



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

JANUARY 26, 2020



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

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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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TODAY IS JANUARY 26, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 4:12-23.

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea." Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? "Come after me." These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

"Come after me." The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. "Come after me," Jesus says. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!



St. John Fisher's winter blood drive is a week from now, on Monday, February 3, from 2:00 - 7:00pm, in the Church Hall.

The local Red Cross is in critical need of blood!

Volunteers have been calling previous donors, but we are still short of our goal of 45 donors! New donors are welcome!

Please contact Barbara Tarone at 610-485-6067 to schedule a time to donate on February 3.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH MISSION



Get ready! Our parish mission is just three weeks away! The dates are **Sunday night, February 16, through Wednesday night, February 19, with morning sessions following the 7:30am Mass.** It will truly be a time of renewal and rejoicing for our community. Don't let these four days pass you by and leave you saying, "I wish I had been there." If you haven't made your plans yet, do it right now — put it in your calendar!

Bill Wegner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be leading this year's mission. Bill has been a full-time evangelist for the past 13 years, conducting over 300 parish missions, workshops, and conferences throughout the United States, Ireland, and Central America. In 1994, Bill felt that God was calling him from a career as a successful business owner into full-time ministry in the Catholic Church. After attending workshops on Catholic spirituality and evangelization, he began the gradual transition into ministry. He founded the Good News School of Evangelization with the permission and blessing of the Bishop of Trenton, and entered into a 3-year formation program about the Catholic faith.

The mission at St. John Fisher will be a fantastic way to deepen our relationship with God and with each other. The *Renewal in Christ* we began over a year ago as we moved forward with the church renovation continues! Come as your schedule allows! Plan to be there... and bring a friend!

DAYIME BIBLE STUDY

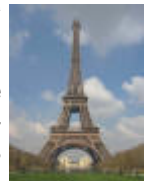
All are welcome to join seminarian Sean Phillips for the weekly daytime Spiritual Series, *The Life of St. Peter*. The study group meets on **Thursday mornings 10:15am** in the Parish Center Conference Room. *The Life of St. Peter* is a video series by the Augustine Institute about the "Rock upon which Jesus built his Church," Simon Peter. It will cover Peter's humanity and how his story is relevant in our lives. Open to everyone, even if you have not attended in the past.



THE VERY BEST OF FRANCE ~

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Paris, Normandy, Bordeaux, Limoges, Lourdes, and much more! Join Father Curry on a trip of a lifetime to France on July 6 through 17, 2020. Twelve days, 10 nights, roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia to Paris, first class hotels, private touring in France with a professional, English-speaking tour guide included. The cost is \$4,999 per person, double occupancy, with a discount if the trip is paid in full by January 24. A complete brochure of this excursion is located in the Parish Business Office, including the payment form. Please stop by for a copy if you are interested.



Please pray for the children of our parish who will make their First Penance on Monday, January 27.

'YOU ARE CALLED TO HOLINESS'

A Day of Recollection and Conference, sponsored by Catholics United for the Faith, is being held on **Saturday, April 4, from 9:00am until 6:15pm**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. 'You are Called to Holiness' is the theme of the day, featuring Cardinal Raymond Burke, Most Reverend Joseph Strickland, Bishop of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, and Reverend Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica. Cardinal Burke will be the principal celebrant at the 5:15pm Palm Sunday Mass at the Basilica. Admission is \$65 a person, \$20 for students, no charge for Priests, religious or seminarians. Lunch is included. Reservations are required. For additional information, call 215-247-2585, or email: holinessconference2020@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST BAGS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN



This is the last week to drop off "Breakfast Bags!" These bagged goodies have been delivered throughout the month to hungry children at our local elementary and middle schools. To help, fill a brown lunch bag with non-perishable foods like a 100% juice bag/box, granola bar, cheese or peanut butter crackers, applesauce, raisins, or a fruit cup. The collection will run through January 31. Drop off Breakfast Bags on the cart at the rear of the Church Hall. Thanks!

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

Catholic men and women, ages 52-66, are cordially invited to join the "Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together twice a month.

Join us **Sunday, February 2**, for a Super Bowl House Party beginning at 5:00pm at a member's home in Havertown. For more information, call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

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 Direction of Religious Education Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0441, ext. 5.



IS YOUR MARRIAGE WHAT IT COULD BE?

Is your marriage hurting? Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley offers hope for married couples experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery or frustration in their marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, marriage encounter or seminar, although it shares some of those characteristics. You will learn communication techniques and practical tools of how you can improve your relationship. Rediscover the love in your marriage! The next program is the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, Pennsylvania. For more information, call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. Inquiries are strictly confidential.

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 1	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. Feb. 2	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Cantor

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The totals for last weekend were not available at press time. They will appear next week.

Thank you for your faithful support!

Christ Life Series Resumes this February "Come after Me...I will make you Fishers of Men."

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.

go
bear
fruit.

Sharing Christ begins **Monday, February 3**, and will meet on Monday evenings over the following several weeks. **Sharing Christ** begins each night with dinner at 6:15pm and concludes at 8:30pm. The night will include humor, a video, and small group discussion.

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CHRIST
a seven-week mission

There is no cost for participants; a free will donation is accepted. You can attend **Sharing Christ** even if you were not able to attend the Discovering Christ or Following Christ series.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by calling the Parish Office (610-485-0441, ext. 2) by Thurs., Jan. 30, so we can get an accurate count for the meal and materials.

If you have any questions about **Sharing Christ**, please contact Dr. Cookie Magee at 610-494-8188 or doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com.





Open House in celebration of Catholic Schools Week Sunday, January 26th 9AM – 11AM Holy Family Regional Catholic School 3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA 19014



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@sif71.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.

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.

May They Rest in Peace

**BRENDA OYOLA
RICHARD PATTERSON
LORETTA MULLEN
JUDITH BORDEN**

"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

Rev. Greg Hickey, Christine Smith, Roseanne Cash, Anthony Valente, Linda Johnston, Hazel Neary, Ralph Nather, Norman Falkowski, Jr., Honor Mahoney, Nicky Ortiz, Rita O'Neal, John and Kris Skulski, Linda Buchanan, Stephanie Ermolowich, Deborah Knight, Diane Kelly, Baby Robert Sitaras, Ruth Jobe, Ruth Ann Moffett, Chip Natrin, Connie Carney, Billie Hobdell, 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, Frank Taylor

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan. 25	Joseph Szwajkowski
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Jan. 26	People of the Parish & Visitors
	8:00 AM	Deceased Members of the
	9:30 AM	Poehlmann Family
	11:30 AM	Anna Rose O'Donnell
Monday	Jan. 27	Colleen Skronvanek
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	Jan. 28	Gloria McDevitt, 34th Anniv.
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	Jan. 29	Harry Stefchak, Sr.
	7:30 AM	
Thursday	Jan. 30	Percy Green, 6th Anniv.
	7:30 AM	
Friday	Jan. 31	Mary Castellano
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	Feb. 1	Vi Brida
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Feb. 2	Mark Radziak
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Francis X. O'leary
	11:30 AM	

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