



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH JULY 14, 2019



15th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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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
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TODAY IS SUNDAY, JULY 14, THE 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Luke 10:25-37.

Loving isn't too difficult, right? Many of us are surrounded by kind, lovely people trying to do the right thing. Indeed, to "love

your neighbor as yourself" seems like it should be easy enough. Treat people like you would like to be treated. Bring the new neighbors some baked goods (normal and gluten-free, just in case). Chat with the bank teller about his holiday weekend. Write an occasional card to your sister "just because." There were probably varieties of these acts of kindness in Jesus' day. Perhaps substituting figs for cookies. But "exchange pleasantries with the traveling cloth merchant" isn't the example Jesus gives.

"A man fell victim to robbers...they stripped him and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead." The righteous pass by the scene of the dying man. The hero of the story is the one on the margins of Jewish society, who perhaps would not have been welcomed, in other circumstances, by the man now in the ditch. His neighborly love causes him to halt his journey, to tend wounds, and to pay for the man's care out of his own savings. Are we interruptible? Are we attentive to the hurts of others? Are we generous with our money and possessions?

In the past few weeks, who has crossed your mind as someone in need of help? Perhaps it's an acquaintance suffering from cancer. Maybe you were invited to donate or volunteer to a local social cause, but it just won't stick in your mind (or schedule) to make it happen. The needs of people are many and varied. We can't help everyone, but God does place opportunities in our path for compassion and courageous love. This week, be "the one who treated him with mercy."

SUMMER SPIRITUAL SERIES: PRAYER

There is still time to join Seminarian Ed Town for the weekly Spiritual Series on **prayer**. The video program 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 explain the simple steps for making prayer a conversation of love and intimacy with God. This series is being held on **Thursdays at 10am** in the parish center, beginning **July 11th through August 1st**. Call the Parish Office to RSVP.

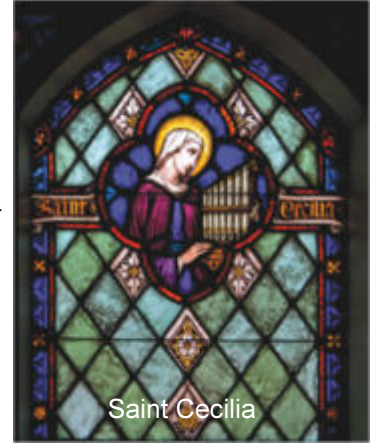


HELP NEEDED FOR PREP 2019-20

Classroom aides are needed for the upcoming Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) school year. Classes will begin in September and run through May 1. All volunteers for PREP must complete Safe Environment training and undergo background checks. The Parish Office staff will help you through that process. Please consider supporting the Catholic Education of our parish children by volunteering. If you can commit for the school year, contact the Director or Religious Education, Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0441, extension 5.

REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

The refurbished stained glass windows from Holy Saviour Church will adorn our remodeled church of St. John Fisher. Here is a bit of history about the saint depicted in one window.



Saint Cecilia

Saint Cecilia is the patroness of musicians, poets, and singers. She is often depicted with organ pipes, as she is in this stained glass window, because she used music and singing as a prayer to the Lord.

Cecilia was a young Roman who lived in the 3rd century. As a Christian, Cecilia beseeched the angels to protect her virginity. Her parents had arranged a marriage with a pagan man named Valerian. When the music was playing at their wedding, Cecilia "sang to the Lord with her heart." She told Valerian that an angel watched over her, and when he demanded to see the angel, Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he converted and was baptized. Valerian did as she asked and when he returned to Cecilia, he saw an angel protecting her and crowning her with a wreath of roses. His brother also believed and was baptized, and the two men spent their days burying the Christians killed at the command of the Roman prefect. The Roman prefect ordered that the two men and Cecilia be arrested and killed. The executioner struck her three times with a sword, but could not decapitate her. When people came to see her as she lay dying, she continued to preach and convert her visitors to Christianity.

The window of Saint Cecilia will hang on the right side of the sanctuary in the remodeled church, near the organ, piano, and choir seating.

Church Remodeling

The parade of dumpsters has slowed as the demolition phase is yielding to the prep phase. With walls, attics, and ceilings torn down, the preparations for the rebuilding of the interior of the church consist of saw-cutting the concrete for the conduits for electrical and sound wiring, the stripping and leveling of floors for tile, and the trenching for new bathroom fixtures and plumbing. Contact and visits have been made by vendors with responsibility for flooring, alarm systems, sound systems, pews, stained glass installation, and lighting. Improvements in our building infrastructure include electrical panels and HVAC efficiency.



Preparing the concrete floor for new fixtures in the church - photo, left.

DON'T FORGET AID FOR FRIENDS MEALS! The freezer in the Parish Center kitchen is low on meals that are delivered to the elderly and hungry in our community. Supplies are located in the storage room off the kitchen. Thank you for your support!



