



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH SEPT. 1, 2019



22nd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

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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 2:30 PM
 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)
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TODAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, THE 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to give special consideration when we offer hospitality. Consider a children's birthday party - have you heard of parties where all but one or two children in a classroom are invited? When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who would we like to spend time with or impress? These motives have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? Who is rarely part of 'the crowd'? In other words, who can I serve?

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our children and young adults will be going back to school this week. We encourage them to work to their fullest potential, and learn to balance their studies with their free time.

We also remind parents to reinforce their child's religious education by attending Mass on Sundays and praying as a family. Remember to be patient with your children, kind to the teachers and staff at the schools, and extra vigilant when driving in school zones. Have a wonderful school year!

Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

God of wisdom and might,

*We praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body, and spirit.*

*Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.*

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

*Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow,
wisdom and knowledge to expand their minds
as they search for understanding,
and peace and zeal in their hearts.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



A workman smooths the just-poured concrete of the first level of the Sanctuary floor. The concrete truck arrived first thing Monday morning. Another worker smooths the floor in the new ladies' room (below, right).



Artisan Staci Hummel (left) stains one board at a time, carefully matching the color of the existing wood beams. The tongue and groove planks will be used for the new ceiling over the sanctuary.

YOUTH CHOIR

We encourage all children, ages 6 and up, who are interested in singing with the Youth Choir to join!

Rehearsals are held between the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses on Sundays (from 10:35 until 11:10), **beginning on September 15**. Youth Choir is an excellent way to engage your children in the celebration of the Liturgy! If you have questions, please call KathyAaronson, 610-485-0441.ext.5.



OPENING DAY OF PREP

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) classes begins next week! Our first day of class is **Tuesday, September 10**, for students in the First through Fifth Grades. There are two sessions: 4:30 - 6:00 and 6:15 - 7:45. Students in Sixth and Seventh Grades who will be preparing for Confirmation this year will begin classes on **Wednesday, September 11**, at 6:15pm-7:30pm.

All students and their parents should meet in the Parish Center Hall for the Opening Session. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes early to take a seat so the meeting can begin promptly. We look forward to seeing you and beginning a productive year!

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2, is Labor Day.
Mass will be said at 9:00am.

There will be no 7:30am Mass on September 2.

Ora et labora," the Rule of St. Benedict, translates to "pray and work."

Labor Day arose in the early 1800s as the labor movement was beginning to flourish in the US. It was established as a day to encourage the union movement and collective bargaining, and to recognize the dignity of the laborer and of work itself.

Prayer for Workers

O God, to whom all our prayers rise like incense, we thank you for the ability to work and to provide for our families. Assist us in honoring the laborer and providing a fare wage for all workers.

To work brings us purpose and dignity. In work, the laborer honors you, the One who provides everything we need.

We ask you to bless all those who have no opportunity to work. Enliven our hearts to hear their cries for meaningful work and help us to give from our abundance to those who have little.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MARRIED COUPLES - TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOU!

Refresh your marriage relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend this fall. Why not give yourselves some time together? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Oct. 18-20 or Nov. 22-24, in Doylestown. For more information visit our website at: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/> or contact Al & Mary Liz at Applications@wwme-philly.org or 610-449-1859.

MEN'S GATHERING

The St. John Fisher Men's Gathering is open to all men of the parish, to build fellowship and community and help one another focus on becoming a more authentic Christians. The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Parish Business Office. Men of all ages are welcome!

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

"I had been haunted by guilt that no one could take away. Through the retreat, I was able to forgive myself. God has given me peace of mind, cleansed my heart, and washed away my guilt."

The emotional burden of abortion is huge. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is offering a post-abortion healing retreat on **October 11-13** in Malvern. The weekend is designed to help women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. Free yourself from the pain in your heart and soul! Contact Lauren at 215-720-5828 or email her at lklovesnyc@gmail.com. All inquires are confidential, financial aid is offered, if needed.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

Save the date! Mark **October 16** on your calendar as the 2019 Boscov's **SHOP FOR EDUCATION** shopping day. For a \$5.00 donation, you can purchase a Boscov's shopping pass that will give you a 25% discount on almost everything in the store! The Boscov's discount coupons are on sale now through October 13 after Mass.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Rehearsals for the Contemporary Choir resume this week, on **Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00pm** in the Chapel. All are welcome to join!

FOOTBALL MANIA IS BACK!



