



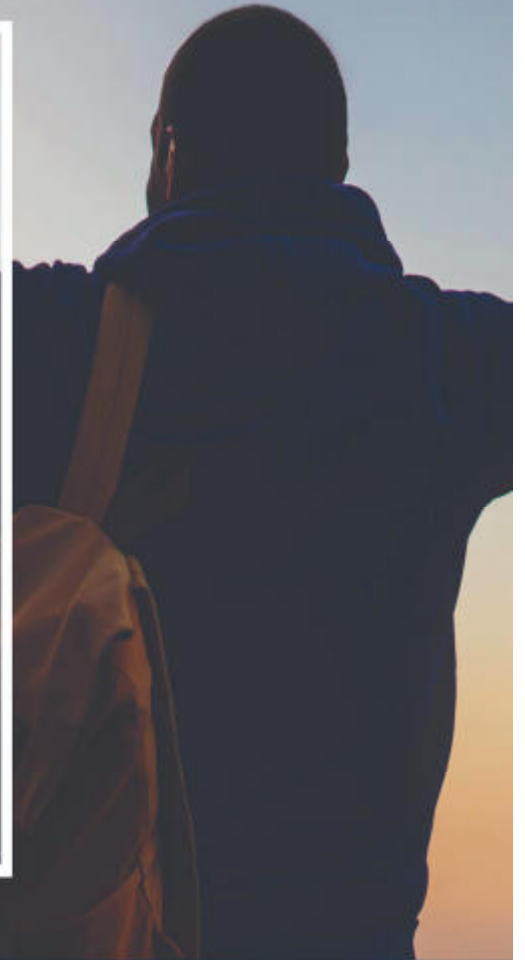
REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *JUNE 30, 2019*

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PROCLAIM

[Jesus] answered him,
"Let the dead bury their
dead. But you, go and
proclaim the kingdom
of God." - Lk 9:60



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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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TODAY IS SUNDAY JUNE 30, THE 13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Luke 9:51-62.

Have you ever heard that the Gospel is radical? In our times, we hear that word and think of fundamentalists, radical

activists, or extremists - people who go beyond limits to achieve their goals and may not consider themselves bound by normal propriety or morality. Their ethos might not be so different from James and John in today's Gospel. "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" This isn't so foreign to some of the stories of the Old Testament. Yet Jesus rebukes them. He won't be exacting in the way his contemporaries expected. There will be no radical rain down of fire and brimstone. Jesus is radical in another way: the call to discipleship.

"The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These can be difficult passages to read. These are not normal things to hear! It can be easy for many of us to avoid the exacting nature of the Gospel, which might not be what we think it is. James and John wanted to set the bar high for others on the outside and to punish those who didn't meet that standard. Jesus sets the bar high for his disciples, those who say they want to follow him. He may be using some hyperbole, but it's only to send a clear message. This is a radical call, one that has a cost. To truly put God and others first, before ourselves, will involve sacrifice. How is Jesus asking you to be radical today?



Happy Independence Day!

This Thursday, July 4th, is Independence Day, a Federal holiday. Please join us for Mass at 9:00am, in the Parish Center Hall, to celebrate our many rights, including the freedom to worship God openly, without reprisal! The Parish Business Office will be closed on Independence Day.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

God of freedom and liberty, You have created us a little less than the angels and, in doing so, have given us the ability to make moral choices. Continue to bless our country and give us the wisdom to know Your will.

We implore You to grant wisdom to our leaders.

We implore You to grant wisdom to individuals who vote.

Give patience to us when patience is needed. Give us the knowledge to know when action is needed to confront evil.

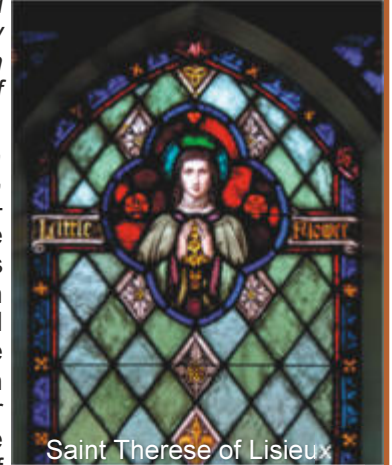
We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our brother and Savior.

Amen.

REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

The refurbished stained glass windows from Holy Saviour Church will adorn our remodeled church of St. John Fisher.

St. Therese of Lisieux, known as the Little Flower, is depicted in art surrounded by or holding roses. She is shown with yellow roses and smaller wildflowers in the refurbished stained glass window. The Fleur de Lis, a nod to her French birth, appears below her image. This window will be installed on the right side of the new sanctuary.



Saint Therese of Lisieux

Therese was the baby of her family - very intelligent, happy, incredibly stubborn, and somewhat self-centered. Her mother died when she was 4 and her father enrolled her in school, where she had academic success but was not at ease with the other students. After her sister went into the Carmelite convent, Therese was determined to become a nun. She asked permission at age 9, again at 11, and finally, asked the Pope to intercede when she was 15. She got her wish and was accepted into the Carmelite order. She took her vows at age 17.

Therese loved nature and used the imagery of nature to explain how the Divine Presence is everywhere. Therese saw herself as "the Little Flower of Jesus" because she was like the simple wild flowers in the fields, unnoticed yet growing and giving glory to God. This is how she understood herself - simple and hidden, but blooming where God had planted her.

She contracted tuberculosis and suffered from it for over a year. Therese was encouraged by the elder nuns to write down her way of spiritual practice. She wrote three books that explained her "little way" and included her personal spiritual autobiography "*The Story of a Soul*."

