



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH JUNE 2, 2019



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

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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 1:30 PM - *Summer hours*  
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)  
**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Daniel Bingnear  
**Weekend Assistant:** Rev. Francis X. Devlin, O.S.A.  
**Business Manager:** Mr. Daniel Kinnik (ext. 4)  
**Director of Religious Education & Music Ministry:**  
Mrs. Kathleen Aaronson (ext. 5)  
**PREP Secretary:** Mrs. Patricia Donnelly (ext. 8)  
**Parish Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Regina Robinson  
(ext. 6)  
**Communications Secretary:** Mrs. Renee Devine (ext. 2)

### Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Amalfitano  
Rev. John Sibel

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**TODAY IS JUNE 2, THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. The Gospel Reading is John 17:20-26.**



"So that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me." Does technology bring us together, or does it remind us of distance and differences and keep us apart? Most days, it is hard to be sure. With the constant inundation of news from across the world, it can be easier to tune out the sufferings and the joys of people we'll never meet, in places we'll never visit. But is this the invitation of Jesus?

Over the centuries, the Church has become truly universal across the globe. There are Christians across nations and cultures, across lines of rich and poor. There are Christians who live behind white picket fences and Christians dying in conflict zones. "That they may all be one," Jesus prays. One in what? Love. "That the love with which you loved me may be in them." This is easier said than done, of course. The world is far too vast for us to individually love every human being. But that doesn't mean we can't try.

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." Jesus had this religious popular explosion in mind. The mission and message of Christ was not meant to stop in the Apostle's generation or stay cordoned off in the geographic confines of Israel. Jesus' words at the Last Supper are a prayer, a plea to the Father for the spread and unity of the Church across time and space. What is our role in the spread of Christianity?

This week, look up organizations supporting the persecuted Church and make a donation. Next week, visit a struggling parish within our own diocese. When you meet someone new at hospitality Sunday, invite them to join you for coffee or a parish event to get to know them better. Whether far off or close to home, let's allow Jesus' prayer to live in us, to be drawn together in love.

### SEMINARIAN SUMMER PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT

Our parish will be blessed to share in the pastoral formation of a future priest. Edward Town, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, will be assigned to St. John Fisher Parish for five weeks this summer. Ed is completing the Spiritual Year in his first year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He will serve at the parish from Saturday, July 6 through Sunday, August 4. Join us in praying for Seminarian Edward Town and increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life!



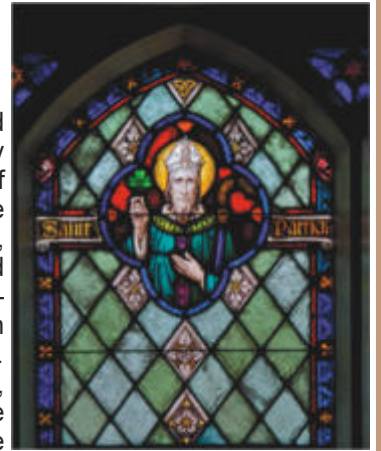
### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer hours in the Parish Business Office began with Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 4:30. On Friday, the office will open at 8:30 and close at 1:30pm (correction from the last bulletin). On weekdays, the office closes from noon to 1:00pm for lunch. Weekend hours remain the same: 10 to 1pm on Saturday, and 9 to 1pm on Sunday.



### REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

The refurbished stained glass windows from Holy Saviour Church, those of eight saints and the rose window that depicts Jesus, plus a newly designed and constructed window to cover the skylight, will adorn our remodeled church of St. John Fisher. This summer, we'll focus on each of the saints depicted in the stained glass windows.



### ST. PATRICK

Three hundred years after Christ's birth, the Roman Empire and Christianity had spread as far as Britain. Ireland, however, was a wild country still governed by tribal chieftains. Patrick was born around 380 A.D. in western England. When he was about 16, a group of Irish raiders invaded the English coast, taking captives. Patrick was caught and sold into slavery. He labored for six years in Ireland, during which he experienced profound spiritual growth. He fled his master and eventually made his way back to England, where he began studying to become a priest. He had a vision in which the people of Ireland cried out for him to return and walk among them. After his ordination, he returned to Ireland.

Patrick wrote that he baptized thousands of people and ordained priests to lead the new Christian communities. He established a cathedral in Armagh and developed a network of churches and monasteries throughout the country.

