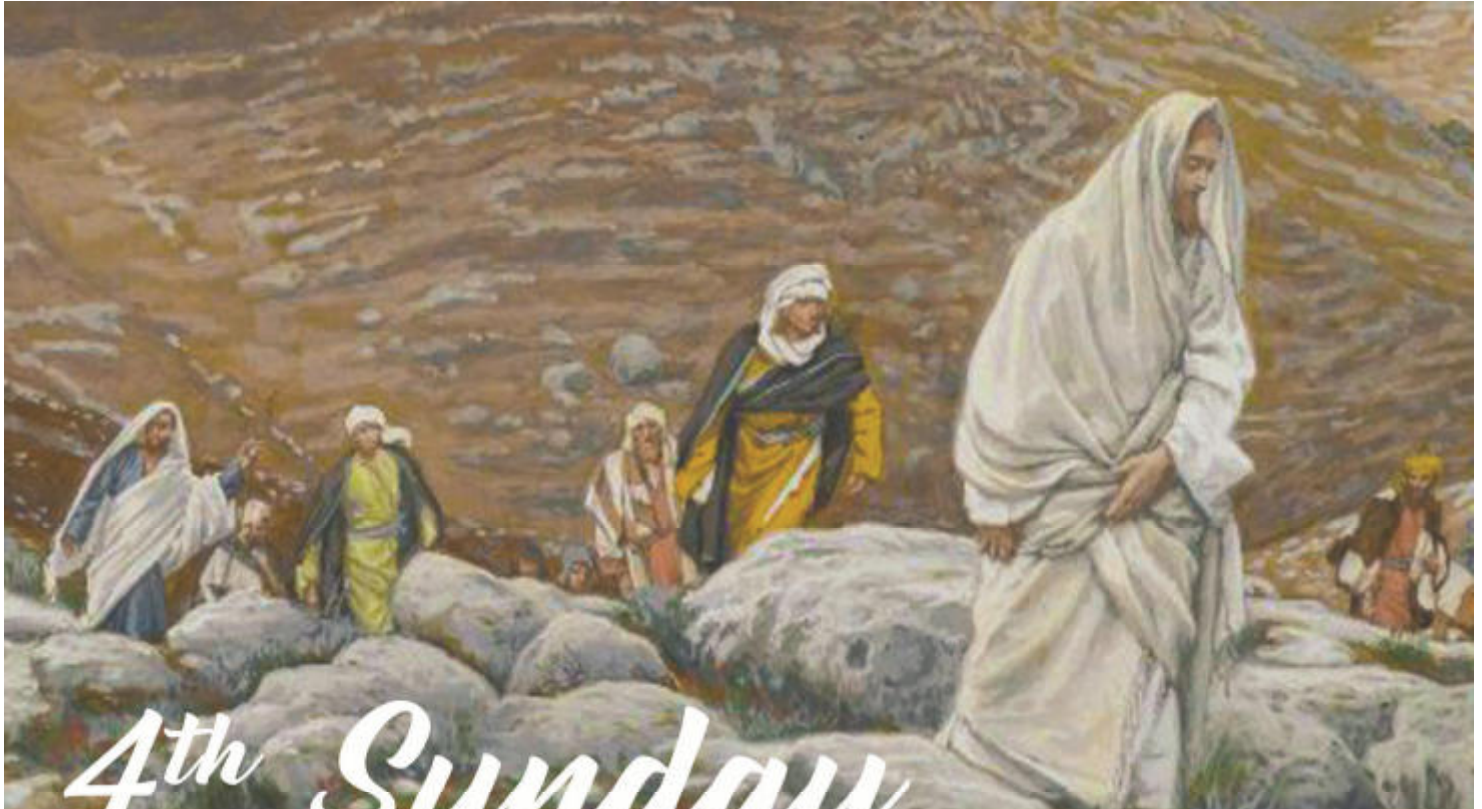




REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *Feb. 3, 2019*



4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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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, FEBRUARY 3, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel reading is Luke 4:21-30. Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction.

