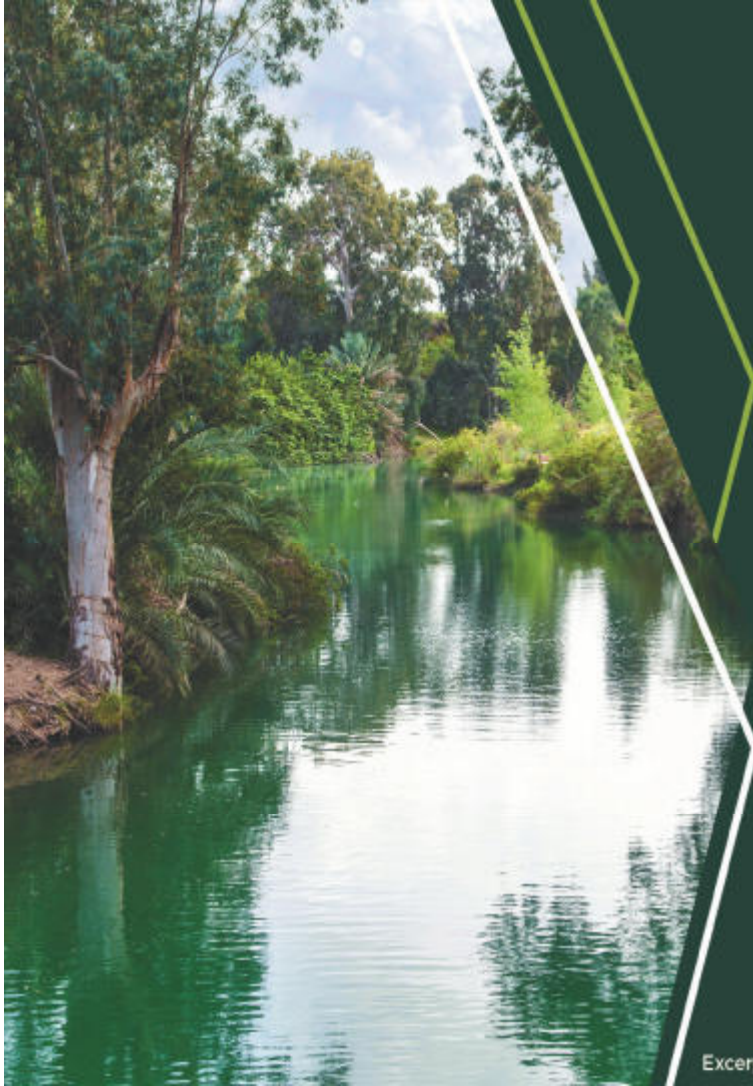




SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

JANUARY 12, 2020



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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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LIVE OUT YOUR BAPTISM

TODAY IS JANUARY 12, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 3:13-17. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that one of the four reasons for the Incarnation of Jesus Christ is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [or daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live out our baptism!

RECORD OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS

With regard to a summary of charitable contributions to St. John Fisher Parish for tax purposes, if you received a record of your donations last year, you **do not** need to call and request one this year. It will be sent to you automatically near the end of the month. If you did not receive a summary last year and would like one for your 2019 tax preparation, please call Regina Robinson at the parish office at 610-485-0441, ext. 6, to be added to the mailing list. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish during the past year!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Thank you to the following parishioners for their contribution to purchase flowers and greenery for the church this holiday season and throughout the year.

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Mr. & Mrs. Timoteo Cuadra

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Albert Marcella
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Bob Keough, Bencida &
Ramon Linares

Mom and Dad
Tom, Michael, & John McCarthy
Stephen Hein Nguyen



Time to roll up your sleeves!
St. John Fisher's winter blood drive is
Monday, February 3, 2020,
from 2:00 - 7:00pm, in the Church Hall.
The local Red Cross is in critical need of
blood! Volunteers will be calling previous
donors in the coming weeks, or contact
Barbara Tarone at 610-485-6067
to get on the donation schedule.
Please plan to donate!

CATECHETICAL AWARDS

Congratulations to three staff members of the Parish Religious Education Program who were acknowledged by the Archdiocese for their years of service as catechists, at Mass celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Many thanks to these dedicated volunteers for their service to our children.

St. John Neumann Award - 5 Years of Service
Dawn Wyzen

St. Pius X Award - 10 +Years of Service
Rachel Ferry

St. Martin de Porres Award - 20 Years of Service
Sharon Sebelist



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Today is the first Hospitality Sunday of the new year! Please join us in the Church Hall after each Mass on Sunday morning for coffee, juice, doughnuts and a little time getting to know your fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendar now for the Parish Mission, scheduled for **Sunday, February 16 through Wednesday, February 19, at 7:00pm**. Special sessions will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings following the 7:30am Mass.

This year's Mission features Bill Wenger, a lay minister who has traveled all over the world offering inspirational missions. After a successful business career, Bill gave it up and began preaching God's word. Plan to join us!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED JAN. 20

In recognition of the Martin Luther King holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 20**. The Office will re-open on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. Items for the bulletin for January 26 must be received by noon on Tuesday, January 21.

BREAKFAST BAGS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN



PREP is kicking off 2020 with its "Breakfast Bag" service project. We are asking for your help in feeding hungry children by filling a brown lunch bag with some of the following: a 100% juice bag/box, granola bar, cheese or peanut butter crackers, applesauce, raisins or fruit cup, or any other non-perishable breakfast food. You can also include an upbeat note or decorate the brown bag if you want. This is a great family project! It will run through January 31. Drop off Breakfast Bags in the Church Hall in the designated bin.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

All candidates for Confirmation have a few important activities this January.

For second year candidates, the white envelope provided to you in the Fall is due by **Monday, January 13**. If you have not turned it in yet, please do so.

