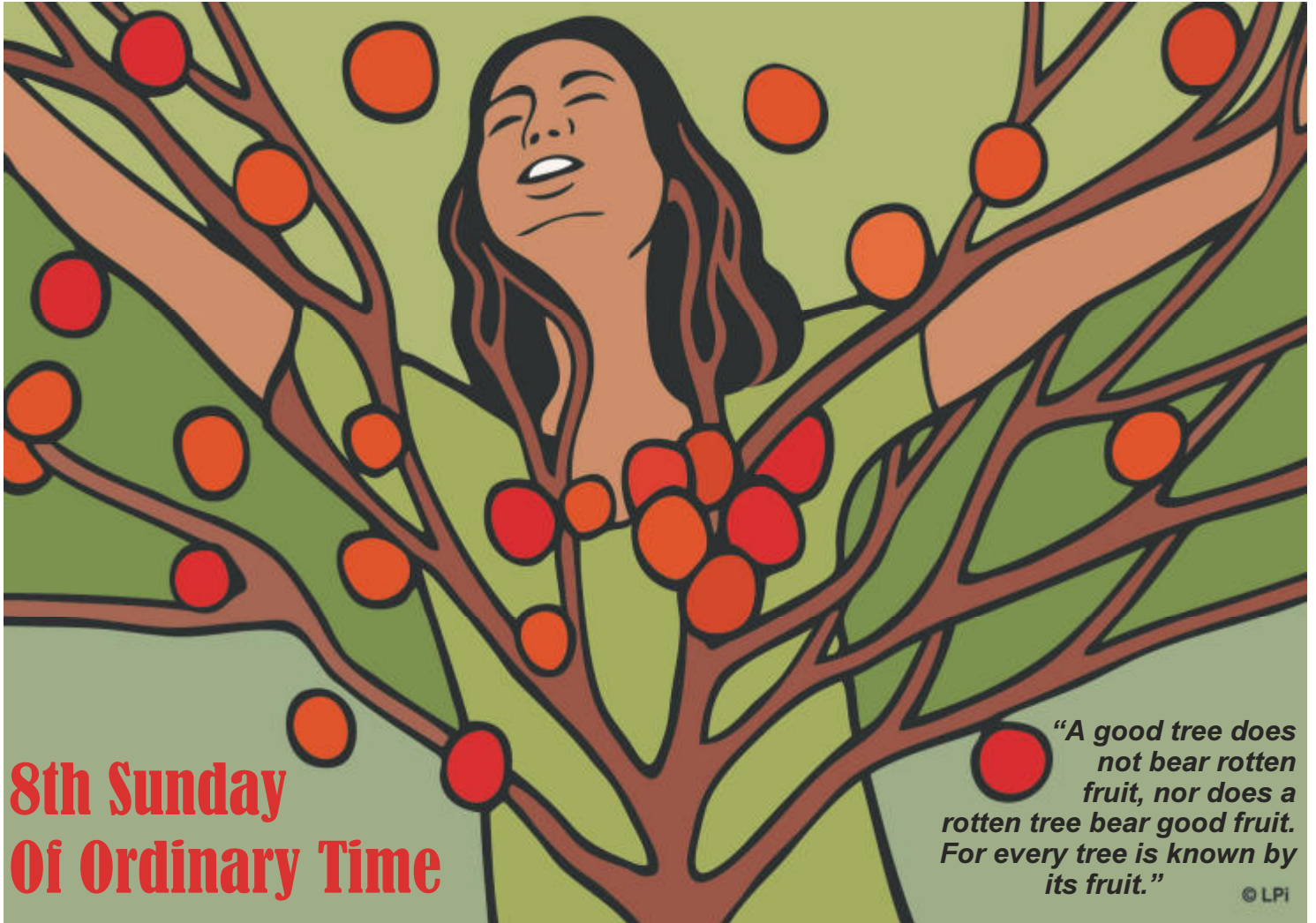




REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *March 3, 2019*



**8th Sunday
Of Ordinary Time**

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its fruit.”

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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, MARCH 3, THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel reading is Luke 6:39-45.

Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites

and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions and our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit," Jesus says. "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.

THE RITE OF SENDING

This Sunday, during the 9:30 Mass, our parish community celebrates with joy the sending forth of our Catechumen, **Michael Martin**, and our Candidate, **Nicoale Steinmacher**, to the "Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates Who are Preparing for Reception into Catholic Church." Next weekend at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the Archbishop or his designate will make a formal "election" of Michael to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Michael will sign his name in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of fidelity, and will be called an "Elect" instead of a Catechumen. He will then begin the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Our Candidate, Nicoale Steinmacher, will continue focusing on her final preparations of full membership in the Church through Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

It is the responsibility of our parish community to continue to prepare Michael and Nicoale for a fuller life in the Church. Through the experience of worship, daily life, and service in the parish community, the candidates deepen their appreciation of the Church's tradition and universal character. Please continue to pray for Michael and Nicoale, and reassure them of the parish's care and support!



