



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *March 10, 2019*



1st Sunday OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

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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 10, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. The Gospel reading is Luke 4:1-13. As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus, which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life. Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. The temptations of Jesus are our own.



"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.



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, on **Sunday, March 24 at 4:00pm**. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the

Church Hall. Please RSVP by calling 610-485-0441, ext. 2, no later than March 11.

2019 Lenten Day of Reflection: "THE THREE FALLS OF CHRIST"

As Jesus fell three times on His journey to Calvary, He trusted that His Father would lift Him up. We too fall under the weight of life's everyday crosses, but we trust that Christ can help lift us up.

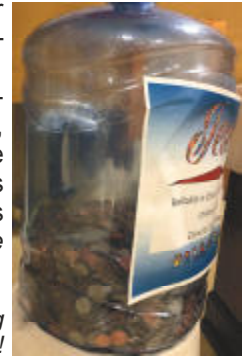
Come and reflect on our human experience of falling and rising on **Saturday March 30**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$50.00, Students, \$25.00, at the Franciscan Spiritual Center, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston. **PRESENTERS:** Cookie Magee, D.Min, Father John Jagodzinski, Deacon Dan Bingnear. Registration forms can be found at the doors of the Church and the Chapel, or you can download a form from Dr. Magee's website: doctorcookiescorner.org under the Lenten retreat page. If you have any questions, contact Cookie Magee at 610-494-8188 or by email: doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com

REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

With all of the activity since the weekend of February 16 and 17, we are very excited to tell you that the amount of donations and pledges has exceeded \$450,000 for the *Revitalizing in Christ - Raising the Roof* campaign! Even more impressive is that more than 80 families have returned their pledge forms since the in-pew solicitation three weeks ago, confirming again that our parishioners recognize the need and are excited about the plans to renovate our worship space!

The increase in participation to 253 families making a gift or pledge is heartening! With this weekend being **Commitment Weekend**, we encourage everyone to take ownership of our parish project by 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!

Next weekend, with the added returns from Commitment Weekend, members of the Campaign Committee will update parishioners at each Mass of the current totals and great success of our *Revitalize in Christ - Raising the Roof* effort.



The Kid's Contribution Jug is getting heavy and filling up with their gifts!



THE 2019 FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS attended a retreat last Sunday, in preparation for receiving the Sacrament on Saturday, May 4. Please pray for the children as they continue their studies.

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.

Pay at the door - call

610-485-0441 ext. 2 to RSVP.

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

We encourage you to take some time next week to visit Our Lord. There are many opportunities for quiet or group prayer, and guest homilists are scheduled for each evening.

Sunday, March 17 - Feast of St. Patrick

7:00pm Vespers with Homily (Church),
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Night Prayer and Benediction
*Rev. Philip Lowe, Ed.D.,
Theology Faculty, Neumann Univ.*



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

7:30am Daily Mass in Chapel, followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Prayer throughout the day
in the Chapel

7:00pm Mass (Church),
Night Prayer and Benediction
*Msgr. Robert J. Carroll,
Pastor, St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish*



Tuesday, March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph

7:30am Daily Mass in Chapel, followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Prayer through the day
in the Chapel

6:45pm Procession from Chapel to Church
7:00pm Mass (Church) with Benediction
*Fr. Michael Gerlach,
Pastor, Ss. Simon and Jude Parish*

8:00pm Social in the Church Hall



CARDINAL O'HARA HONORS

St. John Fisher 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! Keep up the good work!

FIRST HONORS: **Sophia Dunham**
Nicholas Kazanjian
Abigail Loyson

SECOND HONORS: **Nathan Crothers**
William Kelley
Cassandra Phillips

AID FOR FRIENDS NEEDS MEALS

Each week, dozens of meals are delivered from our parish to seniors and others who are 'food insecure.' 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

MARCH 3

Total	\$ 15,084
Number of Envelopes	430

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.

STEWARDSHIP:

SHARING THE GIFT OF TIME AND TALENT CROCHETED PRAYER SHAWLS AND LAP BLANKETS

Among our parishioners are a handful of dedicated needle workers who put their talents to use by creating warm prayer shawls and lap blankets for the sick and elderly. "I love to crochet while I sit and watch television," Monica Lendacky says. "It makes me feel good to be helping someone." Grace Franz and her daughter, Lisa Deasey, discovered a new pattern for wheel-chair bound patients



that keeps feet warm and won't get caught in the wheels of the chair. The needle workers freely give their time and each lap blanket or shawl is made using donated yarn. Father blesses the blankets before they are distributed.

