



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH JUNE 16, 2019



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

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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

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The Most HOLY TRINITY

**TODAY IS JUNE 16, MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY.
The Gospel Reading is John 16:12-15.**

If God is one, how can He be three? The most intelligent theologians have racked their brains over the problem, and the most prayerful ones have surrendered to the mystery. How it can be, we can't explain. But what it means, we can join! Our God is an ever-unfolding relationship. Theologians speak of the immanent and economic Trinity. The Trinity is immanent in the sense that the Persons are close and entirely sufficient within Godself. In other words, God doesn't require us for God to exist. The word economic is rooted in the Greek word for management of a household or family. The Trinity is economic in the sense that God has invited us to be part of Him. He's growing the family! We see the dynamic here in today's Gospel.

Jesus says the Spirit "will take from what is mine and declare it to you" and that "everything that the Father has is mine." There is relationship here. Jesus speaks (and is) the word of the Father. The Holy Spirit speaks what He hears from the Son. The Father gives everything to the Son, and the Spirit speaks that inheritance over us. God invites us into the Trinitarian family.

The doctrine of the Trinity isn't something to brush off as overwhelming. After all, "the Spirit of truth... will guide you to all truth." This occurs most perfectly in the Church, who protects all that has been revealed by God in Scripture and gradually unpacked in tradition. We can trust the declarations of Her theologians and learn from the lives of Her saints. The Trinity may be a mystery, but, by the grace of God, we can have real truth about who God is and how we can love like Him.

2020 MASS BOOK OPENS JULY 11



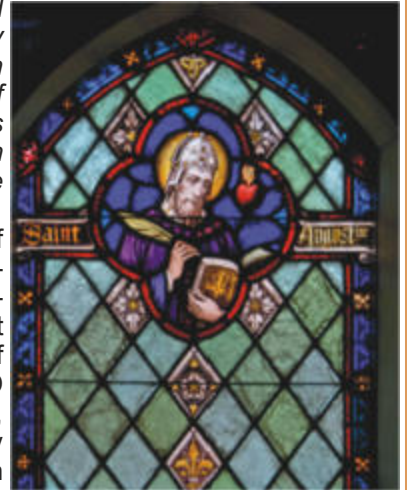
The 2020 Mass intentions calendar will open on **Thursday, July 11**. We will begin reserving Mass intentions at 9:00am in the Parish Center. One can request a maximum of four Masses per family at this time. Requests for specific dates must be made in person. There is a \$10 stipend for each intention. The name of the person for whom the Mass is being offered will appear in the bulletin the week that the Mass is said, and their name will be announced by the celebrant during Mass.

You may have noticed that each weekend, a Mass is celebrated "for the people of the parish and visitors." This is a requirement outlined in Canon Law, referred to as *Misa Pro Populo*, specifying that a pastor of a parish is obligated to offer a Sunday Mass for those entrusted to his care.

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."

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.



SAINT AUGUSTINE

As a prolific writer of books, letters and sermons, Augustine of Hippo was among the most influential theologians of his time. Born in 354AD in what is now Algeria, Augustine and his family were upper class Roman citizens. His mother Monica, was a Christian and tried to raise Augustine in the faith, but he rejected it. At 17, he went to Carthage to study rhetoric and philosophy. He took up a hedonistic lifestyle, lived with a woman for 15 years, and had a son. A brilliant scholar, eloquent speaker, and writer, he landed an important academic position in Milan and moved there at age 30. Monica moved there and continued to pray for his conversion. The bishop of Milan at the time was Ambrose, also a spectacular orator and master of rhetoric, which impressed Augustine. By 387, Augustine had a turn of heart and, along with his son, was baptized by Ambrose. "He (Ambrose) received me as a father would and welcomed my coming as a good bishop should," Augustine wrote.

Augustine returned to Hippo and was ordained a priest in 391. He sold all he had, except his home, which housed a monastery. He became Bishop of Hippo five years later.

Augustine wrote the equivalent of a 300 page book a year for 40 years! Catholicism today still reflects his work:

- God created humans as rational beings, possessing a free will, which sin impairs and grace restores.
- A human is the perfect unity of body and soul.
- When reading Scripture, one must consider the logical framework of a passage and use God-given reason and knowledge to interpret a story.

The stained glass window depicts St. Augustine wearing the bishop's mitre, acknowledging his position in the Church. He has a pen in hand, signifying his prolific writings. He holds the Bible and near his head is a flaming heart. "The words of Your Scripture knocked at the door of my heart," he wrote. The heart is a metaphor for all that is the deepest, truest, and personal of one's self. The refurbished window of St. Augustine will be installed in the shrine area to the left side of the new sanctuary, along with the windows of St. Patrick, St. Agnes and St. Monica.

