



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

GOOD



“Do not take a false oath,
but make good to the
Lord all that you vow.”

MATTHEW 5:33B

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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)
Maintenance: Bill Casey (ext. 7)

Pastor Emeritus

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TODAY IS FEBRUARY 16, THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 5: 17-37.



What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We treat so much of our lives as interchangeable and dispensable. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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 which began 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!

PRESIDENT'S DAY

In commemoration of President's Day, **Monday, February 17**, the Parish Business Office will be closed. The office will re-open on Tuesday, February 18, at 8:30 a.m.



ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a season of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The practice of wearing ashes on the head comes from an ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The ashes symbolize the dust from which we were created, and are a sign of our grief due to sin and separation from God. Two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent -- the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance -- are given greater emphasis in the liturgy.

The current rules of fasting and abstinence are very simple: On **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, adults ages 18-59 are required to fast (having only one full meal a day and two smaller snacks or meals) and everyone older than 14 is to abstain from meat. On the other Fridays of Lent, we abstain from meat.

While not a Holy Day of Obligation, all are encouraged to attend Mass and receive ashes. Masses at St. John Fisher on **February 26** will be held at **9:00am, 4:30pm, and 7:00pm** in the Church. There will no 7:30am Mass in the Chapel on Ash Wednesday.

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!



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.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-66)

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join the Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests and dine together two times a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, February Feb 23, 5:15pm at the restaurant *Marokko*, located at 54 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore. On Saturday, March 14, at 5:45pm, a member in Broomall will be hosting our Pre-St. Patrick and St. Joseph's Day House Party. For more information, call Barb at (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are welcome to come!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The Hospitality Committee is seeking sweet (or savory) treats to serve those who attend the Mission this week. If you can 'whip up' some individual portion desserts, like brownies, cupcakes, or cookies, and drop them off at the Parish Center, we would be most grateful. We will be serving snacks after the presentations on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening. Thank you in advance!

'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



The Mission begins
tonight!
7:00 p.m. in the
Church
Be there & bring a
friend!



SHINE YOUR LIGHT – HOLY FAMILY 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

Holy Family Regional Catholic School's Annual Appeal is vital for the school to continue providing the highest quality Catholic education in a vibrant community where *Academic Excellence is Rooted in Faith*.

The Fund helps to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and expenses. Tuition covers approximately 68% of what it costs to educate a student at Holy Family. This year's goal of \$20,000 covers the remaining percentage with donations to our Annual Fund and parish subsidy from our feeder Parishes.

The following areas are a priority in this year's budget:

Facility Upgrades and Preventive Maintenance: Ongoing maintenance, preventive maintenance, and repair costs require a substantial budget allocation.

Student and Faculty Enrichment: Special programs require funds to enhance the education of the children, and we provide professional development opportunities for our teachers.

Performing Arts Programs: Needed equipment will be added to the stage to enhance the experience of the play, talent shows, band performances, and more.

Instructional Materials: Religion books, foreign language teaching aids, library books, and science lab supplies allow us help prepare students for high school and beyond.

Security: Each school year, we make security upgrades and enhancements to the facility.

Financial Aid: 10% of funds raised will be allocated to a NEW Endowment Fund.



Please consider supporting Catholic Education by making a gift to the 2020 Holy Family Annual Appeal!

Checks made payable to "Holy Family Regional Catholic School—2020 Appeal" should be sent to

3265 Concord, Road Aston, PA 19014. Or, to make an electronic donation, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/HFRCS2020>

Thank you for SHINING YOUR LIGHT by supporting the Annual Fund and for prayerful support of the Catholic Education.

Chuck Hughes, Principal ~ Bill DeFeo, Board Chair ~ Fr. Robert McDermott, Pastor

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. Deadline for registration is **March 1**.

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 22	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. Feb. 23	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: Items due by noon on Tuesday. Email them to 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, 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.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FEBRUARY 9:

Total: \$ 13,206
Number of Envelopes: 530

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147
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May They Rest in Peace

**SOPHIE CONTE
JANICE GEMMELL
MARY PINO
LEO RICHARDSON**

"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

Catherine Helm, Hugh Casey, Cora Sitaras, Laurie Migliaccio, Julie Milligan, Caroline Henry, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Feb. 15	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Feb. 16	8:00 AM	Susan Palm
		9:30 AM	Samuel Gullo
		11:30 AM	Laura Campbell
Monday	Feb. 17	7:30 AM	Mary Bulley
Tuesday	Feb. 18	7:30 AM	Francis Kerrigan
Wednesday	Feb. 19	7:30 AM	Marchlik & Waksmundski Family
Thursday	Feb. 20	7:30 AM	Ugo Passerini
Friday	Feb. 21	7:30 AM	Vincent J. Becker
Saturday	Feb. 22	4:00 PM	Frank Monks
Sunday	Feb. 23	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		9:30 AM	Grace Racine
		11:30 AM	Ralph Landolfi

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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