



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH JUNE 9, 2019



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

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**TODAY IS JUNE 9, PENTECOST SUNDAY.** The Gospel Reading is John 20:19-23.

"God is always more." Have you ever heard that? If we truly believe that He is infinite, then this statement is worth exploring. Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power upon the early Church. But Pentecost wasn't the first time the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The Gospel actually occurs chronologically before Pentecost. Soon after the Resurrection, Jesus already "came and stood in their [the disciples'] midst... he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

God is always more. Sometimes we might think the grace of God as one and done. God might break through in people's lives, but it's a one-time event on a retreat or preceding a dramatic conversion of life. But there's always more to come. Even today's Gospel isn't the first time the breath of God stirred. In Genesis, it's God's breath that stirs life into Adam in the garden. Jesus breathes on the Apostles, giving them the Holy Spirit in the quiet and silence. Later, that breath will stir into a "driving wind", and the Spirit will descend with flame...not unlike Moses on Mount Sinai.

God is always more. He has spoken throughout salvation history, and continues to speak into our lives through His Church and through the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts. This Pentecost Sunday, let us come before Him with expectant hearts! Like the disciples in the Gospel and first reading, let us await what "more" God will do.



## WIN A NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES!

Raffle Tickets are now on Sale!

Win a Prize Package of:

- ◆ Four Tickets in the Hall of Fame Club, Section 222 on **Tuesday, August 27, 7:05pm** versus the Pittsburgh Pirates!
- ◆ Chauffeured Limousine Ride to and from the game, compliments of The Ward Funeral Home
  - ◆ \$125 cash spending money
  - ◆ Second Prize: \$100 cash
  - ◆ Third Prize: \$50 cash

Chances are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Drawing will be held on Sunday, August 18, at 12:30 pm. Need not be present to win!

Sponsored by the Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Council #13710

Tickets are on sale after every weekend Mass, or by calling Bob at 215-459-0919 or Con at 610-368-8951

## REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

The refurbished stained glass windows from Holy Saviour Church will adorn our remodeled church of St. John Fisher. This summer, we'll focus on the saints depicted in the windows.

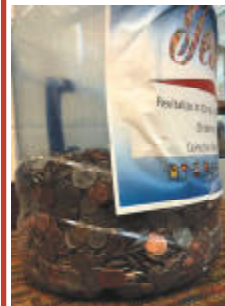
Early Christians faced persecution at the hands of the Roman government. They also clashed with the religious leaders of their synagogues, who often turned them over to the civil authorities. Civil

law forbade the practice of the Christian faith and thousands of Christians were executed until 313 AD, following the conversion of Emperor Constantine.

Born around 291AD, Agnes was a beautiful, young Roman Christian who vowed to consecrate her virginity to God. Unsuccessful would-be suitors, frustrated by her lack of interest, brought her faith to the attention of the authorities. Emperor Diocletian was enraged at Agnes' firmness of purpose, and although she was only about 13 years old, he ordered her stripped of her clothes and dragged to a brothel. No one there touched her, in part because of her bearing. She was sentenced to death, and was stabbed to death or beheaded in 304AD. Agnes is buried on Rome's Via Nomentana.

The St. Agnes window depicts her holding a lamb, a sign of her innocence. The name Agnes means 'pure and chaste.' One scholar notes that Agnes' story is that of a young woman's power in Christ to define her own identity. Virgin in this case is another way of saying 'free woman.' Her feast day is January 21. She is the patron saint of Girl Scouts virgins, and engaged women.

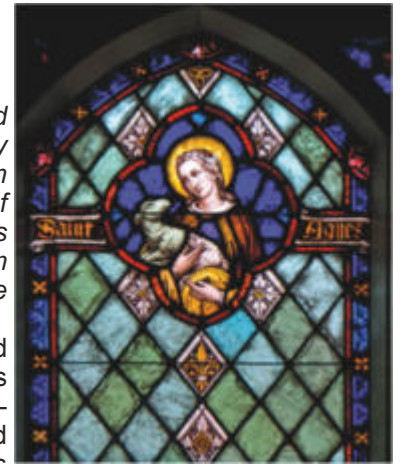
The refurbished stained glass window of St. Agnes is the second of the of four windows that will be installed in the shrine area to the left side of the new sanctuary.



**THE COUNT IS IN!** It took a while to count all of those quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies, but the grand total of the Children's "Coins for Construction" jug is a whopping **\$815.08!** We thank the children of the parish (and their parents) for doing their part in the renovation of the church! Their contribution will help pay for new holy water fonts at the church entrances.

## TAKE A PEEK...

If you are curious about the ongoing construction, you can find photos on the parish website, [stjohnfisherchurch.com](http://stjohnfisherchurch.com). We periodically put on a hard hat and take a few pictures of the demolition progress and post them as a slide show on the home page. Or, follow us on facebook! Our page is our name: Saint John Fisher. Photos will be posted there, too!



