



# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

## *FEBRUARY 9, 2020*



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of  
the world. A city set  
on a mountain  
cannot be hidden.”  
- Mt 5:14

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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*

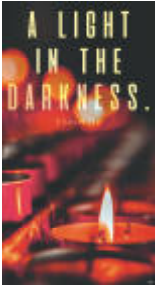
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**Parish Admin. Assistant:** Mrs. Regina Robinson (ext. 6)  
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**TODAY IS FEBRUARY 9, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 5: 13-16.**

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others.

Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course.

To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Building a strong union with God through prayer can help us deepen our relationships with one another and learn how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change.

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place, with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light.

**DAYTIME SPIRITUAL STUDY: THE EUCHARIST**

Finding the Eucharist in Sacred Scripture is a journey from Genesis to Revelation, not just the single story of the Last Supper. If you'd like to learn more about the Eucharist, join in a new spiritual study series beginning on **Thursday, February 13**, from 10:15am to noon. The program by the Augustine Institute will be moderated by our seminarian, Sean Phillips, and includes video presentations and small group discussion. Author Dr. Brant Pitre uncovers references to and teachings about the Eucharist in many books of the Bible. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Sacrament as we prepare to celebrate the Last Supper and the Resurrection. All are welcome!



**TODAY IS HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

After the Sunday morning Masses, we will be serving coffee, juice and doughnuts in the Church Hall. All are welcome to stop by for a bite to eat and to socialize a bit with your fellow parishioners.



**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

On Monday, January 27, 27 children from our parish celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Our thoughts and prayers are with the children who will continue their preparations for receiving Jesus in the Eucharist on May 9. They are:

<b>Kaiver Aguilar</b>	<b>Drake Alkins</b>
<b>Michael Baglione</b>	<b>Amelia Berger</b>
<b>Jaxson Churchill</b>	<b>Lily Crawford</b>
<b>Mia Dawson</b>	<b>Riley Drozd</b>
<b>Hayden Krautheim</b>	<b>Rayna McClay</b>
<b>Caden McQuaid</b>	<b>Evelyn Mercado-Bingnear</b>
<b>Carter Ocasio</b>	<b>Andrea Ortiz</b>
<b>Sophia Ott</b>	<b>Adrina Poehlmann</b>
<b>Vincent Procopio</b>	<b>Gwyneth Remaley</b>
<b>Patrick Scally</b>	<b>Ryan Seltzer</b>
<b>Adrianna Stamp</b>	<b>Tanner Steinmacher</b>
<b>Ethan Stracinski</b>	<b>Devin Sturman</b>
<b>Sarah Verdecchio</b>	<b>Jeremy Wylie</b>
<b>Evelyn Yakas</b>	

Many thanks to the catechists and aides of the Parish Religious Education Program: Dawn Wyzen, Joyce McQuaid, Pat Carr, Theresa McGoldrick, and Mary Tomeo, and Ms. Colleen Kelleher, the Second Grade teacher at Holy Family Regional School, all of whom devoted many hours to prepare the children for the Sacrament.



**Christ Life**

*ChristLife* will meet on the following Monday evenings this Spring: February 10, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. A retreat will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

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Please let us know if you are coming each week, or if your plans have changed and you are unable to attend. Simply call the Parish Office (610-485-0441, ext. 2,) so we can get an accurate count for the meal and materials. Thanks!



# 'Dare to be Holy'

## St. John Fisher Parish Mission

Sun., February 16  
through  
Wed., February 19  
7:00 PM in Church



Special Sessions  
following the 7:30 AM  
Mass on Monday,  
Tuesday & Wednesday

Everyone welcome! Bring a friend!

An offering will be taken.

Refreshments Served!

Our parish mission begins next Sunday! 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." Put it in your calendar today!

Bill Wegner, a Catholic lay evangelist from Good News International, has been called a wonderful storyteller. He was living the good life - one of 'having it all.' He came to realize that something was missing - a relationship with God. His journey went from "would-be bookie" to real estate dynamo to full-time Catholic lay evangelist. His is a call to a back-to-basics holiness, told in an all-too-human, down-to-earth, and sometimes irreverent way.

Bill has been a full-time evangelist for 13 years, conducting over 300 parish missions, workshops, and conferences throughout the United States, Ireland, and Central America. 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 your relationship with God and with your fellow parishioners. 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!

