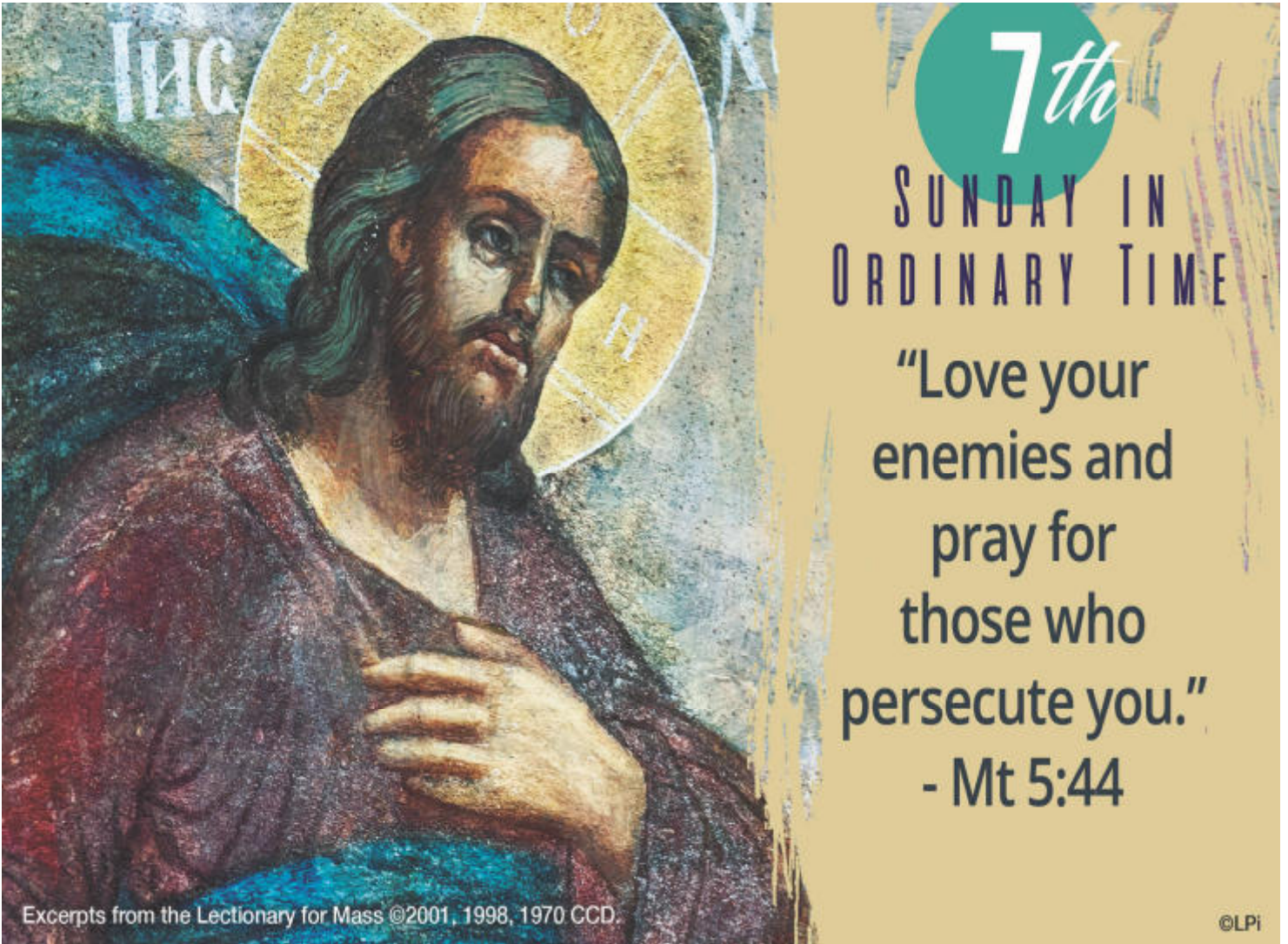




# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

## *FEBRUARY 23, 2020*



### 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

Rev. John Sibel

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**TODAY IS FEBRUARY 23, THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. The Gospel Reading is Matthew 5:38-48.**

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."



This is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, where does this leave us?

Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



The people of St. John Fisher Parish rejoice with the parents of the children recently Baptized in our parish!

**Charlotte M. Locklear**, daughter of Amanda and Jason, and **Julian H. D'Agostino**, son of Michael and Mary. We welcome these children into the Church, and ask that you continue to pray for their parents as they raise their children in the faith! God bless them!

### SEAFOOD TREATS DURING LENT

Council 13710 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that it will offer Capt'n Chucky's award winning seafood treats throughout Lent. Palate pleasing offerings include Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes, Crab Fritters appetizers, and Maryland Crab Soup. Please see the K of C flyer for pricing information. Orders will be taken every week during Lent after Mass, in the Church Hall, where you can pick up order forms. Orders must be placed by 10:45am on Monday for Friday pick-up. You can also preorder for pickup weeks later. For more information, contact Knight Jack Fitzgerald at 267-254-2114 or 610-497-2370.



