



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

MARCH 8, 2020

PLEASED



“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.”

MATTHEW 17:5B

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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 SUNDAY, MARCH 8,
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT. The Gospel is Mat-
thew:17:1-9.**

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be.

We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think about the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain, and witnessed His Transfiguration. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

HEALTHY HABITS FOR CHURCH

The daily news about the spread of the corona virus and reports that the flu is having a resurgence are a concern. Although the risk right now is likely low for our community, we'd like to get ahead of the trend and suggest some healthy habits for church.



- ◆ First and foremost, if you or others in your household are not feeling well, please stay at home. Sick people are excused from the weekly obligation to attend Mass.
- ◆ When you enter church, refrain from handshakes and hugs.
- ◆ At the Sign of Peace, a nod to your neighbor can replace the traditional handshake.
- ◆ All Eucharistic Ministers should use hand sanitizer or slip into the Sacristy to wash your hands before giving out the Eucharist.
- ◆ For the time being, we will continue to offer the Eucharist only in the form of the host.
- ◆ Remember to wash your hands frequently after being in a public place, including church.



GIVING HOPE TO ALL: THE 2020 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal you are helping:

- ◆ over 100 Catholic Social Services and Nutritional Development Services organizations and programs. Last year, over 925,000 people were positively impacted.
- ◆ students in the four Schools of Special Education within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that receive tuition assistance and support.
- ◆ the 18 Programs and Offices that are providing Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life to our community.
- ◆ our 154 retired priests who need care and support.
- ◆ the 16 Mission Parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia revitalize and sustain their parishes.

The need continues today more than ever.

By now, registered parishioners should have received an appeal letter and pledge card in the mail. If you haven't, there are pledge cards and return envelopes on the tables at the rear of church. Please consider what you are able to do for the least among us, and return your pledge card by mail. This year's goal for the Appeal is \$12.5 million, and each gift, great or small, will help. Thank you!

WELCOME!

Another blessing for our parish is the presence of new parishioners, Paul and Helen McBlain, or more appropriately, Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Paul McBlain.

Deacon McBlain was ordained as a permanent deacon in June 2001. He was assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Collingdale, where he served with devoted attention and faith. Deacon McBlain and his wife were very involved in the parish Marriage and Baptismal preparations. He also served the Archdiocese, working in the Permanent Diaconate Office at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, where he assisted Deacon Jim Owens with the formation of deacons. Nationally, Deacon McBlain served a five-year term as the President of the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education. He led the preparations for a national gathering of deacons at Xavier University in Cincinnati each July.

Deacon McBlain retired from assigned ministry before he and Helen moved from Collingdale to Garnet Valley. Although Deacon McBlain is not assigned to our parish, we are blessed with the lifetime of experience and service of Paul and Helen, and the varied contributions they will make in our parish life.



Paul and Helen McBlain

LENT AT ST. JOHN FISHER

THIS WEEK

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 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: Order after Mass or by Monday at 10:45am and pick up on Friday at 4:00pm. Runs through March 30.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY "Finding the Eucharist," Thursday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Center Conference Room, with seminarian Sean Phillips.

CONFIRMATION: On Thursday, March 12, the Most Reverend John McIntyre will administer the sacrament of Confirmation on our Candidates. Mass begins at 5:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday at 7:00pm in the Church.

NOTE: TIME CHANGE FOR POOR PERSON'S SUPPER hosted by the Parish on Good Friday, April 10. The simple meal of soup and bread will begin at 4:15 this year, immediately following the Good Friday services.

CENACLE OF MARY

"These are the times of conversion and of return to the Lord. As a Mother, I am taking you by the hand and leading you along the road to goodness, of love, and of holiness."

Mary, our Mother, calls us to gather together to pray with her. Beginning on **Monday, March 16**, in the Chapel, a group will meet to pray the Cenacle of Mary. It begins at 1:15pm, and lasts about 45 minutes. All are welcome to take a few minutes from your day to spend in prayer. Bring your rosary and a friend.



MARCH 15 IS FOOD SUNDAY!

Please place donations of non-perishable food, cleaning products, and personal care items in the bins at the rear of the Church Hall. Thank you for caring for the hungry!

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The totals for the collections on Ash Wednesday, the weekend of March 1, and the Poor Box for February, were unavailable at publishing time. They will appear in the next bulletin.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that all things, including life itself, are gifts from God. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment.