### FOOD SUNDAY



Next weekend is **Food Sunday (Feb. 16)**. As you scan the grocery store ads, maybe you can find a good deal on canned vegetables and fruit, tuna, pancake mix, breakfast cereal, and other non-perishable food items. There always is a need for bath soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, and feminine products. Or, support 'Operation Baby Care' by purchasing the items PREP is collecting. Please place your donation in the designated bins at the rear of the Church Hall. Thank you!

### OPERATION BABY CARE

The PREP program's February service project, **Operation Baby Care**, supports local mothers and their babies. Through **March 8**, we will collect infant formula, diapers, wipes, baby toiletries, baby towels, washcloths, and new clothing. Please drop off donations to the PREP Office or in the bins at the rear of the Church Hall. Thank you for caring for the youngest of our community!



### FOOTBALL MANIA SUPERMATCH WINNERS!

St. John Fisher had 27 winners in the **Football Mania Supermatch** game! Congratulations to the following who won \$10 for matching one quarter's score:

<b>Peggy Spiro</b>	<b>Elaine Hupchick</b>	<b>Michael Tort</b>
<b>Steve Spra</b>	<b>John Gaines</b>	<b>Jim Boyda</b>
<b>Beth Wolfe</b>	<b>C. Walker</b>	<b>Jerry McCafferty</b>
<b>Connie Fanelli</b>	<b>George Price</b>	<b>Jackie Anastasia</b>
<b>John Lynch</b>	<b>Connie Dever</b>	<b>Michael Pryor</b>
<b>Sue Hunt</b>	<b>Jamie Myers</b>	<b>Erin Dougherty</b>
<b>John Bracato</b>	<b>Eileen Raab</b>	<b>Kristen Hess</b>

**Rich Angelini** held two winning tickets. **Margaret Deckman** held three winning tickets. **Andrew Galli** won \$50 for matching more than one quarter. Winners will receive a check by mail. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to support this parish fundraiser!

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### FEBRUARY 2:

Total:	\$ 14,571
Number of Envelopes:	414

#### POOR BOX FOR JANUARY:

Total:	\$ 692.40
January Poor Box donations benefit the Bernadine Center.	

*Thank you for your faithful support!*

## LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

*Walking with Saint Peter on a Journey of Personal Conversion and Self-Discovery.*

All are welcome to a Day of Reflection on Saturday, **March 7**, from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Through St. Peter's denial to his confession, we will reflect on how we may deny Christ in our world, and how we can strengthen our conviction of Christ as our Lord and Savior.

The day will include refreshments, conferences, Mass, lunch, confession and quiet time. The cost is \$35 (scholarships available). The retreat will be held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center (Our Lady of Angels Convent), 609 S. Convent Road, Aston. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church. For more forms or information, go to [doctorcookiescorner.org/Lenten\\_retreat](http://doctorcookiescorner.org/Lenten_retreat). Deadline for registration is **March 1**.

### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sat. Feb. 15</b>	4:00pm	Cantor
<b>Sun. Feb. 16</b>	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Cantor
	11:30am	Cantor

### 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:** Items due by noon on Tuesday. Email them to [ReneeDevine@sif71.org](mailto:ReneeDevine@sif71.org)

### 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, 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.

## DAY TRIPS WITH ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL

St. John's on the Hill Seniors is sponsoring two day trips this spring. Join them for a trip to the Tropicana Casino on Tuesday, **March 24**. The price of \$34 covers the transportation and \$25 in slot play.

The first week of May the Seniors will take a trip to the Tomasello Winery. The trip, on Tuesday, **May 5**, is \$64, and includes a sit-down luncheon, wine tasting, and a casino package to be determined. To reserve a space for either trip, call Barbara at 484-645-4533.

**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.

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 Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147  
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*May They Rest in Peace*  
**OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES**

*"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*

Gail McCafferty, JoAnn Bezold 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

**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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 8</b>	
	4:00 PM	John & Elizabeth McHale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b>	
	8:00 AM	Lee Pauly
	9:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 10</b>	
	7:30 AM	Michael Anderson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>	
	7:30 AM	Louis Benites
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	
	7:30 AM	Laura Campbell, 4th Anniv.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b>	
	7:30 AM	Mary Lou Armenta
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	
	7:30 AM	Cass Maloney
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	
	8:00 AM	Susan Palm
	9:30 AM	Samuel Gullo
	11:30 AM	Laura Campbell

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Mondays following the 7:30 Mass, from 8:00am until Noon, in the Chapel. All welcome to spend time with Our Lord.

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