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### 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 Preventative Maintenance**
- ◆ **Student and Faculty Enrichment**
- ◆ **Performing Arts Programs**
- ◆ **Instructional Materials**
- ◆ **Security**
- ◆ **Financial Aid**



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 electron 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*

### 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. 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!



SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

# LENT AND HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES 2020

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## LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26.

Lent is 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.

The current rules of fasting and abstinence are simple: on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, adults ages 18-59 are required to fast (have only one full meal a day and two smaller snacks or meals), and everyone older than 14 is to abstain from meat. We also abstain from meat on the other Fridays of Lent. Lenten fasting aims at liberating us from unhealthy attachments to the things that are *not* God so that our hearts can be filled up *with* God. There are two sides of penance: (1) giving up something and (2) allowing God to fill up the space the results from that sacrifice. One can also place emphasis on performing corporal or spiritual works, especially making time to receive sacramental absolution.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** are in the Church at **9:00am, 4:30pm and 7:00pm**. Ashes will be distributed at every Mass. While not a Holy Day of Obligation, all are encouraged to attend. There will be no 7:30am Mass on Ash Wednesday.

**'THE WORD AMONG US'** is a booklet available for use as part of your Lenten devotions. Copies can be found on the tables at the church entrances beginning **February 22**. Please take one!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held each Friday of Lent, beginning on **February 28 through April 10, at 7:00pm** in the Church.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held on Monday mornings following the 7:30am Mass, until Noon, in the Chapel. Please feel free to stop in to visit Our Lord.

**KNIGHT'S CRAB PRODUCT SALE:** Capt'n Chucky's crab cakes, soup, and 'critters' are for sale this Lent, compliments of the Knights of Columbus. Order by Monday at 10:45am and pick up on Friday at 4:00pm. Runs March 6 through April 3. See details in article on page 2.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** is available on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm, in the Church. The Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on **Monday, March 23 at 7:00pm**. Multiple priests will be available for the opportunity to receive Reconciliation.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, is a faith-in-action program that encourages us to live in solidarity with people in need around the world. To participate, pick up a Rice Bowl on the weekend of **February 29/March 1**, put it in a visible place in your home or office, and contribute to it throughout Lent. Lenten alms donated to the Rice Bowl will be sent to over 100 countries where CRS works, with special emphasis this year on Honduras, Vietnam, and Kenya. In our Archdiocese, 25% of what is collected supports Nutritional Development Services, which helps a network of 50 food cupboards and soup kitchens in our area. We encourage you to have one simple meal each week and donate the money you would have spent on a regular meal to the Rice Bowl.

**POOR MAN'S SUPPER**, hosted by the Parish, will be held on **Good Friday, April 10**, at 5:45pm in the Parish Center. Please join us for a simple meal of soup and bread. Donations will be collected as almsgiving for the poor.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday, April 5:** Vigil Mass April 4, at 4:00pm; Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30am.

*There will be no 7:30am Mass in the Chapel on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Saturday.*

**Holy Thursday, April 9:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm. Adoration will follow Mass until 10:00pm.

**Good Friday, April 10:** Veneration of Cross, Passion and Holy Communion at 3:00pm, in the Church.

Poor Man's Supper, 5:45pm, in the Parish Center Hall, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the Church.

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11:** Begins at 7:30pm, outside of Church.

**Easter Sunday, April 12:** Masses at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30am.

## LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

All are welcome to a Day of Reflection on Saturday, **March 7**, from 9:00am until 3:00pm. *Walking with St. Peter* is the theme for the day, which will include refreshments, conferences, Mass, lunch, confession and quiet time. The cost is \$35. The retreat will be held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, or go to [doctorcookiescorner.org/Lenten retreat](http://doctorcookiescorner.org/Lenten_retreat). Deadline for registration is **March 1**.

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**FEBRUARY 16:** The totals for February 16 were unavailable at press time. They will appear next week.  
*Thank you for your continued support!*

### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sat. Feb. 29</b>	4:00pm	Cantor
<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Cantor
	11:30am	Adult 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](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.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Pearl Zeblekes** through the generosity of **Connie Fanelli**.



**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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## *May They Rest in Peace*

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PETER VISCO  
DANNY McDONALD**

*"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*

Julie Cavacchio, Frank English, Mary Lou Barile, Michael Goodnight, 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b>	
	4:00 PM	Frank Monks
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 23</b>	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Grace Racine
	11:30 AM	Ralph Landolfi
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 24</b>	
	7:30 AM	Tom, Jack & Ray Kane
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>	
	7:30 AM	Joseph Klinke
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>	
Ash Wed.	9:00 AM	John Grimes
Lent Begins	4:30 PM	Allen Romano, 5th Anniv.
	7:00PM	Jeff Connell, 13th Anniv.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>	
	7:30 AM	Carolyn Bagilione, 4th Anniv.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	
	7:30 AM	Terry Biglin
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 29</b>	
	4:00 PM	William Elwell, 25th Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 1</b>	
	8:00 AM	Regina Klinke
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	Denise Stang

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