First and second year candidates, plus at least one parent, and your sponsor if available, are expected to attend an event on **Wednesday, January 15**, beginning at 6:20 pm. We will meet in the Church Hall for a presentation by a guest speaker.

All retreat paperwork is due on **Wednesday, January 29**. The retreat is scheduled for **Sunday, February 9**, beginning with Mass at 11:30 and concluding at 4:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

FOR RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES

Rehearsal for Reconciliation will be held on **Sunday, January 19, beginning at 12:30pm**. All children receiving the sacrament must be present. If you have any questions, please call the Director of Religious Education, Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0441, extension 5.

PLAY SUPERMATCH DURING THE SUPER BOWL!

Tickets are on sale now for the special Football Mania game, **Supersmatch**. Tickets are \$5 each, on sale after Mass or in the Parish Office.

This game is tied to Super Bowl LIV, which is on February 2, 2020. Each game card has two numbers for each quarter played, one for the NFC team and one for the AFC team. At the end of each quarter, if the numbers on your your ticket match the teams' scores, you are a winner!

Match 1 Quarter: Win \$10

Match 2 Quarters: Win \$50

Match 3 Quarters: Win \$500

Match 4 Quarters: Win \$5000

Thanks for supporting this Parish Fund-raiser!



**FINANCIAL OFFERING:
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

DECEMBER 24-25:

Total: \$ 41,302

Number: 603

DECEMBER 29:

Total: \$ 9,478

Number: 394

JANUARY 1:

Total: \$ 3,642

Number: 155

JANUARY 5:

Total: \$ 13,203

Number: 453

Thank you for your faithful support!



Christ Life Series Resumes this February.

Enter this Lent with the grace and gift of sharing your faith with others.

Discovering Christ was a Christ-centered process where participants were invited to be open and ready to encounter, in a deep and lasting way, the person of Jesus Christ.

The second phase of the evangelization process was **Following Christ**. Participants discerned the call to be His follower and how one is being called to follow.

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Sharing Christ is a continuation of our call as God's beloved children to embrace His mission, that of building and proclaiming the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Participants grow in confidence and learn ways to reach out in love to others — family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and all those God brings into your life — to invite them to know the peace, love and joy that is found through faith in Jesus Christ, the profound love of God the Father, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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CHRIST
a seven-week mission

St. John Fisher Parish will begin this third phase of the evangelization program on **Monday, February 3**, and will meet on Monday evenings over the following several weeks. You can attend **Sharing Christ** even if you were not able to attend the *Discovering Christ* or *Following Christ* series. **Sharing Christ** begins each night at 6:15pm and concludes at 8:30pm. The night will include dinner, humor, video, and small group discussion. There is no cost for participants; a free will donation is accepted. If you have any questions about the **Sharing Christ** process, please contact Dr. Cookie Magee at 610-494-8188 or doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com.

KICK OFF SUMMER 2020 WITH A VACATION!

It's never too early to think about your next vacation! Join the St. John's on the Hill Seniors for a trip to Mystic Seaport, Foxwoods Casio, and a tour inside one of the fabulous Newport mansions! The trip includes luxury motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging, four breakfasts and dinners, and much more. Departs on Sunday, May 31, 2020, and returns to St. John Fisher on Thursday, June 4. The cost is \$549, double occupancy. There is a \$75 deposit to reserve a spot on this trip. There are still seats available on the bus for this fabulous trip, so invite a friend or relative to join you! Contact Barbara Tarone, 610-485-6067, for more details or to reserve your seat.



UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 18	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. Jan. 19	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Youth Choir

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 Meeting Room in the Church.

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; Spring study begins Jan. 20.

ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL SENIORS: Second and fourth Thursdays at 12:30pm in the Church 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.



FOOTBALL MANIA

Congratulations to the winner of the final week of Football Mania for this season: **Week #16: Dec. 25 - Dec. 29**

Joan Behl, Upper Chichester (\$25)

Thanks to everyone who played this parish fundraiser. In 16 weeks, \$1,400 was paid out to the winners from St. John Fisher! Join in the fun again next fall!

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
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May They Rest in Peace

ANNETTE WEISS

"Come me to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Please Pray for Our Sick

Linda Johnston, Hazel Neary, Dorothy Stone, Ralph Nather, Norman Falkowski, Jr., Regina Klinke, Honor Mahoney, Nicky Ortiz, Rita O'Neal, John and Kris Skulski, Linda Buchanan, Stephanie Ermolowich, Deborah Knight, Diane Kelly, Pat Donnelly, Baby Robert Sitaras, Ruth Jobe, Ruth Ann Moffett, Chip Natrix, Connie Carney, Billie Hobdell, Mike Steinmacher, Gloria Patterson, John Grady, Bryan Snyder, Rose Liott, Betty Ann Deshullo, Ann Walley, Gladys Kinsler, Frank Breitmayer, Mary Giambri, 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. If you wish to add a person again, after 30 days, please contact the office.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan. 11	4:00 PM	Jack Kelley
Sunday	Jan. 12	8:00 AM	Michael Perreault
		9:30 AM	Denise Stang
		11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Monday	Jan. 13	7:30 AM	Robert Cacciatore
Tuesday	Jan. 14	7:30 AM	Michael Magnotta, Sr.
Wednesday	Jan. 15	7:30 AM	James McDevitt, 46th Anniv.
Thursday	Jan. 16	7:30 AM	Frank Piperno
Friday	Jan. 17	7:30 AM	Joseph Haggarty
Saturday	Jan. 18	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Jan. 19	8:00 AM	Rev. Joseph A. Amalfitano
		9:30 AM	Rev. Joseph A. Amalfitano
		11:30 AM	James Tims, 2nd Anniv.

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