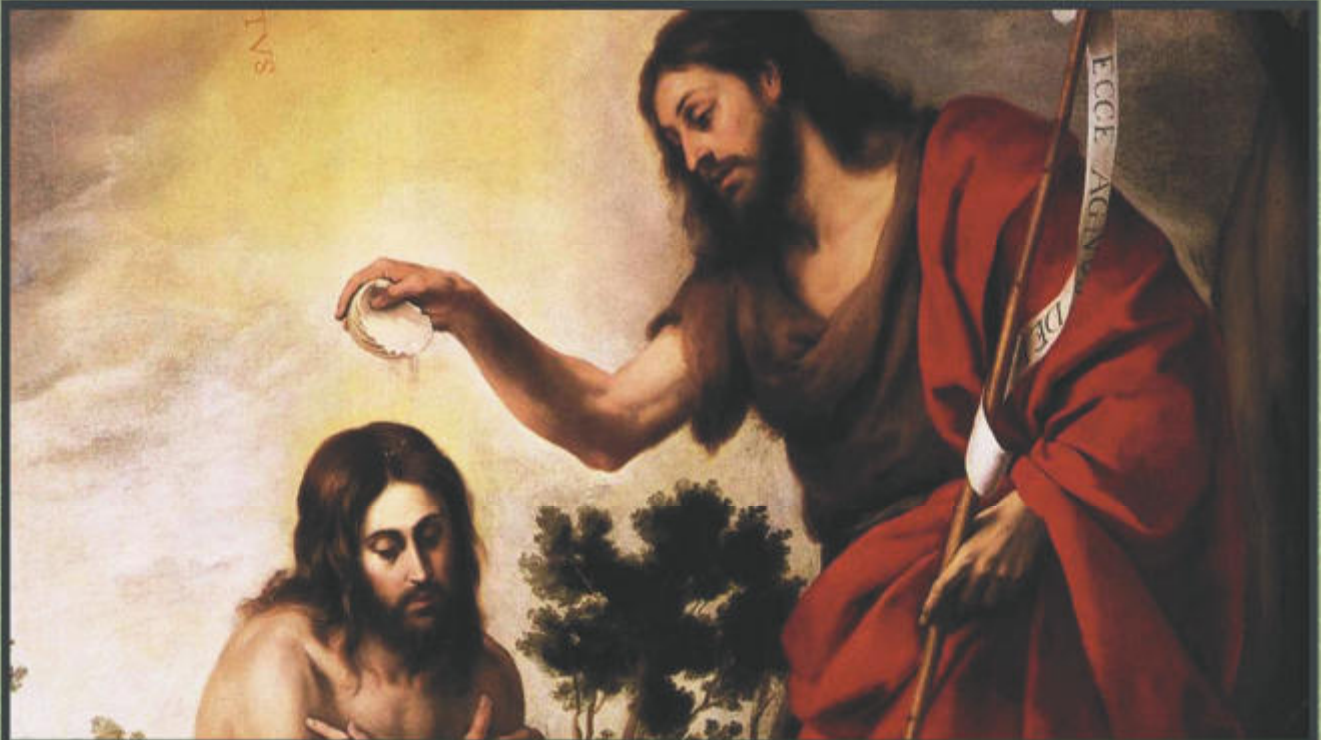




REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *Jan. 13, 2019*



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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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)

Parish Staff

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TODAY IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. The Gospel reading is Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.



Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course, but for the Israelites, they had heard the stories of a coming Messiah from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a saviour, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? Are you still waiting to encounter our Messiah?

MINISTRY FAIR

Do you have a gift to share with our parish? Maybe you are simply looking for more information about the activities and ministries occurring at St. John Fisher. We would like to invite you to join us!



Representatives from all ministry and social groups will be on hand after all Masses on **Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 13, 2019**, to answer your questions and provide you an opportunity to sign up for any group that interests you. Come and enjoy some socialization with our parish family and browse our ministry information tables. Together, our parish answers the call to serve our Lord by serving one another!

TOP 10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR MASS

10. Straighten up the pews after Mass.
9. Make an offering to the poor box.
8. Introduce yourself to someone new.
7. Turn off your cell phone.
6. Take home the Bulletin and read it!
5. Read Scripture readings before Mass.
4. Sing along with every song.
3. Bring up the Offertory Gifts.
2. Arrive early for Mass.
1. Remain until the end of the Recessional Hymn.

REVITALIZE IN CHRIST+ RAISING THE ROOF!

The Capital Campaign Team has hosted four Campaign Receptions and is beginning to reach out to those families unable to attend. Letters will be mailed soon and an "In Pew" pledge drive will be conducted in February.

In addition to thanking everyone who has attended the receptions, we would like to thank the volunteers who have been so generous with their time in preparing for and attending each reception.

Several families have requested an in-home visit to discuss the campaign. If you would like to speak to a volunteer in person at your home, please make that request by calling the Parish Business Office or speaking to Father McDermott, and we'll be happy to accommodate you.