It's the tenth season for **Football Mania** at St. John Fisher! A letter, with a ticket enclosed, has been mailed to parishioners. Tickets for the charity game are \$20 each. Extra tickets can be purchased following weekend Masses or in the Parish Office. Please return the bottom stub of the ticket with your name, phone number, and please include your address so we know where to mail the winnings. Put the ticket stub, and your \$20 payment, in the return envelope provided and mail it or drop it in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to St. John Fisher. If you do not wish to purchase a ticket, please return it in the envelope by putting it into the collection basket at Mass or dropping it at the Parish Business Office. There is a guaranteed winner each week! Grand prizes are awarded at the end of the season. You can't win if you don't play! Tickets and payment must be returned by noon on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser for our parish!



BASEBALL MANIA WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of this week's **Baseball Mania** game.

As a reminder, all winners will receive their prize money by check, mailed from the St. John Fisher Business Office.

Week ending August 25:

Regina Robinson, Garnet Valley (\$25)

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

AUGUST 25:

Total:	\$ 10,421
Number of Envelopes	452

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!

ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL HOLIDAY TRIP



St. John's on the Hill Seniors is sponsoring a trip to the American Music Theatre Christmas Show on **Wed. November 20**. Evoking the revered holiday nostalgia of hometowns all across the US, the theatre will transform into a small-town winter carnival brimming with singing and dancing. Ride in a luxury coach to Lancaster, have a delicious lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and enjoy the holiday show. The cost is \$98.00 all inclusive. The bus departs at 10:30am from the St. John Fisher parking lot and returns in the early evening. For reservations, call Barbara at 484-645-4533.

Catholic programming on *Relevant Radio* is free to everyone! You can find it at **640AM** on your radio, for conversation, humor, and prayer with a Catholic perspective. Or, listen on line at relevantradio.com. Give it a try!

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begins next weekend, **September 8**, during the 11:30 Mass. Children will be dismissed to a classroom to hear the Sunday readings on their level. Encourage your children to join in!

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 7	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. Sept. 8	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 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 LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE ON THE JOB

"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

Sharon Daugherty, Joyce Daniels, Georgia Glowitz, John Skulski, Diane Kelly, Rita Bubernak, Barbara Shahadi, Thomas Ruddy, Tina Ferry, Helen Norton, Linda McDaniel, 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.

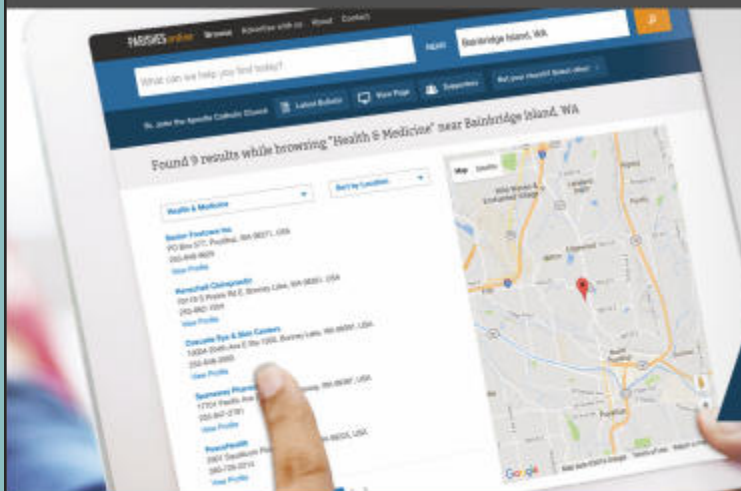
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Aug. 31	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Sept. 1	8:00 AM	Serafino Lupi
		9:30 AM	William & Helen Aaronson
		11:30 AM	Kenneth A. MacDonald, Jr. 7th Anniv.
Monday	Sept. 2		
Holiday		9:00 AM	Cosmo & Elvira Pontarelli
Tuesday	Sept. 3		
		7:30 AM	Edmund M. Donovan
Wednesday	Sept. 4		
		7:30 AM	Eula Ivey
Thursday	Sept. 5		
		7:30AM	Margaret "Denise" Markey
Friday	Sept. 6		
		7:30 AM	Regina Kerrigan, 13th Anniv.
Saturday	Sept. 7		
		4:00 PM	George J. Ershaw
Sunday	Sept. 8		
		8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		9:30 AM	Grace Racine
		11:30 AM	Jack Kelley

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