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

What a great response in our parish! Thank you to Campaign Committee members for organizing and sharing their enthusiasm and vision for *Revitalizing in Christ – Raising the Roof* at the Masses on February 16 and 17. Special appreciation goes to our speakers, Maureen Nichols, Bob Barksdale, Beth Albright, and Fran Connell.

Since then, 45 families have made gifts or pledges, increasing the total number of families who have supported the campaign to 219. What a jump in involvement! We encourage everyone to take ownership of our parish project by prayerfully considering making a donation or pledge. Everyone doing their part, large or small, is a great measure of our common vision and hope for the future. All money donated to the campaign will be used exclusively for the church remodeling. Funds collected over our campaign target will allow us to make key decisions about the church flooring material and the extent of renovations in the Church Hall.

Commitment Weekend is March 9 and 10. If you have not yet made a contribution to the campaign, please to bring your pledge commitment next weekend and drop it in the collection basket, or drop it by the Parish Office sooner if you wish. Also, please continue to pray for the success of our campaign through the involvement of as many parishioners as are able.

It's wonderful to see parishioners showing visitors the drawings of our remodeled church designs. The plans include the installation of a Schulmerich Digital Carillon. What is a Carillon? It is digital system, combined with amplified outdoor speakers, which will produce true-to-life bell and chime music. The digital recordings of real cast bronze bells includes hundreds of musical and liturgical selections. The bells will call parishioners to worship, announce the Angelus, and accent special occasions such as weddings and funerals. The presence of St. John Fisher Parish will be more noticeable both in the architecture as people drive along Chichester Avenue, and in the glorious music of our Carillon!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOMECOMING MASS

Join family and old friends to celebrate our faith and the blessings of Immaculate Conception of Lourdes. A Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, 21 W. 8th Street, Marcus Hook, on **Sunday, March 24 at 4:00pm.** A reception to follow in the Church Hall. Please RSVP by calling 610-485-0441, ext. 2, no later than March 11.

FAMILY FUN BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Doors open at 6:45

Bingo Games begin at 7:15

\$5 per Family, includes:

One bingo sheet per person per game, juice, water, and soda.

Pizza is \$1 a slice.

Bingo Night is fun for the whole family! Kids can play when accompanied by a parent or guardian over age 18. Held in the Parish Center Hall.



40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

This is an excellent opportunity during Lent to spend some time in prayer with Our Lord.

FORTY HOURS SCHEDULE 2019

Sunday, March 17 - Feast of St. Patrick

- 7:00pm Vespers with Homily (Church)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30pm Night Prayer and Benediction

Monday, March 18 - Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 7:30am Daily Mass in Chapel
8:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:05am Rosary
11:30am Mid-Day Prayer
3:00pm Hour of Mercy (Divine Mercy Chaplet)
4:30pm Vespers
7:00pm Mass (Church)
Msgr. Robert J. Carroll, presider & homilist
9:30pm Night Prayer and Benediction

Tuesday, March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph

- 7:30am Daily Mass in Chapel
8:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:05am Rosary
11:30am Mid-Day Prayer
3:00pm Hour of Mercy (Divine Mercy Chaplet)
4:30pm Vespers
6:45pm Procession from Chapel to Church
7:00pm Mass (Church) with Benediction
Fr. Michael Gerlach, presider & homilist
8:00pm Social in the Church Hall

CARDINAL O'HARA HONORS

Our parish recently received notice of the performance of our high school students at the end of the 2nd quarter. We are proud of those who demonstrated academic success! **FIRST HONORS: Sophia Dunham, Nicholas Kazanjian, and Abigail Loyson. SECOND HONORS: Nathan Crothers, William Kelley, and Cassandra Phillips.** Great Job!

AID FOR FRIENDS NEEDS MEALS

The **Aid For Friends** freezer is running low on meals. Could you help restock it? Containers are located in the cabinet to the right of the freezer in the Church Hall. Simply make an extra portion of dinner, put it in the container and pop it into the freezer in the Church or Parish Hall. Thank you!

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FEBRUARY 24

Total	\$ 10,942
Number of Envelopes	356

POOR BOX FOR FEBRUARY: \$ 496.38

Contributions to the Poor Box in February benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Fund for charitable works.

We thank our parishioners who, recognizing God's gifts to them, make their response in the weekly collection. Your continued support is vital, necessary and deeply appreciated.

LENT 2019

A complete schedule of the activities in our parish leading up to Easter is included in the bulletin this week as a separate flyer. Please save it for future reference.



LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6. Lent is a season of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The current rules of fasting and abstinence are simple: on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, adults ages 18-59 are required to fast (have only one full meal a day and two smaller snacks or meals), and everyone older than 14 is to abstain from meat. On the other Fridays in Lent, we abstain from meat.