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND MOTHER ELIZABETH ANN SETON

TUESDAY, JULY 30 ~ 8:00am—5:30pm

Join your fellow parishioners for a spiritual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, with an additional stop at the Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, both in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

Walk the beautiful grounds ~ Mass will be celebrated. Bus departs from St. John Fisher parking lot at 8:00am; returns at 5:30pm

*\$35 for adults, \$20 for children under 16 ~ Lunch and snacks are included
Contact the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext 2. to RSVP*

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

During the excitement of an engagement and wedding planning, a couple may lose sight of God's grace made available to them through the Sacrament of Matrimony. The covenant of Matrimony mirrors the covenant between God and His people, a sign of His great love.

Just as the state has requirements for a civil marriage, the Catholic Church also has standards for what makes a valid marriage. There are four elements: (a) both people are free to marry; (b) both can freely exchange consent; (c) both intend to marry for life, be faithful to their spouse and be open to having children; and (d) both consent in the presence of two witnesses and a bishop, priest or deacon. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by a Church authority.

Marriages before a Justice of the Peace or non-Catholic minister, without prior approval by the Church, are examples of a marriage that is *lawful* but not recognized as valid for Catholics. When a Catholic in a *lawful* marriage desires to have his or her marriage bestowed with the grace of the Sacrament, a priest or deacon can offer pastoral and spiritual support and will work with the couple toward a resolution.

When these couples are ready and free to do so, they celebrate what is called a *convalidation*. Sometimes referred to as the 'blessing of a marriage,' it is important to realize that a convalidation is not merely a renewal of vows, but is a *new* act of consent by each spouse. This new act of consent is essential to the Sacrament of Matrimony, and the words that they express are the outward sign of the gift of self that they exchange.

Couples who are married legally and wish to have their union blessed and validated in the Catholic Church are encouraged to seek the assistance of Father McDermott or Deacon Dan Bingnear, or another priest or deacon. We're here to help!

FOOD SUNDAY

July 21 is the next Food Sunday. Please place non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products, and personal care items in the blue bins located in the Parish Center lobby on Food Sunday. You also may drop off items any weekend. Thank you for supplying food for the hungry!

CHARISMATIC RETREAT AT MALVERN



The Malvern Retreat House is hosting a Charismatic Retreat on August 2-4, 2019, at the Main Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Avenue in Malvern.

Father James Blount, Society of Our Lady of the Trinity, is the retreat director. He is a noted evangelist, preacher, and the national spiritual director of the *Flame of Love* movement. He is a bold, charismatic preacher empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of living a life in relationship with each of the Persons of the Holy Trinity.

Also presenting during the retreat is Kathleen McCarthy, the president of *In His Sign* Catholic radio network. She is a published author, evangelist, retreat master, and radio broadcaster. She has a gift of preaching and healing and is known worldwide.

The retreat will include power-packed talks, a healing service, Mass, Adoration, quiet time, and uplifting music provided by Mark Griswold.

To make reservations, call the Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400, or go to www.malvernretreat.com. The cost is \$265 per person and includes all meals. It begins on Friday evening at 5:00pm and ends by noon on Sunday.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JUNE 30:	
Total:	\$ 9,273
Number of envelopes	341
JULY 7:	
Total:	\$ 13,806
Number of Envelopes	461

POOR BOX FOR JUNE: \$ 456

The money donated to the Poor Box in June supports the St. Vincent DePaul Fund for charitable projects.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Total: \$ 978

PADUA ACADEMY HONOR STUDENTS

St. John Fisher Parish recently was notified that young women of our parish who attend Padua Academy High School students were awarded high honors for the second term of the school year. We are particularly proud of these students who demonstrated academic excellence:

Mia Buonadonna (Grade 10)
Samantha Chambers (Grade 11)
Keira Lynch (Grade 9)
Wendy Mayo (Grade 10)
Sara McLaughlin (Grade 9)

Congratulations to all recent graduates from our parish! Keep up your good work, where ever life takes you!

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. July 20	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. July 21	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.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR VIRGINIA TRIP!

A five day trip to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Norfolk, Virginia, departs **Monday, September 9**. A few seats still are available for this adventure to the south. The trip includes: motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging, eight meals, 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.

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

**DENISE STANG
GERRY GREEN**

"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

Chip Natrin, Connie Carney, Marie Berbee, Billie Hobdell, Ruth Ann Moffett, Terry Biglin, Ruth Jobe, Jim Rankin, Mike Steinmacher, Gloria Patterson, John Grady, 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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 13	George Ershaw
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	July 14	People of the Parish & Visitors
	8:00 AM	Sara Segerstrom
	9:30 AM	Josephine Angelini
	11:30 AM	
Monday	July 15	Mary Grugan
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	July 16	Patrick McCormick
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	July 17	Living Intention for the Rayer Family
	7:30 AM	
Thursday	July 18	Maureen Strazdus
	7:30AM	
Friday	July 19	Ann M. Leahan
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	July 20	John Robert "Bob" Matus, Jr. 2nd Ann.
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	July 21	Geraldine "Geri" LoPresti
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Janet Kadszewski
	11:30 AM	

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