It is near the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'" Jesus reminds them of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. The people ignored Elijah and Elisha, so they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contradicted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

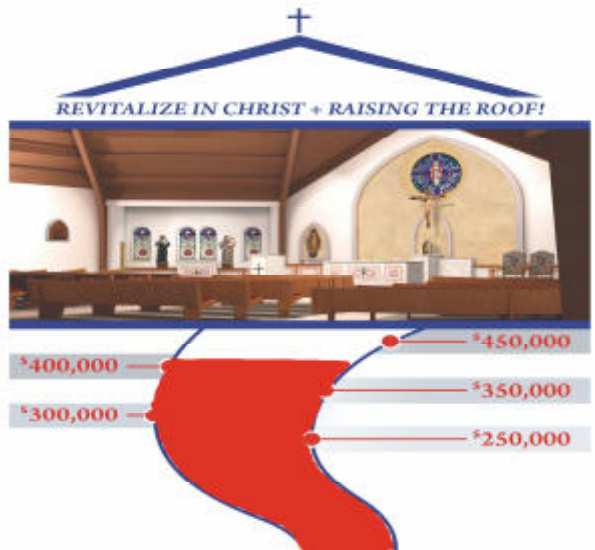
Discovering Christ was a process in which participants had the opportunity to rediscover the person of Jesus Christ in their life and grow in a deeper relationship with Him. **Following Christ** is the next phase of the evangelization process at St. John Fisher. Participants will have the opportunity 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 CAMPAIGN REACHES \$400,000!



Pledges continue to arrive in the Parish Office, and we are pleased to let you know **we have received \$400,179 from 130 families, or 89 percent of the campaign goal!** It is significant to note that more than half, \$235,079, has been received in cash, with the balance being pledges that will be fulfilled over the next two years. If you haven't yet made a gift to the campaign, please prayerfully consider what you can do to help create a more accessible and beautiful worship space. Any gift, no matter how modest, is most appreciated!



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our thoughts and prayers are with the children who made their First Reconciliation on Monday, January 28, at St. John Fisher Parish.

Ryan Anderson
Kelly Carberry
Sydney Crawford
Carly DelCampo
Jaxon Duke
Isabella Fagan
Tobi Fajinmi
Kendall Hopewell
Quinn Kator
Charlotte King
Finnian Kistler
Jenavee Lopez
Natalie Mancini
Jackson Martin
Caelyn Mercado
Bingnear
Collin McInnis

Dominic McInnis
Hannah McInnis
Danielle Mielnik
Fiona Patton
Michael Perkins
Sophia Pizzuto
Talia Port
Joseph Rebarchak
Kelsey Robinson
Gabriel Russo
Max Stinger
Joseph Stires
Phoebe Sulek
Matthew Tamayo
Shawn Verdecchio
Bryce Wilson
Zachary Wyzen

IT'S NOT ASH WEDNESDAY YET...

We turned another page of the calendar this past week, and like last year, Ash Wednesday is not in February, but next month, on **March 6**. As you are doing your spring cleaning, if you wish to dispose of blessed palms from last year, you may put them in the marked baskets in Church or the lobby of the Parish Center by March 1. These will be burned to make the ashes used for our Ash Wednesday Masses.

FINAL CALL FOR SUPERMATCH TICKETS



Supermatch tickets will be on sale this weekend and will end following the 11:30 Mass. This Football Mania game is tied to Tickets are **\$5 each**, and will be sold in the rear of the Church Hall Proceeds benefit the parish. Good

WINTER MORNING OF REFLECTION

It's winter, so declare a Snow Day for yourself on **Tuesday, February 19**, for a morning of reflection at the Franciscan Spiritual Center at Our Lady of Angels Convent. Come and build a "Snowbody"! Use the foundation of *Christmas*, add a midsection of *Ordinary Time*, then top off the snowbody with a head, that of the *Sacraments* that give us light. Embellish the snowbody with eyes to see as God does, hands to reach out to others, feet to allow us to walk with each other, a mouth to allow us to be a voice for the voiceless, and ears to hear the cries of the poor. Dr. Cookie Magee will lead the journey through the barrenness and coldness of winter to the warmth of God's great love. The cost is \$15; refreshments will be provided. Email doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com for more information or pick up a registration form in the Parish Center.



ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF REFLECTION



The Malvern Retreat House is hosting a Lenten Day of Reflection on **Ash Wednesday, March 6, from 9:00am until 3:00pm**. Directed by Father James McGuinn, this day provides the perfect opportunity to begin Lent with the distribution of ashes, a sit-down lunch, Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Held at the Malvern Retreat House, 315 South Warren Avenue, Malvern. The cost is \$40 per person. Register in advance at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JANUARY 27	
Total	\$ 11,018
Number of Envelopes	343
POOR BOX FOR JANUARY:	\$ 517

The proceeds of the Poor Box in January benefit the Bernadine Center.