Holy Family Regional Catholic School Presents

Peter Pan Jr.



Based on J.M. Barrie's classic tale and featuring an unforgettable score, Peter Pan comes to life on the stage! Come "fly" with us and watch our Holy Family actors take you to Neverland. It will be a performance you don't want to miss! Tickets are \$5, available at the door. There are two performances this weekend:

March 7th - 7pm

March 8th - 3:30pm

In Degnan Hall next to St. Joseph's Church in Aston. Bring your children or grandchildren for this magical show!



ARE YOU READY TO PLAY? BASEBALL MANIA IS BACK!

St. John Fisher Parish again is offering tickets to play **Baseball Mania** for a ten week season this spring! Tickets go on sale this weekend at the rear of the Church Hall, or in the Parish Business Office during the week. The sweepstakes begin on Opening Week, March 30-April 5, and end June 7. Each game card lists the names of three teams for each week. Winners are determined by the total runs scored by those three teams for the week, compared to all other games cards. Baseball Mania cards cost \$20 each and will be sold throughout the 10 week 'season.' But, buy your card early to have a better chance to win! Thank you for supporting this parish fundraiser!

KICK OFF SUMMER 2020 WITH A VACATION!

There are still seats left on the bus for a fabulous getaway with the St. Johns on the Hill Seniors to Mystic Seaport, Foxwoods Casio, and Newport. Includes luxury motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging, four breakfasts and dinners, and more. Departs on Sunday, May 31, 2020, and returns to St. John Fisher on Thursday, June 4. The cost is \$549, double occupancy. Contact Barbara Tarone, 610-485-6067, for more details or to reserve your seat.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOR STUDENTS

St. John Fisher Parish is proud of two of our members who attend Cardinal O'Hara High School and were noted for their academic performance for the first semester:

First Honors: Abigail Loyson, Class of '22

Second Honors: John Schueren, Class of '23

Keep up the good work!

2nd Announcement of Banns of Marriage for:

Gbenoukpo Rene Emile Dagnon

(St. John Fisher, Boothwyn) and

Tafadzwa Yvonne Mupfumbu

(Cotonou, Benin)

to be married in July 2020 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Cotonou, Benin.

UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 14	4:00pm	Cantor
Sun. Mar. 15	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Youth Choir

SEAFOOD TREATS DURING LENT

Council 13710 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to offer Capt'n Chucky's award winning seafood treats throughout Lent.

⇒ Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes, made fresh, 4/package for \$23, or 8/package for \$42. Can be frozen to use later.

⇒ Crab Fritters appetizers, 50 pieces/bag for \$18

⇒ Maryland Crab Soup, quart/\$16. Mildly spicy, packed with crab meat, sold frozen.

To order, give your order form with payment to any Knight; stop by the table in the rear of the Church Hall after weekend Masses; or stop by the Parish Business Office during the week. **Orders for the week are placed at 10:45am on Monday, and must be picked up in the Parish Center Hall on Friday afternoon between 3:00-6:00pm.** The sale runs from Monday, March 2 through Monday, March 30, for Friday pick up. For more information, call Jack Fitzgerald at 267-254-2114 or 610-497-2370.



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.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **John & Anthony Meeks** through the generosity of their loving Mother



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
Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA
www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

MIKE NESBELLA

"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

Fred Neeson, Andy Montagna, 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., 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

Saturday	Mar. 7	
	4:00 PM	Mary & Bill Crowley
Sunday	Mar. 8	
	8:00 AM	Margaret Walter
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	Dennis Burns
Monday	Mar. 9	
	7:30 AM	James O'Brien
Tuesday	Mar. 10	
	7:30 AM	Billy Joiner
Wednesday	Mar. 11	
	7:30 AM	Terry Biglin
Thursday	Mar. 12	
	7:30 AM	Linda Vahey
Friday	Mar. 13	
	7:30 AM	Edna Mielcarek
Saturday	Mar. 14	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Mar. 15	
	8:00 AM	Edith Mitchell
	9:30 AM	Harry & Gertrude Price
	11:30 AM	Andrew Tuzio

Sometimes you're sick, out of town, or go to Sunday Mass with a family member who lives in another parish. This is why we repeat stories ..we want to be sure *all* of our parishioners get the parish news!

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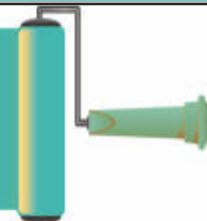
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