



REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH SEPT. 8, 2019



# 23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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)  
**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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### Pastor Emeritus

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**TODAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, THE 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.** The Gospel Reading is Luke 14:25-33.

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was

Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week?

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year, the church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 15**. Those in our parish community who have volunteered to serve as catechists and aides in the PREP and RCIA programs will be called forward to be commissioned for their ministry during the 9:30am Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in passing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Please pray for our catechists and aides and that their students have a fruitful year.

### OPENING DAY OF PREP

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) classes begin this 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 to the meeting can begin promptly. We look forward to seeing you and beginning a productive year!



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*Sanctuary area prepared for new gabled roof and wall. Skylight prepared for Holy Spirit stained glass window.*

### SEMINARIAN AT ST. JOHN FISHER

Welcome to **Mr. Sean Phillips** as a seminarian from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Sean is studying to be priest for the Pallottines, The Society for the Catholic Apostolate. This religious order staffs Bishop Eustace Preparatory High School in New Jersey. Sean will be in his second year of Theological Formation. He is a graduate from Catholic University of America and has a Master's Degree from the University of Notre Dame in History. Sean is following in St. Vincent Pallotti's footsteps, their founder who was dedicated to communicate the message of Christ to the world. Sean will be leading a **LECTIO SPIRITUAL SERIES** on **ST. PETER** on Thursday mornings as well as visits to Holy Family Regional School and parish Communion Calls.



### THURSDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL SERIES: ST. PETER

Seminarian Sean Phillips will be the moderator for a ten-week study on **St. Peter**. The video series is from The Augustine Institute in Denver and features the renowned speaker Dr. Tim Gray. Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us. In these stirring lectures, learn what happens when flawed humanity comes up against God made flesh. This series will be held on **Thursdays at 10:15am** in the parish center, beginning **September 12th through November 21st**. Please call the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2 to RSVP.

### YOUTH CHOIR

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

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!





### PATRIOT DAY

Three months after the September 11, 2001, attack on the United States, President George W. Bush signed into law a bill designating September 11 as **Patriot Day**. Patriot Day honors the nearly three thousand people who lost their lives that morning in 2001, including the first responders and many civilians. We remember those killed and the survivors impacted by the events of that day.

*Heavenly Father, Creator of All,  
We pray today for all victims of violence across the world,  
for the healing of their mind and body,  
for their mourning family members, and  
for the repose of the souls who are killed.  
We pray especially for those who survived the attacks on  
September 11, 2001 - the co-workers and first responders,  
the families who lost loved ones,  
and the citizens who witnessed the violence.  
Give them the gift of peace that only You can give.  
Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies,  
and to pray for those who persecute us.  
Give us the strength and courage to forgive.  
Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God,  
and grant us peace. Amen.*

### CALENDAR CHANGE

The Men's Spirituality Group will meet on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.



### 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. Proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for young women.

### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

**Food Sunday is next weekend, September 15.** Please place non-perishable food items (no bread please), household cleaners, and personal care products in the bins under the tables in the Parish Center Lobby.

**The PB&J collection has started!** The Religious Education Program is sponsoring a special food collection of jars of peanut butter and jelly through mid-October. Could you please add a jar of these staples to your grocery list for donation?



Do you ever wonder where the items collected go? The parish supports three area food banks, plus a program at the Upper Chichester schools.

**St. Katherine Drexel Parish** operates a food bank at 2nd and Norris Streets in Chester. Food is distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon until 2:00pm. First time visitors do not need to register, but for continuing help, clients must register in person. (Contact 484-490-5079.)

**Cokesbury United Methodist Church** opens the doors to its Angel Food Pantry once a month, on the third Wednesday from 10:00am until noon. The church is located at 3307 Market Street in Marcus Hook.

Residents of Trainer must register in advance to use the **Trainer Borough Food Pantry** at the Community Building, 1002 Chestnut Street. Distribution is every Friday from 9:00am until 11:00am. Families and seniors are served on alternating Fridays. (Contact 610-848-8106.)

Food and personal hygiene products are dropped off at the **Upper Chichester elementary, middle and high schools**. The PREP program's 'breakfast bags' are shared with the elementary schools. If you know someone who can use a helping hand with food, please share this bulletin with them.

### AID FOR FRIENDS

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!

### ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

Were you baptized as a child, but never received your First Eucharist or were Confirmed? Or maybe you are interested in becoming Catholic. If you are ready to take the next step in your journey of faith, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program provides the opportunity to ask questions, share your thoughts, and prepares you to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation. Weekly sessions will begin this fall. Contact Deacon Dan Bingnear at [dbingnear@verizon.net](mailto:dbingnear@verizon.net) or call him at 610-

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### SEPTEMBER 1:

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,907.00</b>
<b>Number of Envelopes</b>	<b>328</b>

<b>AUGUST POOR BOX :</b>	<b>\$ 672.78</b>
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*Donations to the Poor Box in August benefit the Mother's Home Crisis Pregnancy Shelter in Darby. Thank you for your support!*



## BASEBALL MANIA WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winner of this week's *Baseball Mania* game. **Week ending September 1:**

\$200 Linda Lockbar

### POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

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 one 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 Loren at 215-720-5828 or email her at [lklovesnyc@gmail.com](mailto:lklovesnyc@gmail.com). All inquires are confidential.

### 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:** Mondays 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.

# HAPPY Grandparents Day

September 8

### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sat. Sept. 14</b>	4:00pm	Cantor
<b>Sun. Sept. 15</b>	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult 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](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*

**KENNETH MURPHY  
EDWARD HAGGERTY**

*"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I*

*Please Pray for Our Sick*

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

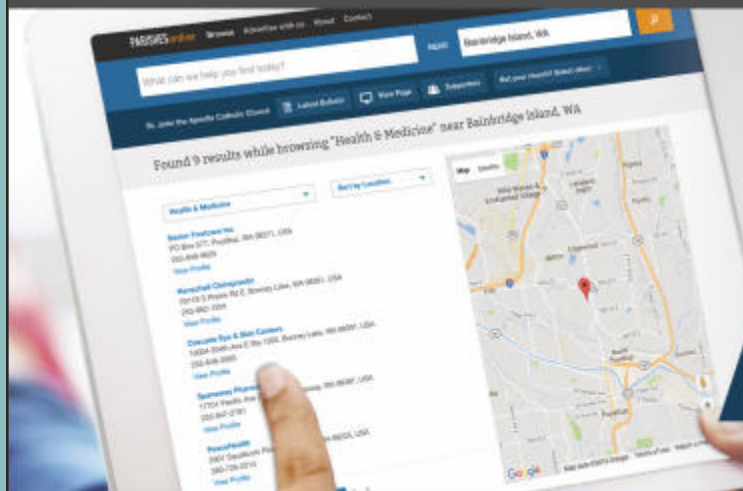
**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 7</b>	4:00 PM	George J. Ershaw
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		9:30 AM	Grace Racine
		11:30 AM	Jack Kelley
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	7:30 AM	Mary Castellano
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	7:30 AM	Judith Feyas
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 11</b>	7:30 AM	Mary Castellano
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept. 12</b>	7:30 AM	Joe Walker, 6th Anniv.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	7:30 AM	Barbara Bracken
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 14</b>	4:00 PM	Frank Monks
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>	8:00 AM	Stanley Haschak
		9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		11:30 AM	Mary Donnelly

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