50/50 DRAWING: A ticket for a \$145 cash prize was drawn on January 29, and the winners are "The Four D's". Congratulations!

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!

OPERATION BABY CARE BEGINS

PREP's February service project, "**Operation Baby Care**," supports local mothers and their babies. We are collecting infant formula, baby toiletries, diapers and wipes, baby towels, washcloths, and infant clothing. Please drop off donations to the rear of the Church Hall or the Parish Center any time before **March 1**. Thanks for you help!



HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our Eucharistic Ministers bring the Eucharist to the homebound and those in the hospital or care facilities who are not able to come to Mass. If you or a relative would like the Eucharist brought to you at home, please contact Regina Robinson in the Parish Business Office at 610-485-0441, ext.6.

AT THE HOSPITAL

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please inform the hospital staff during registration that you are Catholic and would like to be listed as such so the Chaplains or Ministers of the Sick can visit you. The Ministry Team from St. John Fisher visits Chester-Crozier Hospital on Wednesday mornings.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office and speak to Father McDermott, 610-485-0441, ext. 3.

VOLUNTEER TO BE A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? We are looking for a few more people who are willing to bring Jesus to the homebound, or to serve the parish community at Mass on weekends and Holy Days. Eucharistic Ministers will be trained so they can be confidently prepared. Please speak to Father McDermott or call the Business Office and let us know if you would like to volunteer.

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!



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.

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.



ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?



We are! Find us at "Saint John Fisher." You will find photos of parish life, updates and reminders about what's happening at the parish, and the Mass schedule for Holy Days of Obligation. 'Like' us so we regularly appear in your news feed. Share our posts with your friends!

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 9	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
Sun. Feb. 10	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Contemporary 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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



February 17, is Hospitality Sunday. Please plan to stay a few minutes after the Sunday Masses and join us in the Church Hall for a doughnut, a beverage, and a chance to visit with your fellow parishioners.

FOOD SUNDAY

The weekend of February 16-17 is the next food collection in support of the pantries in our community. Non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items can be dropped off in the rear of the Church Hall. Thanks!

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

CATHERINE NOEL

"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, 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 **Joe Walker** through the generosity of **Cathy Walker**.



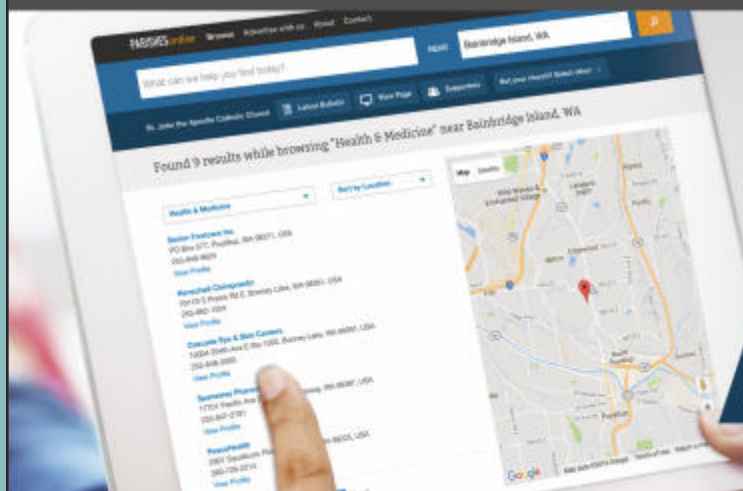
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Feb. 2	George J. Ershaw
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Feb. 3	Rose Sperone
	8:00 AM	
	9:30 AM	Francis & Esther Oleary
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
Monday	Feb. 4	Charles Martin, 1st Anniv.
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	Feb. 5	Rocco Gaspari, Sr.
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	Feb. 6	Kathleen Freas
	7:30 AM	
Thursday	Feb. 7	Harry Polinsky
	7:30 AM	
Friday	Feb. 8	Rocco Gaspari, Sr.
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	Feb. 9	People of the Parish and Visitors
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Feb. 10	Lee Pauly
	8:00 AM	
	9:30 AM	Michael & Chrissy Kane
	11:30 AM	Laura Campbell

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