People are still encouraged to 'give up' something as a sacrifice, or place emphasis on performing corporal or spiritual works, especially making time to receive sacramental absolution.

While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all are encouraged to attend Mass and receive ashes. Masses at St. John Fisher will be held at **9:00am, 4:30pm, and 7:00pm** in the Church. There will be no 7:30am Mass in the Chapel on Ash Wednesday. Now is the time to renew our faith and prepare to celebrate the Resurrection!

"**THE WORD AMONG US**" is a booklet to use as part of your Lenten devotions. Copies will be available this weekend on the tables near the church entrances. Please feel free to take one.

OPERATION RICE BOWL, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, is a faith-in-action program that encourages us to life in solidarity with people in need around the world. The Rice Bowl is a great tool to guide prayer and fasting, and a simple way to introduce children to the idea of sacrificial giving. You will find Rice Bowls on the tables at the rear of church next weekend of **March 9 and 10**. Here are three ideas for the Rice Bowl - contribute the money you would save by:

- 1) skipping a daily cup of Wawa coffee;
- 2) having a simple meal of soup once a week;
- 3) giving up carry-out food for Lent; make pizza, hoagies and burgers from scratch.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Join us on Friday evenings throughout Lent for the Stations of the Cross. We begin at 7:00pm in the Church, starting on **March 8**. On Good Friday, we will follow the Scriptural Stations of the Cross, initiated by St. John Paul II.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is held on Monday mornings following the 7:30 Mass, from 8:00am until Noon, in the Chapel.



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS UP ONE HOUR NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10!!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The parish bulletin is one of the main communication tools for our parishioners. We strive to keep you informed about what's happening at St. John Fisher in the weeks ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost because of the generous advertising support of locally-owned businesses and organizations.

Liturgical Publishers, Inc. (LPi), advertising sales rep Jerry Finley will be at St. John Fisher this week (March 4-8) to work on securing new ads for the bulletin. Advertisements can be for a business, a charity, in memory of a loved one, or to support the church or a community service organization. If you own your own business, please consider advertising in the bulletin. If you work for a locally-owned company or frequent a near-by business that you think would benefit from running an ad, please contact the Parish Business Office and provide us the name of the company. In addition to publishing the bulletin, LPi is our website host and developed the parish's mobile app for smart phones and devices. These services are provided to our parish at no additional cost.

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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 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, 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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Candidates who will be Confirmed in 2020 are required to attend a retreat on **Sunday, March 10**. The day begins with Mass at 11:30am Mass, and activities end at 4:00pm. Questions? Call Kathy Aaronson, 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 9	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
Sun. Mar. 10	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Contemporary Choir
	11:30am	Youth Choir

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

RALPH LANDOLFI

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Jeannie Willauer
 through the generosity of her loving husband, Robert



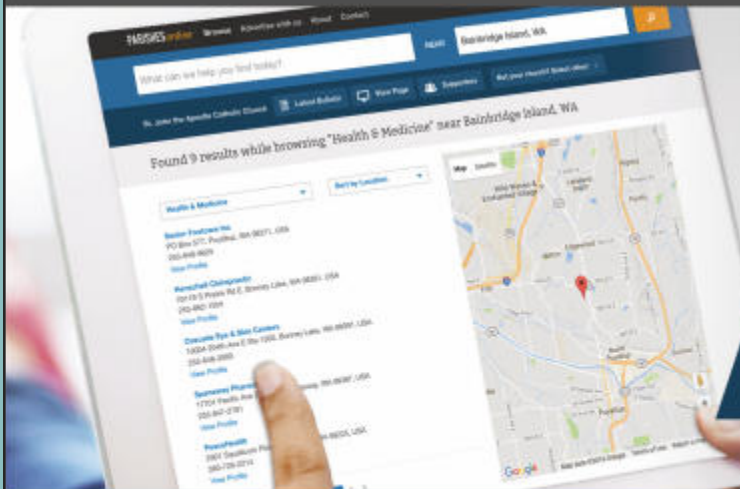
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Mar. 2	George J. Ershaw
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Mar. 3	Josephine Dimezza
	8:00 AM	Grace Racien
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
	11:30 AM	
Monday	Mar. 4	Kim J. Angotti
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	Mar. 5	Eugene Mushinski, 13th Anniv.
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	Mar. 6	Mary Crowley
	9:00 AM	Helen Fulmer
	4:30 PM	Elsie Sweeney
	7:00 PM	
Thursday	Mar. 7	Lester Doyle, Jr.
	7:30 AM	
Friday	Mar. 8	Margaret Walter
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	Mar. 9	People of the Parish and Visitors
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Mar. 10	Richard Williams
	8:00 AM	Michael & Chrissy Kane
	9:30 AM	Mrs. Barbara Hertrick
	11:30 AM	

Next Sunday is Hospitality Sunday! Please join us March 10 following every Mass for a treat and social time.

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