SAINT AGNES

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



Holy Family Regional Catholic School's Class of 2019 features several stellar 8th grade graduates who are St. John Fisher parishioners. We congratulate the entire 8th Grade Class, and especially

**James Esslinger**  
**Samantha Focht**  
**Clare Morgan**  
**Annabella Zagame**

Annabella also has earned the prestigious **Saint Elizabeth Viking Scholar Award**, to help provide her with four more years of Catholic Education! These four young parishioners have grown into living examples of the school motto, "Academic Excellence Rooted in Faith." We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you luck as you enter high school!

Holy Family Regional Catholic School will hold its 2019 Graduation Ceremony and Mass on Wednesday, June 12, at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church. All are welcome to attend.

St. John Fisher Parish rejoices with all of the families in our parish who have a child or grandchild graduating from a public or private elementary school, high school, or College!



## BASEBALL MANIA IS BACK!

It's not too late to play Baseball Mania, but the deadline to purchase your ticket is looming! Tickets are on sale after each Mass or in the Parish Business Office until **July 21**. The Baseball Mania sweepstakes begin the week of July 22 and run for 10 weeks. Tickets are \$20 each. There is a guaranteed winner each week! Fill out and return the bottom stub of your ticket, with payment, to the Parish Business Office. Thanks for your support!



## FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

Total \$ 9,049  
 Number of Envelopes 301

### ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 30

Total \$ 1,852

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Total \$ 12,014  
 Number of envelopes 387

**POOR BOX FOR MAY: \$ 466**

The money collected in the Poor Box in May benefits Catholic Social Service local outreach efforts.

*The collection totals each weekend include the Sunday in-church collection, those mailed to or dropped by the office, and electronic giving through We Share. We thank you for your continued support of the parish!*

## 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!



**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!

## 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 [cathedralphilila.org/2019-keys-and-sword-event-tickets/](http://cathedralphilila.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 [cathedralphilila.org/2019-keys-and-sword-event-book/](http://cathedralphilila.org/2019-keys-and-sword-event-book/). Black tie optional; complementary parking for the event is available at the Cathedral.



### 'MAY I GET A MASS CARD, PLEASE.'

Why do we offer Masses for the dead? From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them - above all the Eucharistic sacrifice - so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. St. Ambrose preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."



Mass intentions for the deceased, or in celebration of a living loved one, can be reserved at St. John Fisher. The person's name appears in the bulletin the week the Mass is being offered, and is announced during the Mass. The stipend is \$10.

There are a limited number of daily Masses still available this calendar year, including Thanksgiving Day. If you wish to schedule a Mass to be said for a loved one, please stop by the Parish Business Office.

#### 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.

### AID FOR FRIENDS

The **Aid For Friends** freezer is in need of more meals. The supply cabinet is in the storage room located directly across from the freezer. Take as many containers as you need. Please place finished meals in the freezer. Thanks!

#### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sat. June 15</b>	4:00pm	Cantor
<b>Sun. June 16</b>	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Contemporary Choir
	11:30am	Cantor

**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

### MARGARET "DENISE" MARKEY

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.." - Matthew 11:28

## Please Pray for Our Sick

Jim Rankin, Kim Staker, Phil Toscano, Michael McGuinness, Jon Darzcuk, Baby Maya, Frank and Jerry English, Pat Lannutti, Taras Hunczak, Mike Steinmacher, Gloria Patterson, John Grady, Patrick McCormick, Denese Stang, 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

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive; into my mind that I may remember; and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness, and mercy. Teach, guide, and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

- St. Anthony of Padua

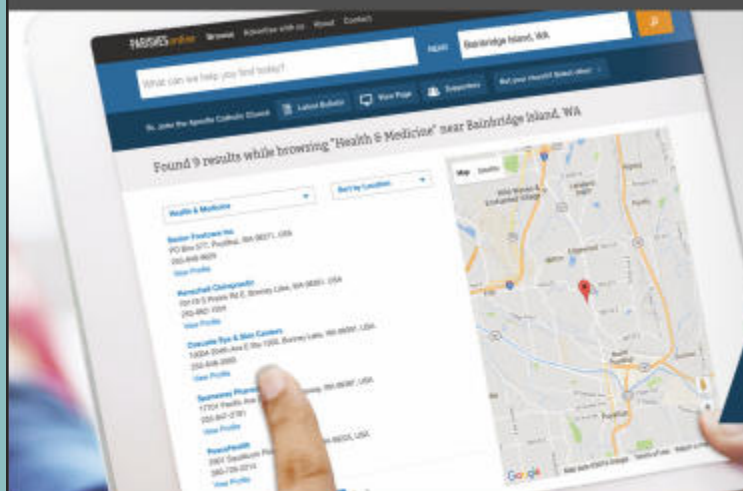
## MASS INTENTIONS

<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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 10</b>	9:00 AM	Mary Castellano
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 11</b>	7:30 AM	Anthony Monturano
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 12</b>	7:30 AM	James "Jimmy" Mellon
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 13</b>	7:30 AM	Billy Vail
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 14</b>	7:30 AM	Enrico Salvatori, 5th Anniv.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 15</b>	4:00 PM	George J. Ershaw
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 16</b>	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		9:30 AM	Gert & Ed McGoldrick
		11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski 56th Wedding Anniversary

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