



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *Feb. 10, 2019*



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### 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, FEBRUARY 10, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel reading is Luke**



**5:1-11.** Do you have enough? We live in a nation of material abundance. We have access to all the things we could need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than

we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That could have been the story of today's Gospel. Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to the other boat to come to help them. They filled both boats so much that both were in danger of sinking. What a gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing. Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God, You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You really do love me!" Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?



**DO YOU DESIRE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST IN A MORE MEANINGFUL WAY?**

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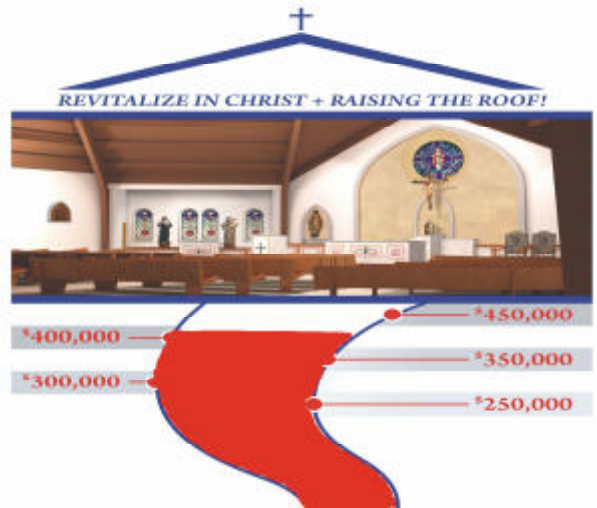
**FOLLOWING CHRIST BEGINS THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11. JOIN US FOR DINNER, A VIDEO, AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION. RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO BE A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER OF JESUS.**

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**CHRIST**

a seven-week journey

FREE DINNER BEGINS AT 6:15;  
CONCLUDES BY 8:30PM, IN THE  
PARISH CENTER HALL.

**REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF CAMPAIGN REACHES 90% OF GOAL!**



The pledges received by the *Revitalize in Christ-Raising the Roof* Campaign continue to add up! We are pleased to let you know **we have received \$406,403 from 141 families, and have hit 90 percent of the campaign goal!** It is significant to note that more than half, \$239,123, has been received in cash, with the balance being pledges that will be fulfilled over the next two years. The Campaign Committee is preparing for the last phase of the effort, hoping with thoughtful consideration, our faithful parishioners will help us reach the goal! 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...

Like last year, Ash Wednesday is not in February, but next month, on **March 6**. 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. Thank you!

### 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.

### 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. Snacks provided. Email [doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com) for more information or pick up a registration form in the Parish Center.



### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### FEBRUARY 3

Total	\$ 14,223
Number of Envelopes	415

*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!*

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY - FEBRUARY 11



On February 11, 1858 (161 years ago), the young Bernadette Soubirous and two friends were searching for firewood by a river near their home in Lourdes, France. Bernadette stopped by the riverbank, while the two others soon disappeared in their hunt for wood. Bernadette heard a rushing wind and looked up to see a rose bush near a grotto in the rock. The opening of the grotto filled with a golden light, and she saw a beautiful, young woman who motioned her to come forward. Bernadette noticed the woman had a rosary, so she took out her own rosary and began to pray.

Although her mother, the townspeople, and the priest did not believe her at first, Bernadette continued to return to the grotto to pray, seeing the beautiful woman in the white dress with the blue sash a total of 18 times. During the 9th visit, the woman told Bernadette to dig into the soil and drink from the water. After scratching at the earth, she uncovered a natural spring that flows to this day. Upon the 16th visit, the woman revealed to Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Devout people began flocking to the area. In 1862, Pope Pius IX permitted the veneration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Basilica of Lourdes is a major Marian pilgrimage site. Nearly three million people visit annually, hoping for a miracle cure by bathing in the water from the spring. Several dozen miracles have been confirmed and credited to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes.

