



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *Jan. 27, 2019*



*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."
- Lk 4:18a, 19*

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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

Pastor: Rev. Robert B. McDermott (ext. 3)
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TODAY IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel reading is Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. "He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus' ministry had begun. He was moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." News of his growing popularity must have preceded him to Nazareth.



Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - a hometown boy. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointing, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?

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.

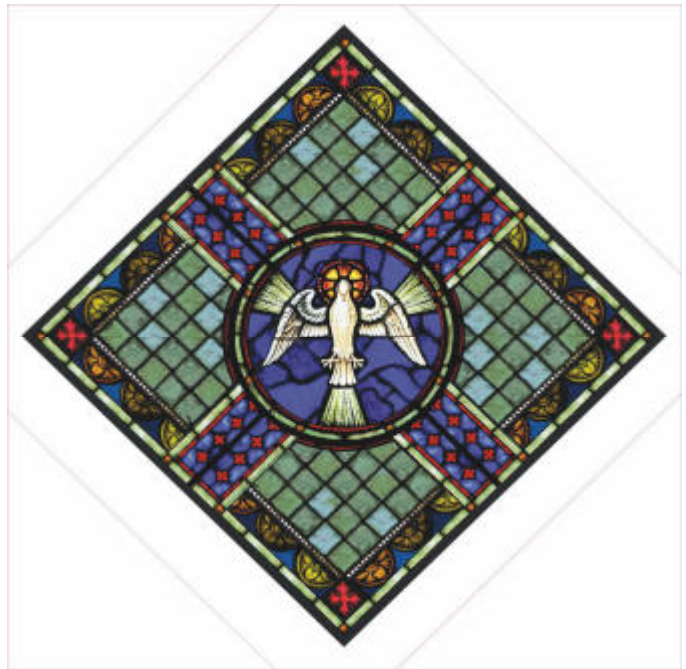
As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, we invite you to reflect and pray about attending **Following Christ**. Give up any doubts about God's unconditional love, and reaffirm your commitment, desire, and resolution to be His faithful follower. Please call the Parish Business Office if you plan to attend, so we can prepare for the meal. 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!

We are pleased to let you know that support of the *Revitalize in Christ - Raising the Roof* Campaign continues to grow! As of last weekend, **we have exceeded 80 percent of the campaign goal, with \$361,629 in pledges and cash collected since the kick-off in November!** We are very thankful for the 91 families who have contributed to the revitalization effort, and we know that more families are prayerfully considering how they can best participate in the plans to enhance our Church.

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 toward the sanctuary, as in the photo below. This new window will add to the beauty of the newly-renovated worship space!



Artist's rendering of the Holy Spirit stained glass window.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Confirmation candidates, parents and sponsors are asked to attend a meeting on Monday, February 4, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Cookie Magee. Information on the upcoming March retreat for the candidates receiving the Sacrament next year will be distributed.

Parents of the First Communion candidates are to be present for a meeting on Monday, February 11 at 7:00pm in the Church. Our guest speaker is Dr. Cookie Magee. Information about the upcoming March retreat for the candidates will be distributed, as well as information concerning the reception of the Sacrament.

Please call Kathy Aaronson, 610-485-0441, ext. 5, with any questions.

FIRST RECONCILIATION—JANUARY 28

Thirty-three young students from our parish will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **Monday, January 28, at 7:00pm.** Please pray for these children and their families as they advance in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and receive this Holy Sacrament.



Parents and candidates are asked to arrive no later than 6:45 in the Church.

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.

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE ART SHOW

The Malvern Retreat House invites you to the 8th Annual Art Show to be held at the beautiful McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center on the campus at 315 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern. **The show runs from Wednesday, January 30 through Sunday, February 3, open daily from 10:00am until 7:00pm.** Meet the artists at a complimentary wine and cheese reception on Thursday evening, January 31, from 5:00 until 8:00pm. Free admission every day! Over 100 juried artists will show and sell their paintings, sculpture, photographs, jewelry, fiber art, glasswork, wood and ceramics. There is a special focus room this year, with the theme of 'Water.' For more information, go to malvernretreat.com or call 484-321-2562. There is no PA sales tax, and 35% of all artwork sales are tax deductible and benefit the Malvern Retreat House programs.

