request they be added to the list again.*

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Dolores Kotch** through the generosity of **Connie Fanelli.**



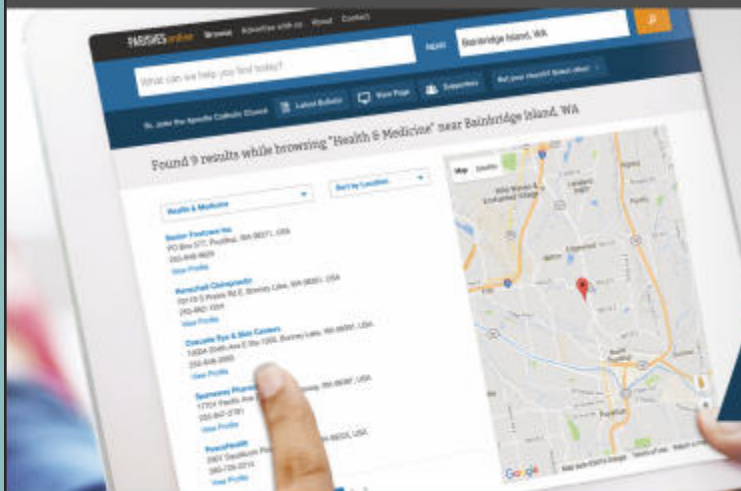
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Oct. 27	George J. Ershaw
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Oct. 28	People of the Parish and Visitors
	8:00 AM	Angelina Ugrotto
	9:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
	11:30 AM	
Monday	Oct. 29	Raymond Slezak
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	Oct. 30	Ruth Polinsky
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	Oct. 31	Daniel Dougherty
	7:30 AM	Emil & Kathryn Rohner
Vigil	7:00 PM	
Thursday	Nov. 1	Charles Martin
All Saints	9:00 AM	Ruth Polinsky
	7:00 PM	
Friday	Nov. 2	Mary Mushinski, 27th Anniv.
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	Nov. 3	John McHale
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Nov. 4	Karen Phillips
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
	9:30 AM	Edward Evans
	11:30 AM	

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