THE COUNT IS IN! 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.



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!

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!



LAST WEEK FOR BASEBALL MANIA TICKETS!

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 **June 23** (correction from last week). 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!



REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2019 PREP

Re-register your children for PREP before June 30, and you will receive a \$25 tuition discount! Early registration helps us plan for the school year. Families will have the choice of times for the 2019-20 school year: 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 from 6:15 until 7:45pm.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website under the education tab. If your child has never attended PREP at St. John Fisher, or if you have any questions, please contact the parish office for registration information.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Total	\$ 10,829
Number of envelopes	428

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!



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!

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

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED

St. Katharine Drexel Food Pantry in Chester is in urgent need of volunteer drivers to pick up food donations from local markets and deliver the items to the pantry on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings. A valid driver's license is required, as well as the ability to lift 30 pounds.

The Senior Boxes food program needs volunteers to unload the delivery of up to 100 boxes at 8 am on the second Tuesday of each month, or to help on the second Wednesday by carrying out the boxes for the seniors who pick them up.

If you can volunteer regularly on Tuesday or Thursday, the pantry needs assistance with providing clients with food and clothing.



Please consider taking a more hands-on role in helping our neighbors in need. Contact the Pantry Director, Judy King, for more details at 484-490-5079 or by email at jkking@stkatharinedrexelparish.org.

TAKE A PEEK...



If you are curious about the ongoing construction, you can find photos on the parish website, 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!

AID FOR FRIENDS



Lutheran Knolls resident Nick Marroney called to say how thankful he is for the Aid for Friends meals that he receives from our parish. "I appreciate the food, but even more, the effort of the people who make it. You have my profound thanks!" During the summer, the **Aid For Friends** freezer tends to empty faster than it fills. Currently, there are just enough meals for one weekly delivery. Could you help restock the freezer? The supply cabinet is in the storage room located directly across from the freezer. Take as many containers as you need. Simply make an extra portion of dinner, place it in the disposable tray, and list the ingredients on the slip that get enclosed with the meal. Please place finished meals in the freezer. Thanks!

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. June 22	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. June 23	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Cantor
	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: Wednesdays 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 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, 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.

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal has topped \$11,000 for the third year in a row! We currently are just under 75% of the \$15,000 goal. Please let's not stop now! The Annual Appeal runs through June 30. We are very thankful for all the school families, faculty and staff, the Board, and **Parishioners of Saint John Fisher Parish** for their support of Holy Family Regional School. Thank you for believing in Catholic Education!

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

DOMENICA SENNETT

"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

Ruth Jobe, 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

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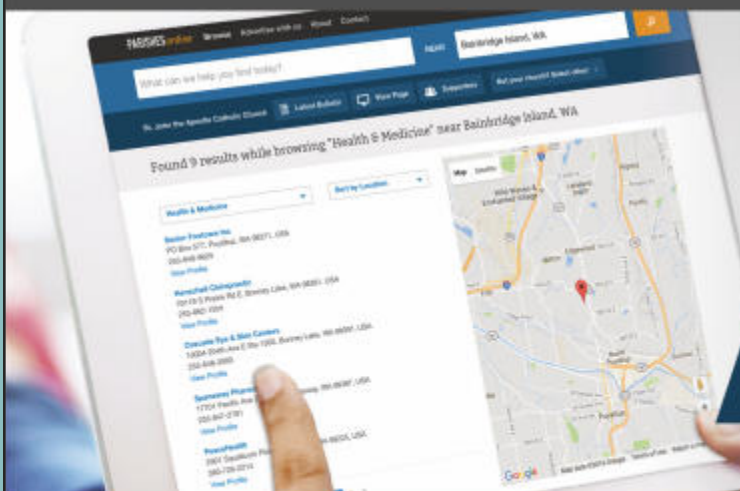
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 15	George J. Ershaw
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	June 16	People of the Parish & Visitors
	8:00 AM	Gert & Ed McGoldrick
	9:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski 56th Wedding Anniv.
	11:30 AM	
Monday	June 17	Teresa Mattero
	9:00 AM	
Tuesday	June 18	Teresa Mattero
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	June 19	Teresa Mattero
	7:30 AM	
Thursday	June 20	Antoinette "Tosh" Anemone
	7:30AM	
Friday	June 21	Albert J. DiMarco, Sr.
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	June 22	John McGinley
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	June 23	George Brill
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Joseph & Josephine Severino
	11:30 AM	

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