



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH AUG. 4, 2019



*"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:21*

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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 Admin. Assistant:** Mrs. Regina Robinson (ext. 6)  
**Communications Secretary:** Mrs. Renee Devine (ext. 2)  
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**TODAY IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, THE 18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Luke 12:13-21.**

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages

are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "storing up treasure for ourselves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

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Two statues from Immaculate Conception Church will be placed in the shrine area to the left of the new Sanctuary, along with the Baptismal Font.

The statue of Saint Rita of Cascia from Immaculate Conception of Lourdes depicts her with the mark of the stigmata on her forehead, and she is wearing nun's habit. However, Rita had lived a whole different life before joining a convent.

As a child, Rita longed to join the Augustinian convent, but when she was twelve, her parents promised her in marriage. Her husband was an abusive man, and had a position in the local government which often found him caught in the middle of disputes. They were blessed with two sons, and Rita was content with being a wife and mother. Her husband was murdered, and although she forgave his killers, she was worried her sons would seek revenge for their father's death. She feared that their actions would condemn their souls and prayed to God to let them die before they killed anyone involved with their father's death. Both young men got sick and died without taking action against the killers.

Alone in the world, Rita asked to join the convent, only to be turned away in fear that her husband's death could cause trouble for the order. Rita set about the task of establishing peace between the hostile parties in Cascia, and, at age 36, was accepted into the convent. One day while praying before the crucifix, a small wound appeared on her forehead, and was visible for the rest of her life. Before she died, a cousin visited Rita and asked if she wanted anything. Rita asked for a rose from her parent's garden. Her cousin was shocked to find a rose was blooming in the dead of winter! She returned to Rita with the rose, and she is often depicted holding the flower. Saint Rita is the Patroness of Impossible Causes, abused wives, and heartbroken women. Her feast day is May 22.

## Reverend Joseph A. Amalfitano 1935 - 2019

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Reverend Joseph A. Amalfitano, Pastor Emeritus of Immaculate Conception of Lourdes Parish, Marcus Hook, on Saturday, July 20, 2019. He was 84 years old.

Father Amalfitano was born on March 23, 1935, in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. He is the son of the late James Amalfitano and the late Grace (Ponci) Amalfitano. Father Amalfitano attended Saint Anthony of Padua Parochial School and Saint James High School, both in Chester, before entering Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Father Amalfitano was ordained on May 18, 1963, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, by the Most Reverend John J. Krol. His first assignment was as Parochial Vicar, Annunciation B.V.M. Parish, Philadelphia. He went on to serve at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bridgeport; Saint Paul Parish, Philadelphia; and Saint Stanislaus Parish, Lansdale. He also served as Pastor, Our Lady of Pompeii Parish, Philadelphia. In 1990, he was appointed Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Marcus Hook. He was named Pastor Emeritus following the merger of Immaculate Conception, Holy Saviour, and St. John Fisher in 2013.

The funeral Mass for Father Amalfitano was held on Wednesday, July 31. He has been laid to rest at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, Linwood. Father Amalfitano is survived by his brothers, Michael, David, Henry, and their families.

**Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,  
and may Perpetual Light Shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.**



## EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION

Show your missionary spirit this year! This weekend we welcome Father Bruno Dongo, A.J., to hear about and help support his order, the Apostles of Jesus. This religious missionary institute was founded in Africa in 1968. Father Dongo will be visiting St. John Fisher parish this weekend and will explain the work of his community at all of the Masses.



The Apostles of Jesus has over 400 priests and brothers who serve in Uganda and other countries in Africa, Cuba, and Papua New Guinea. Their ministry includes the education of orphans, care of children affected by HIV/AIDS, promoting self-sustaining agricultural projects, health care initiatives, pastoral ministry, and the formation of priests and brothers.

A donation would support the spiritual renewal of priests who serve in difficult environments and work for long periods of time without a vacation or spiritual retreat. Health care services will also benefit from a contribution. Many children in these areas die from preventable or curable diseases, which the Apostles of Jesus continue to address. The education of children is the answer to many social, economic and political issues facing under-developed nations. The missionary group is raising funds to build schools and social activity centers for the younger generations.