Therese said, "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth." Roses are Therese's signature. It is her way of whispering to those who need a sign that she has heard, and God is responding.

Therese died on September 30, 1897, at age 24. She was canonized in 1925. Her feast day is October 1.

SUMMER SPIRITUAL SERIES: PRAYER

Seminarian Ed Town joins us on July 6 for four weeks. This summer, Ed will be the moderator for a four-week study on **prayer**. The video series is from The Augustine Institute in Denver and features the renowned speaker Dr. Tim Gray. Dr. Gray will introduce the Church's tradition of *lectio divina*, a practice of



scriptural reading that does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the Living Word. He will show us the simple steps for making prayer a conversation of love and intimacy with God. This series will be held on **Thursdays at 10am** in the parish center, beginning **July 11th through August 1st**. Please call the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2 to RSVP.

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.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND MOTHER ELIZABETH ANN SETON, EMMITTSBURG, MARYLAND

Join us on a summertime spiritual pilgrimage, which will be lead by seminarian Ed Town, on **Tuesday, July 30**. We will be traveling by bus to the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmittsburg, Maryland. Mass will be celebrated, and lunch and snacks will be provided. We will leave St. John Fisher Parish for our day trip on at 8:00am and return by 5:30pm. The shrine and grotto are adjacent to Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary in Emmittsburg. Enjoy the picturesque countryside and time for history, prayer, devotion, and fellowship. The cost per person is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children under 16.

Please contact the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2, to sign up for our summer pilgrimage.



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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| SUNDAY, JUNE 16 | |
| TOTAL: | \$ 11,526 |
| NUMBER: | 363 |
| SUNDAY, JUNE 23 | |
| TOTAL: | \$ 11,278 |
| NUMBER: | 384 |
| SPECIAL COLLECTION | |
| PETER'S PENCE | \$ 1,118 |

A 50/50 drawing was held on July 25. The winner is Jim Grugan (\$110). Congratulations! 50/50 tickets are sold after Sunday Masses, and the drawing is held when half of the total collected exceeds \$100. Thanks for your support!

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!

HONORS AT CARDINAL O'HARA H.S.

St. John Fisher Parish recently received a report of the performance of our high school students for the end of the fourth quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence!

FIRST HONORS

Alexander D'Amico, '19
Sophia Dunham, '19
William Kelley '19
Abigail Loyson, '22

SECOND HONORS

Ijeoma Aguocha, '19
Nathan Crothers, '22

Congratulations to the recent graduates, and best wishes to all of the students! Keep up your good work, where ever life takes you!

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER TRIP TO VIRGINIA BEACH!

A five day, four night trip to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Norfolk, Virginia, departs **Monday, September 9**, from St. John Fisher parking lot. A few seats still are available for this adventure to the south. The trip includes: motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging, eight meals (four each - breakfast and dinner), a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, a dinner cruise and entertainment on the Spirit of Norfolk, admission to the Battleship Wisconsin, and much more. The cost is \$719 per person, double occupancy; \$974 for a single room. To reserve a space, contact Barb Tarone at 610-485-6067.



WIN A NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES!

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

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. There are other volunteer opportunities on Tuesdays or Thursdays. 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.

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| Sat. July 6 | 4:00pm | Cantor |
| Sun. July 7 | 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Were you baptized as a child but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation? Do you know someone who is interested 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

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 610-494-0147
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

"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 Ann Moffett, Terry Biglin, Ruth Jobe, Jim Rankin, Mike Steinmacher, Gloria Patterson, John Grady, 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

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **George and Mary Brown** through the generosity of their granddaughter, **Deirdre O'Brien.**



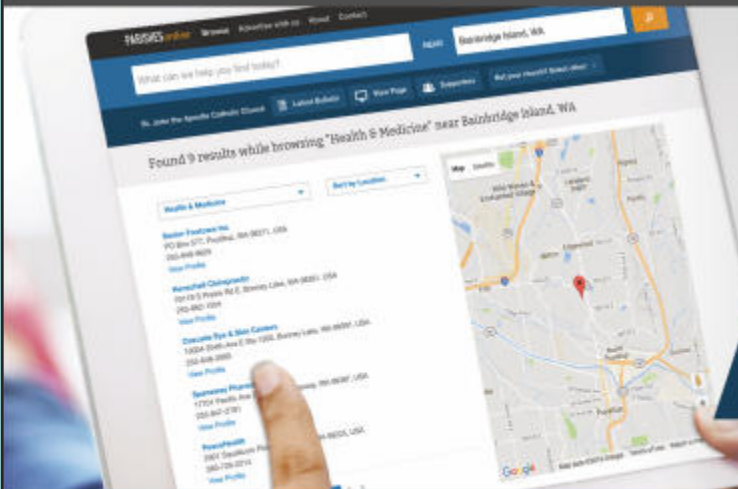
MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | June 29 | Andrew Tuzio |
| | 4:00 PM | |
| Sunday | June 30 | Dolores Carter |
| | 8:00 AM | Francis & Esther Oleary |
| | 9:30 AM | People of the Parish & Visitors |
| | 11:30 AM | |
| Monday | July 1 | Rosemary Maybo |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Tuesday | July 2 | Catina Scanlan |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Wednesday | July 3 | Colleen Skrovaneck |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Thursday | July 4 | Charles Lutz |
| Holiday | 9:00AM | |
| Friday | July 5 | Angeline Greto |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Saturday | July 6 | People of the Parish & Visitors |
| | 4:00 PM | |
| Sunday | July 7 | Virginia Weaver |
| | 8:00 AM | Eula Ivey |
| | 9:30 AM | Brother James Hunt, SVD |
| | 11:30 AM | |

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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