### MAN UP PHILLY 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE MARCH 9, 2019



Men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to attend the 11th Annual Man Up Philly Spirituality Conference. Man Up Philly is a once a year conference focused on men to energize and enable us to be better sons, fathers, and husbands, by living our faith and leading our families by example. The event is being held at the Mirenda Center at Neumann University on **Saturday, March 9**. Check-in opens at 7:30am and the event begins at 8:45. Speakers include Matthew Kelly, author of *Rediscover Christ*, Ron Jaworski, former quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, EWTN TV host, the founder of the *Faith and Family Foundation* and Irish tenor Mark Forrest, with the closing Mass being celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior. The cost of the event is \$50. Registration forms are available in the Business Office, or online at [ManUpPhilly.com/registration](http://ManUpPhilly.com/registration).

### OPERATION BABY CARE

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!

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY is February 17.** Please plan to join us the Sunday Masses in the Church Hall for a doughnut, a beverage, and some socialization!

### **SUPERMATCH WINNERS!**

St. John Fisher Parish had 16 winners in the SuperMatch Sweepstakes game! Each player won \$10 for holding a ticket that matched the score of one quarter of the football game. Congratulations to the winners:

Pat Bonner	Jim Boyda	Rich Bulley
Fran Connell	John Dugan	Jimmy Gallagher
Fr. McDermott	Dan Mlynarski	Jeff Mlynarski
Paul Murtagh	Christine Reeder	Helene Regetta
Maureen Shields	Megan Sipple	Bridget Sirovetz
	Harry Stefchak	

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket to support this parish fundraiser!

### **UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sat. Feb. 16</b>	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
<b>Sun. Feb. 17</b>	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](mailto: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 February 11, 2019.

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00pm; General membership meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **SACRAMENTAL NEWS**

Parents of the First Communion candidates are to be present for a meeting on **Monday, February 11**, at 7:00pm in the Church. Information about the March retreat and reception of the Sacrament will be distributed.

### **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](http://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*

**OLGA KRANYAK  
SARAH COTTON  
SALVATORE CORRENTI  
DEACON RICHARD COYNE  
REVEREND MONSIGNOR JAMES E. MORTIMER**

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

*Please Pray for Our Sick*

Ralph Maysky, 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.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
**CHRISTOPHER SENKOW**  
through the generosity of  
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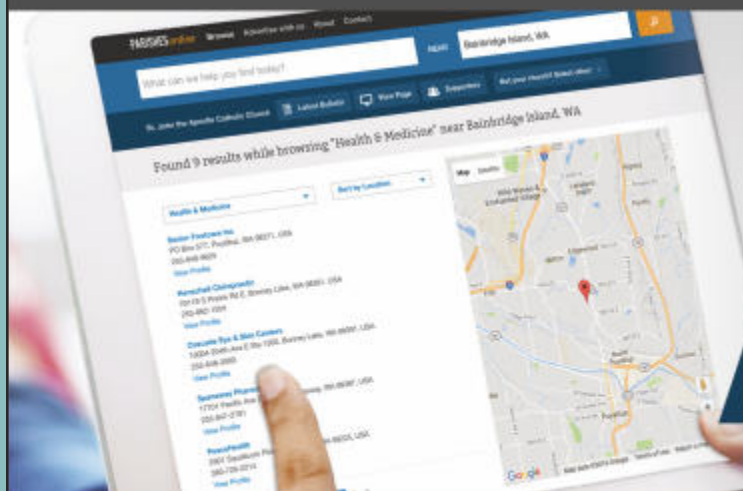
**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b>	4:00 PM	People of the Parish and Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 10</b>	8:00 AM	Lee Pauly
		9:30 AM	Michael & Chrissy Kane
		11:30 AM	Laura Campbell
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>	7:30 AM	Christopher Senkow
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	7:30 AM	Dennis J. Scully
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b>	7:30 AM	Bernadette Kozak
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	7:30 AM	Cass Maloney, 15th Anniv.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	7:30 AM	Francis Kerrigan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	4:00 PM	Karen Landolfi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>	8:00 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
		9:30 AM	Mary Bulley
		11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski

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