The St. Patrick window features him wearing the bishop's mitre and holding a crozier (a bishop's staff) to indicate his office. His left hand is across his chest as a sign of humility as he preaches the Good News. St. Patrick



holds a green shamrock in his right hand. Oral tradition credits him with teaching the Irish about the mystery of God, the Holy Trinity, by using the humble shamrock to illustrate that God is Three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in one God.

His feast day is March 17, presumed to be the date of his death. He is the patron saint of Ireland, Nigeria, and engineers.

The refurbished stained glass window of St. Patrick is one of four windows that will be installed in the shrine area to the left side of the new sanctuary.

### PENTECOST

The Archdiocesan Charismatic Renewal is holding a Pentecost Vigil Mass on **Saturday, June 8**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. All are welcome to join in praise and worship at 7:00pm; Mass begins at 7:30pm, celebrated by Reverend G. Dennis Gill in English and Spanish.



**Next weekend is Pentecost.  
Wear something **RED** to Mass in  
recognition of the Holy Spirit!**

### REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2019 PREP

For the 2019-20 school year, families will have the choice for PREP classes, between Tuesday afternoon (4:30-6:00pm) or Tuesday evening (6:15-7:45pm) for Grades 1 to 5. Confirmation preparation classes for Grades 6 and 7 will be on Wednesday evenings (6:15-7:45pm).

All current PREP families have been given re-registration forms for the **Fall 2019-Spring 2020 PREP** school year. Please fill out the forms and return them as soon as possible. *If you re-register by June 30, you will receive a tuition discount.*

Parents of incoming 3- through 6-year-olds in the parish have received registration forms by mail. If you are new to the parish and your child has never attended PREP at St. John Fisher, please contact the parish office for registration information.

### OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM ST. JOHN FISHER

Congratulations to **Barbara Nather**, who received first honors this year as a freshman at Archmere Academy.

Please rejoice with the families of the following young women who graduated from Padua Academy, Class of 2019:

**Molly Mays**  
**Kathryn Twardowski**  
**Alexis Weinkopff**

Congratulations, best wishes and God's blessing to you!

### MARRIED COUPLES - TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOU!

Refresh your marriage relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend this summer. Why not give yourselves some time together? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: July 19-21, Doubletree, Plymouth Meeting; Oct. 18-20 or Nov. 22-24, Doylestown. For more information visit our website at: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/> or contact Al & Mary Liz at [Applications@wwme-philly.org](mailto:Applications@wwme-philly.org) or 610-449-1859.

### FOOD DONATIONS

**The Next Food Sunday is June 16.** While school is out, there are hungry kids at home. Non-perishable items for breakfast and lunch are helpful during the summer. Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and personal care products (travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) to support those in need in our community, can be dropped in the blue collection bins located just inside the door to the Parish Center on Food Sunday or each weekend when attending the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. During construction, we have arranged to have donations picked up every Monday, due to limited storage space. Thanks you for your continued support of the needy in our area!



### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**Due to the holiday, the collection totals will appear next week.**

*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.*

### SEVEN ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday, May 18, the Most Reverend Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders upon seven men who will serve as priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our newly ordained priests are:

Reverend David Buffum  
Reverend Francesco D'Amico  
Reverend Alessandro Giardini  
Reverend David O'Brien  
Reverend Alexander W. Pancoast  
Reverend Anthony Raymundo  
Reverend Jonathan Graham Rice

We congratulate these men and pray that they have many happy years in ministry to the faithful of Philadelphia.



2019 Ordination at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you someone who was baptized as a child but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is not a program or class or lecture, but a journey by which women and men can learn about the Catholic faith through prayer and formative activities. RCIA prepares individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation during the Easter season. For more information, please contact Deacon Dan Bingnear, by calling him at 610-494-3929 or via email at [daniel.bingnear@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.bingnear@gmail.com). Or, you can leave a message for him at the parish office 610-485-485-0441, ext. 2.