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 20

Total	\$ 10,143
Number of Envelopes	445

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services \$ 1,412

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:
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Holy Family Regional Catholic School serves our parish with an outstanding Catholic Education program for pre-K through 8th grade.

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.**

Come and see our amazing school and meet our committed staff!

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

**Catholic Schools Week
January 27 through
February 2, 2019**



WHERE DOES THE FOOD WE COLLECT GO?

Thank you for the overwhelming response to last week's Food Sunday! We filled several boxes with staples, and collected more breakfast bags. **The next Food Sunday is February 17.**



Do you ever wonder where the items collected go? The parish supports three area food banks, plus a program at the Upper Chichester schools.

St. Katherine Drexel Parish operates a food bank at Second and Norris Streets in Chester. Food is distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon until 2:00pm. First time visitors do not need to register, but for continuing help, clients must register in person. (Contact 484-490-5079.)

Cokesbury United Methodist Church opens the doors to its Angel Food Pantry once a month, on the third Wednesday from 10:00am until noon. The church is located at 3307 Market Street in Marcus Hook.

Residents of Trainer must register in advance to use the **Trainer Borough Food Pantry** at the Community Building, 1002 Chestnut Street. Distribution is every Friday from 9:00am until 11:00am. Families and seniors are served on alternating Fridays. (Contact 610-848-8106.)

Food and personal hygiene products are dropped off at the **Upper Chichester elementary, middle and high schools.** The PREP program's 'breakfast bags' are shared with the elementary schools. Some children are sent home with a backpack of food for the weekends. Both the high school and the middle school social workers manage an on-site pantry, distributing items to the students they serve.

The children, families and older adults that we support are some of the 'least among us.' Thank you for sharing your time, energy and resources to help care for them!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Social Services in Delaware County, located on East 7th Street in Chester, needs volunteer drivers to pick up food donations on Fridays at a local store in Boothwyn. Drivers must have a valid driver's license, an SUV or pick up truck, and be able to lift 40 pound boxes. If you have an hour or two to help out a couple of Fridays a month, please contact Gloria or Honor at 610-876-7101.



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!

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 2	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
Sun. Feb. 3	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.

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!

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***NANCY SAVA**

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Carol Cippoloni, Ralph Montella, Randy Westby, Rose Liott, Catherine Noel, Betty Ann Deshullo, Ann Walley, 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 this week in memory of
Frankie Mignogna
through the generosity of
Judy Hanavin.

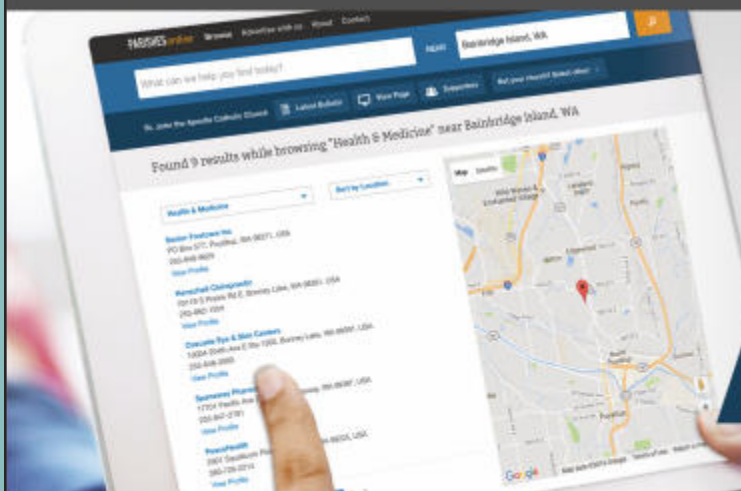
**MASS INTENTIONS**

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 Kadyszewski
Monday	Jan. 28	
	7:30 AM	Rocky DiMarco
Tuesday	Jan. 29	
	7:30 AM	Michael Piesco
Wednesday	Jan. 30	
	7:30 AM	Nicola DiMarino
Thursday	Jan. 31	
	7:30 AM	Mary Castellano
Friday	Feb. 1	
	7:30 AM	Rocco Gaspari, Sr.
Saturday	Feb. 2	
	4:00 PM	George J. Ershaw
Sunday	Feb. 3	
	8:00 AM	Rose Sperone
	9:30 AM	Francis & Esther Oleary
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors

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