If you know someone who is ill or going through medical treatment, is wheel-chair bound, or is elderly and would benefit from having a warm shawl or blanket, please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to get one of these hand-crafted items to

give to them. Donations of 4-Ply or blanket yarn for this program are welcome, and can be dropped off to the Parish Office.

Each week during Lent, the bulletin will highlight one of the many ministries in the parish, to let you know more about the behind-the-scenes activity and the volunteers who make our parish a welcoming place. New volunteers are always welcome! Just let the Parish Office know your interest!

LENT 2019

OPERATION RICE BOWL, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, is a faith-in-action program that encourages us to live in solidarity with people in need around the world. Rice Bowls are on the tables at the rear of church. Please take one and consider how this small sacrificial gift can have an impact on people throughout the world.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: In order to be included in the special insert on Easter Sunday, contributions to Easter Flower Fund must be returned to the Parish Business Office by **Sunday, April 7**. You may drop your envelope in the collection basket, by the Parish Office, or make your contribution on-line using *WeShare*. This is a lovely way to remember a deceased loved one during the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. We thank you for your support in beautifying the church during the Easter Season.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS VISITATION DAY

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia High Schools will host the annual 7th Grade Visitation Day on Wednesday, **March 20, 2019**.

If you are considering Catholic High School for your child, this event gives 7th graders the opportunity to spend a day touring the Archdiocesan high school of their choice, meeting students and faculty, and participating in activities. Registration is recommended by March 18.

For more information about 7th Grade Visitation Day, please visit www.AOPCatholicSchools.org/VisitUs2019.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Stay a few minutes after Mass to enjoy a sweet treat and a conversation with a fellow parishioner! **Today is Hospitality Sunday.** Doughnuts and beverages will be served in the Church Hall after each Mass. We hope you'll join us!

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.

FOOD SUNDAY

Next week, **March 17**, is Food Sunday. Please place your donations of shelf-stable food, cleaning supplies, or personal care products on the tables at the rear of the Church Hall. Thank you in advance!

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 16	4:00pm Vigil	
Sun. Mar. 17	8:00am	
	9:30am	
	11:30am	

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

JOSEPH LIBERATO

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Kathleen Cunningham, John W. Breslin, Michael Brogan, Bryan Snyder, Barbara Bean, William Crowley Regina Stires, Harry and Linda Stefchak, 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 **Andrew and Rose Tuzio** through the generosity of Barbara and Regina Tuzio.



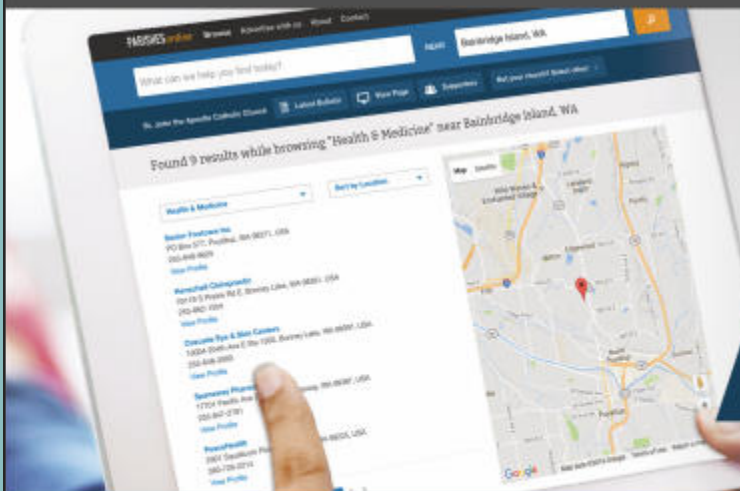
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Mar. 9	4:00 PM	People of the Parish and Visitors
Sunday	Mar. 10	8:00 AM	Richard Williams
		9:30 AM	Michael & Chrissy Kane
		11:30 AM	Mrs. Barbara Hertrick
Monday	Mar. 11	7:30 AM	Teresa Quinn
Tuesday	Mar. 12	7:30 AM	Denny Palandro, Jr.
Wednesday	Mar. 13	7:30 AM	Catherine Noel
Thursday	Mar. 14	7:30 AM	Pauline Heintz
Friday	Mar. 15	7:30 AM	Colleen Skrovaneck
Saturday	Mar. 16	4:00 PM	Catherine O'Brien
Sunday	Mar. 17	8:00 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
		9:30 AM	Daniel & Hannah Gallagher
		11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski

PRAYERS FOR THE INFIRM: To add a name to the prayer list, please contact Renee Devine at 610-485-0441, ext. 2. People remain on our prayer list for 30 days, except for those with long-term medical issues. After 30 days, if you would like to continue prayers for a person, please call the parish office to ask that their name be added to the list again.

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