



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *Jan. 20, 2019*



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5

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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, JANUARY 20, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel reading is John 2:1-11. Occasionally we hear someone speak about experiencing a miracle. Usually it involves rescue



from some accident or health crisis. "It was a miracle that car didn't hit me, the way they were driving" or "It was a miracle they were able to save her leg, the way that it was smashed." We even talk about "miracle" drugs, a reference to the amazing properties of life-saving antibiotics and antivirals. Miracles have a character of the unexplained to them. While scientists can describe in great detail the action of "miracle" drugs, to the rest of us they seem just amazing. Doctors can illuminate the process by which someone is healed through surgery and therapy, but again, it seems almost unbelievable when we see the results. Engineers can detail why a collision never happened, but to those who escape harm, it seems like a miracle indeed!

The miracle at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee is the third aspect of what comprises the manifestation of Christ, known as the Epiphany mystery. (The appearance of the Magi and the baptism at the Jordan are the other two.) In his Gospel, John describes the action by Jesus at Cana as a "sign" that reveals his glory. It is the revelation of his glory that causes the disciples, and others, to believe in him. It is what happened to the Magi; it is what happened to the crowds gathered at the Jordan; it is what happens to the disciples who are with him at the wedding feast.

The wonder of God's glory is not reserved to spectacular miracles that take place only at rare intervals. It is a wonder that a drug can cure someone, or that a surgeon can work so skillfully, or that for whatever reason, accidents are avoided. Seeing the manifestation of God's action each day is the sign of one who believes that the Word is made flesh and dwells among us.

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 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.

REVITALIZE IN CHRIST+ RAISING THE ROOF!

After a pause in the Capital Campaign for the celebration of Christmas and New Year's, our fund raising efforts are being re-energized. All parishioners will be contacted and informed of the plans during the course of the campaign. Within the last several days, a mailing has been sent to parishioners. As you read through the materials, please consider your pledge with prayer and reflection. Keep in mind that all contributions are tax deductible and will be used solely for the church remodeling project. Pledges over \$1,000 will be recognized on a plaque in church. All pledges will be recognized at the dedication of the remodeled church.

In the coming months, you will begin to see activity on campus as we prepare for construction. The plans are for construction to take place during the summer months, with our Vigil and Sunday Masses to be celebrated in the Parish Center during this time period.

One aspect of the church remodeling was to address the skylight in the church. Beyer Studio of Germantown, the company that has been restoring the stained glass windows from Holy Saviour, has designed a beautiful new window for the skylight opening. It represents the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. The design and colors mimic the style of the Saints' windows from Holy Saviour that will flank the sides of the main altar. Located above the center aisle, the window will be installed with the Holy Spirit pointed towards the sanctuary, as in the photo below. This new window will add to the beauty of the newly-renovated worship space!



DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Seminarian Henry Graebe will be leading the *Great Adventure Bible Series* for ten weeks this spring. The class meets from 10:00am until 11:30am, every Thursday from January 31 through April 4 in the Parish Center. Enjoy this time to learn, share, and reflect on the Word of God. All are welcome!

MINISTRY FAIR

If you missed the Ministry Fair last weekend, you still have an opportunity to volunteer. Enclosed in the bulletin this weekend is a flyer that you can use to express your interest in any one of the activities we have at the parish. You can return it in the collection basket next weekend, or drop it by the Parish Business Office. In particular, we are hoping that you would consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister, to help on weekend Masses or to bring the Eucharist to those in our parish who are homebound or hospitalized. Our volunteers are what makes our parish special...please join us!

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Is your marriage going down the right road, or it is a little off track? The challenges you face in marriage can be difficult. **Retrouvaille** offers hope for a better relationship! **Retrouvaille** is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help you re-awaken the love, trust, and commitments that originally brought you together. It can help heal your marriage, as it has done for couples around the world. The next program begins the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept confidential.