When contemplating your pledge to **Revitalize in Christ+Raising the Roof**, please mull it over a bit. Consider these four points:

THOUGHTFUL

How will St. John Fisher Parish benefit from your gift?

REFLECTIVE

How has St. John Fisher Parish nourished and blessed you?

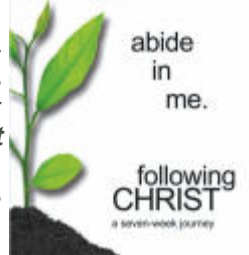
PRAYERFUL

Ask God's help in making this decision. Mindful of the beneficiary and your blessings, how does God want you to respond?

SACRIFICIAL

Will your gift make a difference in your life?

Discovering Christ was a process in which participants had the opportunity to rediscover the person of Jesus Christ in their life and grow in a deeper relationship with Him. **Following Christ** is the next phase of the evangelization process at St. John Fisher. Participants will have the opportunity to discern how one is being called to be Jesus' follower. You can attend **Following Christ** even if you were not able to attend **Discovering Christ**. If you are curious to see what Jesus has to say to you, or maybe you desire to follow Him in a more meaningful way, then **Following Christ** is here for you.



Following Christ is a continuation of our call as God's beloved children to embrace His mission, that of building and proclaiming the Kingdom of God here on earth. It is a call to holiness, an invitation to grow in a deeper spiritual understanding and awareness that salvation can only come through Jesus Christ. It is a call to embrace the truth that God's infinite and unconditional love, mercy and compassion extends to all people.

Following Christ begins on **Monday, February 11, and runs through Monday, April 8th**. We will begin each night at 6:15 with dinner, humor, a short video and small group discussion. The evening will conclude at 8:30pm. There is no cost for participants, although a free will donation will be accepted. Childcare is available upon request.

As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, we invite you to reflect and pray about attending **Following Christ**. Give up any doubts about God's unconditional love, and reaffirm your commitment, desire, and resolution to be His faithful follower. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Cookie Magee by calling 610-494-8188, or email her at doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

This Sunday is Hospitality Sunday. All are welcome to stop in the Church Hall after the Masses on Sunday for some socialization and to have a doughnut and coffee or juice.



BREAKFAST BAGS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

The PREP service project for January is underway. **Breakfast Bags** provide a healthy breakfast to children in our community. This is a great family project! To participate, just fill a brown lunch bag with the following: a 100% juice bag/box, granola bar, cheese or peanut butter crackers, applesauce, fruit cup or raisins, or any other non-perishable breakfast food. You could include a note of encouragement or decorate the bag if you'd like. These bags are shared with school children and families who are struggling to put food on the table. The Breakfast Bag collection will run through January 31. Please place your bags in the designated boxes at the rear of the Church Hall or bring them to the Parish Center. Please contact Kathy Aaronson if you have any questions, at 610-485-0441, ext. 5.



SUPERMATCH TICKETS

Don't forget to play Supermatch while you are watching **Super Bowl LII** on February 3! Time is winding down to purchase a ticket! Each game card has two numbers for each quarter played, one for the NFC team and one for the AFC team. At the end of each quarter, if each team's score ends with the numbers on your game card, you are a winner! The more quarters with a match, the more you win! Tickets are **\$5 each**, and will be sold in the rear of the Church Hall after weekend Masses or in the Business Office, through February 2. Proceeds benefit the parish. Good Luck!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA PHOTOS are available in the Parish Business Office. If your child(ren) or family had their picture taken with Santa on December 9, please stop in and pick up your complimentary print. Thank you!

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

DECEMBER 30

Total	\$	10,565
Number of Envelopes		399

JANUARY 1 - Solemnity of Mary

Total	\$	2,900
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JANUARY 6

Total	\$	14,763
Number of Envelopes		405

DECEMBER POOR BOX (St. Vincent DePaul Fund)

Total	\$	847
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Thank you for your faithful support!

CATECHETICAL AWARDS

Congratulations to eight staff members of the Parish Religious Education Program who were acknowledged by the Archdiocese for their years of service as catechists. A special Mass was celebrated Saturday morning, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul by Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald. We thank these dedicated volunteers for their service to our children.

St. John Neumann Award
(5 Years of Service)

Michael Ferry and Marie Davie

St. Pius X Award
(10 +Years of Service)

Deirdre O'Brien, Ken Ferry, Florence Silvey, and Jack Fitzgerald

St. Charles Borromeo Award
(25+ Years of Service)

Judy O'Brien

Queen of the Family Award
(25 Years as Director of Religious Education)

Kathy Aaronson

JUST FOR MEN...

"It has strengthened my faith!"

"I really enjoy being with the other guys."

[I have] "a deeper understanding of God in my life."

These are a few comments made by the men who participate in the weekly Men's Gathering at Saint John Fisher. Over the last few years, a variety of relevant topics have been discussed in an effort to assist each member to become a more authentic, Christian man whom God has challenged him to become. The day of the week for the Men's Gathering meetings has changed to **Monday evenings from 7-8pm** in the Living Room, next to the church sacristy. This hour together has truly enriched the lives of the men who have come. Perhaps it is time you joined us? Questions? Please call Bob Howlett, 610-497-0401.

SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE



The St. John Fisher American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Monday February 4, 2019**. Volunteers will be calling those who have donated in the past, or you

can sign up on the clipboard in the Church Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to Give the Gift of Life!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students from our parish who received honors during the first quarter of the academic year at Cardinal O'Hara High School: **1st Honors** - Sophia Dunham ('19), Abigail Loyson ('22), and Cassandra Phillips ('20). **2nd Honors** - Nathan Crothers ('22), Nicholas Kazanjian ('20) and William Kelley ('19). We are proud of your academic achievement! Keep up the good work!

FOR RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES...

Sunday, January 20, at 12:30pm, in the Church: Rehearsal for First Reconciliation. All children receiving the Sacrament and a least one parent must be present.

Monday, January 28, at 7:00pm: First Reconciliation. Please arrive no later than 6:45 in the Church.

Questions? Please call Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0581, extension 5.

FOOD SUNDAY: JANUARY 20

Next weekend is Food Sunday. The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and personal care products. "Complete" meals in a can, box or packet are very helpful - things like soup, canned pasta in sauce, canned tuna, chicken, or salmon, ramen noodles, individual heat-and-eat meals, seasoned rice or noodle packages help hungry families. There is a need for Depends (sizes S and M), Boost or Ensure adult nutrition supplement, bath and hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and feminine hygiene products. Cleaning products, including laundry detergent, dish soap, kitchen and bathroom cleaners are helpful, too. Please place items on the table at the rear of the Church Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 19	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
Sun. Jan. 20	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Youth Choir

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: Mondays 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A donation was made to the Christmas Flower Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Piperno in memory of the O'Donnell and Piperno Families.



HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone who would be willing to sell grocery gift cards and 50/50 chances for 10-15 minutes before and after the 11:30 Mass on the last two Sundays of the month. If you can help, please contact Regina Robinson in the Business Office, 610-485-0441, ext. 6.

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. Charles Hughes, Principal Kristy Cobb, Business Manager
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May They Rest in Peace

**TERESA P. QUINN
ANNUNZIO SINDONI**

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name."

Please Pray for Our Sick

Geri Waldron, Eugene Deserable, Donald Arner, Gladys Kinsler, Gerald Murphy, Annunzio Sindoni, Kathleen Kozubal, Emmanuel Broomall, Sal Severino, Thomas Gaska, Ray Weed, John & Joseph Glynn, Frank Breitmayer, Mary Giambri, Marie Creedon, Theresa Matteredo, Velia Brill, Peg Camero, Brian Allison, Pasquale 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. *Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days. Beyond that, please call the parish office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2, to ask that the person be added to the list again.*

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Damon Prezioso** through the generosity of **Dora and Stanley Lech**



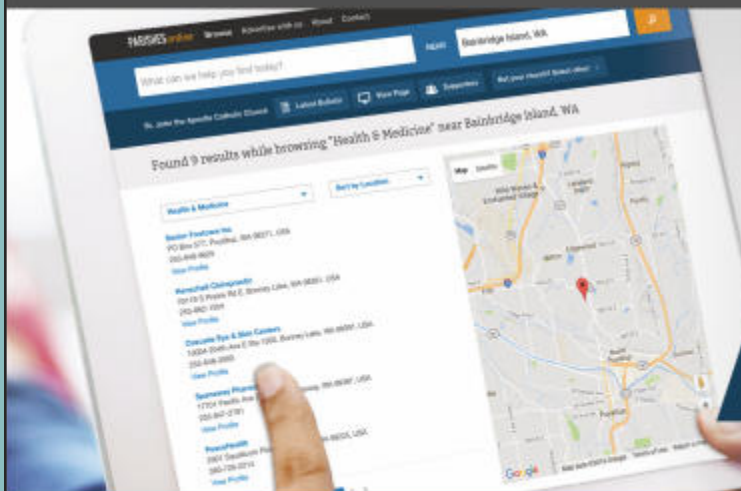
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan. 12	4:00 PM	People of the Parish and Visitors
Sunday	Jan. 13	8:00 AM	Martin Arthur Everngham
		9:30 AM	Fred Cheyney
		11:30 AM	Jack Kelley
Monday	Jan. 14	7:30 AM	Michael and Chrissy Kane
Tuesday	Jan. 15	7:30 AM	Dorothy Pyne
Wednesday	Jan. 16	7:30 AM	Mary Castellano
Thursday	Jan. 17	7:30 AM	Eula M. Ivey
Friday	Jan. 18	7:30 AM	Edward Deane, Sr.
Saturday	Jan. 19	4:00 PM	James Tims, 1st Anniv.
Sunday	Jan. 20	8:00 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
		9:30 AM	Christopher M. Felten
		11:30 AM	Anna Rose O'Donnell

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