### KEYS AND THE SWORD GALA TO BENEFIT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

The third annual **Keys and the Sword Gala** to benefit the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul will be held on **Friday, June 28**, at the Logan Philadelphia Hotel, One Logan Square. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30pm. This annual gala provides support for the Cathedral and its parish community. Each year the Cathedral selects a beneficiary to receive a portion of the proceeds of the gala. For 2019, the beneficiary will be Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School. Those interested in purchasing individual tickets or reserving a table should visit [cathedralphila.org/2019-keys-and-sword-event-tickets/](http://cathedralphila.org/2019-keys-and-sword-event-tickets/). Another way to support the Keys and Sword Gala is to place an ad in the 2019 program book by visiting [cathedralphila.org/2019-keys-and-sword-event-book/](http://cathedralphila.org/2019-keys-and-sword-event-book/). Black tie optional; complementary parking for the event is available at the Cathedral.



*The noise from the renovations on the church building don't seem to bother our resident geese. The momma and her gosling were out for a stroll one sunny day last week!*

#### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. June 8	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. June 9	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult 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; meetings are held in the Parish Center Office.

**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 Parish Center 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.

#### 50th Reunion Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast

All graduates of the Class of 1969 are invited to the 50th reunion! Join us at the Springfield Country Club on Friday, October 4, 2019, from 6:30pm until 10:30pm. Enjoy the oldies with Jerry Blavat as our guest entertainer. Tickets are \$69 per person, which includes a buffet and cash bar. Send your payment to: Bonner-Prendie 1969, P.O. Box 693, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. Receipt of your check will be acknowledged by email. More information is posted on our Facebook page, *Bonner Prendie 1969*, or you can email us at [bonnerprendie1969@gmail.com](mailto:bonnerprendie1969@gmail.com).

**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  
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA  
(610) 494-0147 [www.holyfamilyaston.org](http://www.holyfamilyaston.org)

*May They Rest in Peace*

**THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR AREA**

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

*Please Pray for Our Sick*

Kim Staker, Phil Toscano, Michael McGuinness, Jon Darzcuk, Baby Maya, Frank and Jerry English, Dorothy Albanese, Pat Lannutti, Taras Hunczak, William Crowley, Mary Jane O'Brien, Mike Steinmacher, Gloria Patterson, John Grady, Patrick McCormick, Denese Stang, Ralph Nather, Ryan Mahoney, Ruth Jobe, Kathleen Cunningham, John W. Breslin, Bryan Snyder, Rose Liott, Betty Ann Deshullo, Ann Walley, Gladys Kinsler, Frank Breitmayer, Mary Giambri, Marie Creedon, 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

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Bobby Shull through the generosity of his Mom and Dad.



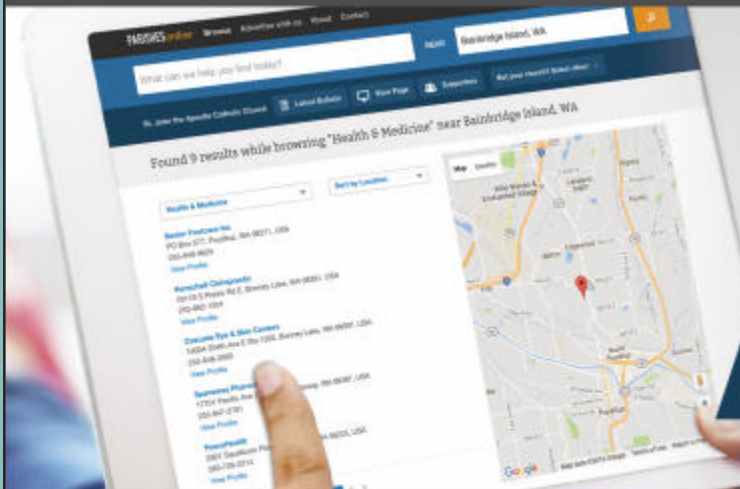
**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 1</b>	4:00 PM	Harry John Janson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 2</b>	8:00 AM	Robert Schweizer
		9:30 AM	Patricia & John Oakes
		11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 3</b>	9:00 AM	Dorothy Hepner
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 4</b>	7:30 AM	Betty Keane
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 5</b>	7:30 AM	Joseph Liberato
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 6</b>	7:30AM	Marcia Palmer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 7</b>	7:30 AM	William Neary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 8</b>	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 9</b>	8:00 AM	James D. O'Donnell
		9:30 AM	Michael and Chrissy Kane
		11:30 AM	Anna and Arthur O'Donnell

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