JANUARY 21 IS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY, a federal holiday. The offices of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and St. John Fisher Parish, will be closed in observance. The Parish Business Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 22, at 8:30 a.m.

SUPERMATCH TICKETS

Don't forget to pick up your Supermatch tickets! This Football Mania game is tied to the scores of each quarter of Super Bowl LII. 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!



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!

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JANUARY 13

Total	\$ 9,315
Number of Envelopes	367

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that all things, including life itself, are gifts from God. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment. Thank you for your faithful support!



Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Holy Family Regional Catholic School serves our parish with an outstanding Catholic Education program for pre-K through 8th grade. The school's motto is "Academic Excellence Rooted in Faith." The entire school community is committed to bringing that motto to life every day for each student and their family.

Kick - off the start of Catholic School's Week by attending an Open House on **Sunday, January 27, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon.**

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For enrollment information or other questions, please call Charles Hughes, Principal, 610-494-0147 extension 5, or email chughes@holyfamiyaston.org

Catholic Schools Week
January 27 through February 2, 2019

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.

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.





WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

We welcome these newly baptized children to the St. John Fisher Parish community!

**Ronan Victor DelCampo, son of Victor and Teresa,
Nova Marie DiMaggio, daughter of Anthony and
Amanda; and
Julian Jose Lopez, son of Hector and Cristina.**

Please pray for these children and their parents, who have committed to raising their children in the Catholic faith. May God bless their families!

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 26	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
Sun. Jan. 27	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Cantor

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.

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!

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
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA
(610) 494-0147 www.holyfamilyaston.org

*May They Rest in Peace***EUGENE 'GENE' DESERABLE***"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name."**Please Pray for Our Sick*

Barbara Shahadi, Geri Waldron, Donald Arner, Gladys Kinsler, Gerald Murphy, Kathleen Kozubal, Frank Breitmayer, Mary Giambri, Marie Creedon, Theresa Mattero, 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, except for those with long-term issues. If you would like to continue prayers for a person, please call the parish office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2, to ask that their name be added to the list again.

The Sanctuary Candle burns
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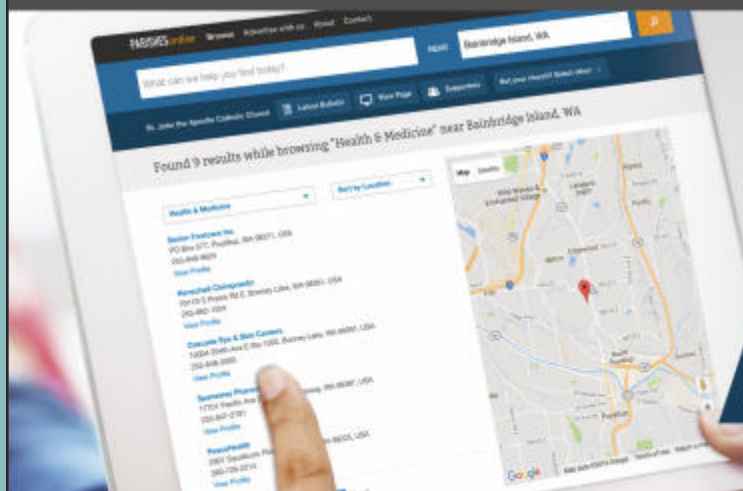
**MASS INTENTIONS**

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
Monday	Jan. 21	
	7:30 AM	Walter Karlunas
Tuesday	Jan. 22	
	7:30 AM	Jean Battle
Wednesday	Jan. 23	
	7:30 AM	Anna DiMarco
Thursday	Jan. 24	
	7:30 AM	Marian Neary & Peg
Friday	Jan. 25	
	7:30 AM	Colleen Skrovaneck
Saturday	Jan. 26	
	4:00 PM	Susan Hubert
Sunday	Jan. 27	
	8:00 AM	Harry Price
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadszewski

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