This mission weekend is sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who help build up the church in over 1,100 Dioceses where Christianity is new. Please pray for Father Dongo and his fellow Apostles of Jesus, and give as you are able. Envelopes for the appeal will be available on the tables in the lobby. The funds donated will directly benefit the Apostles of Jesus Mission Society.

## 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,

**Planning a vacation this summer and not sure where to go for Sunday Mass? Visit [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) for online assistance to find Catholic Churches and Mass times near your destination throughout the United States.**

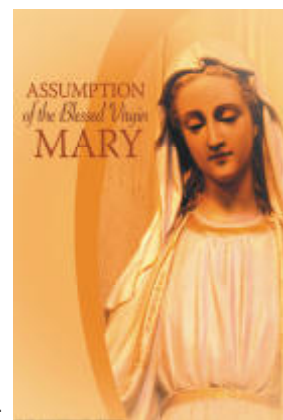
## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AUGUST 15

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation.

The Mass schedule for the holy day is as follows:

7:00 PM Wednesday, August 14  
9:00 AM Thursday, August 15  
7:00 PM Thursday, August 15

There will be no 7:30 Mass on Thursday, August 15, in the chapel.



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A QUALITY PRE-K FOR YOUR THREE-YEAR-OLD?

Spaces are available for three-year-olds in the half- or full-day Pre-K program at **Holy Family Regional Catholic School.**

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## WANTED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School is starting in a few weeks! Our "Back to School" Collection begins now and continues through the end of August. Donated school supplies will be distributed to children in our community. Back to school sales at local stores have already started – can you pick up a few extra items when shopping for your family? We are collecting:

- New backpacks (no wheels)
- Notebooks - spiral and marble
- 1" and 2" binders and dividers
- Loose leaf paper
- Erasers
- Pens - black, blue, and red
- Pencils - #2 and colored pencils
- Crayons
- Markers and Highlighters
- Folders - two pocket
- Glue sticks
- Pencil bags
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners



Please drop off items in the marked bin in the foyer of the Parish Center Hall. Thanks for your generosity!

## FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**JULY 28:**

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,720</b>
<b>Number of Envelopes</b>	<b>357</b>

*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. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish!*



### BASEBALL MANIA WINNERS!

The winning is just beginning! Congratulations to the winners of the first week of **Baseball Mania**. As a reminder, there is one guaranteed winner every week, and all winners will receive their prize money by check, mailed from the St. John Fisher Business Office.

**Week of July 21:** Stephen Skrovaneck (\$200)  
Janet Barton (\$25)

### DON'T FORGET AID FOR FRIENDS MEALS!

In the summer, the Aid For Friends freezer tends to empty faster than it fills. Could you help by making an extra portion of dinner, place it in the disposable tray, and place it in the freezer in the Parish Center kitchen. Thank you for your support!

### 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](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.

### FOOD SUNDAY: AUGUST 18

August 18 is the next Food Sunday collection. Please place non-perishable donations in the bins in the Parish Center Lobby. Thank You!!

### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sat. August 10</b>	4:00pm	Cantor
<b>Sun. August 11</b>	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Cantor
	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-Caná 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 610-494-0147  
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA [www.holyfamilyaston.org](http://www.holyfamilyaston.org)

## May They Rest in Peace

EDWARD SIKORA

"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, Ruth Ann Moffett, Chip Natrin, Connie Carney, Billie Hobdell, Terry Biglin, 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>	8:00 AM	Diane Smith
		9:30 AM	Dorothy Duncan
		11:30 AM	Lewis Pelfrey, III
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>	7:30 AM	Mary E. Grugan
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 6</b>	7:30 AM	William Crowley
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 7</b>	7:30 AM	Harry John Janson
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 8</b>	7:30 AM	Joseph Faverio, Sr. & Dorothy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>	7:30 AM	Cornelius Dever, Sr. 23rd Anniv.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 10</b>	4:00 PM	George J. Ershaw
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 11</b>	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		9:30 AM	Michael & Chrissy Kane
		11:30 AM	Janet Kadszewski

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