



# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

## *MARCH 15, 2020*

# GIFT



“If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

JOHN 4:10

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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*

Rev. John Sibel

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**TODAY IS SUNDAY, MARCH 15,  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.  
The Gospel is Matthew:**



We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make in today's Gospel. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

**A CHANGE FOR DAILY MASS**

The 7:30am Mass, Monday through Friday,  
will be celebrated in the Church  
instead of the Chapel  
until further notice. All are welcome!



**FISH FRY**

**Friday, March 20  
5:00-7:00 PM**



St. John Fisher Parish Center Hall  
\$10/adults \$6/child Ages 2 and under Free!  
Held by the Holy Family Regional Catholic Home &  
School Association

**EASTER FLOWERS**



Easter Flower memorials will be included with the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 12 as a special supplement. If you wish to make a donation to the Easter Flower fund in memory of your loved ones, please return it through the collection basket, by mail, on-line with *WeShare*, or in person to the Parish Business Office no later than **Tuesday, March 31**, to be included in the special publication. This is a

lovely way to remember a deceased loved one during the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. We thank you for your support in beautifying the church during the Easter Season and other liturgical celebrations.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR CONFIRMANDI**

On Thursday evening, March 12, the parish welcomed Most Reverend John McIntyre, who administered the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young parishioners. Congratulations to the following candidates:

**Sarah Rose Begley  
Jaiden Anthony Bleiler  
Ashley Rose Celestino  
Justin Boris Comers  
Ryan Michael Comers  
Timothy Sebastian Comers  
Audrey Collette Dever  
Anthony Andrew Giribaldi  
Brian Charles Lewis  
Talisa Theresa Lorenzo  
Natalie Elizabeth Mignogna  
Brooke Maria Montgomery  
Domenic Joseph Nardini  
Ashlynn Elizabeth Ray  
Jamie Cecelia Rebarchak  
Aubrey Francis Schneider  
Maura Mary Smargiassi  
Nicholas Andrew Smyl  
Giovonna Elizabeth Warholic  
Rachel Elizabeth Weins  
Jacob James Wilkins  
Anthony Joseph Zagame**

The parish and the Confirmation class wish to extend their thanks to all who have helped prepare the candidates for this Sacrament, especially the teachers of our Catholic School and our catechists and aides of the PREP program: Ken and Rachel Ferry, Jack Fitzgerald, Deirdre O'Brien, Edward Heinemann and Joy Magann.

The season of Lent is a time to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**St. John Fisher Parish  
Penance Service  
Monday, March 23 - 7:00 PM  
in the Church**

Several priests will be present to hear Confessions.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation also is available on Saturday afternoons, from 3:00 until 3:45 in the Church.



**CHANCE OF A LIFETIME (COAL) RAFFLE IS BACK!**

The Knights of Columbus Council 13710 is selling *Chance of a Lifetime* raffle tickets this year, beginning March 14. There are over 16 prizes, worth over \$65,000, including a new car, Honda Scooters, vacations, and tech gear. Winners can choose the cash equivalent for any prize. This is a state-wide raffle, sold only in Pennsylvania, with the proceeds used for educational scholarships and grants to fund the Council's charitable work. Chances are \$1 each or a book of 8 for \$5. Winners will be drawn on April 30. See any member of the Knights of Columbus to purchase a ticket!



## 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.

**CENACLE OF MARY** prayer group meets at 1:30 in the Chapel, for less than an hour. Bring your rosary and friend!

**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.

**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.

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### ASH WEDNESDAY:

Total \$ 3,067

#### FEBRUARY 23:

Total \$10,597

Number 396

#### MARCH 1:

Total \$13,865

Number 506

#### MARCH 8:

Total \$12,209

Number 435

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA:

Total \$ 1,088

Poor Box for February was designated for the St. Vincent DePaul fund for charitable works.

Total: \$ 183

*Thank you for your faithful support!*

### HOLY THURSDAY: WASHING OF THE FEET

After sharing the Passover meal with his disciples, Jesus got up, wrapped a towel around his waist, and proceeded to wash the feet of his friends. In this simple act, he showed them, and us, that we are to serve our fellow man. We re-enact the washing of feet during Mass on Holy Thursday, and are looking for 12 volunteers (women, men and children) to participate by having both feet washed. Please call the parish office at 610-485-0441, ext. 5, if you are willing to be part of this ceremony on Thursday, April 9, during the 7pm Mass.

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR VBC!

Vacation Bible Camp at St. John Fisher is back this summer! Save the dates: July 27-31. The first meeting of volunteers will be held on Tuesday, March 24, at 7:45pm in the Parish Center. If you can't make the meeting but wish to help with VBC, please call Kathy Aaronson at 610-485-0441, ext. 5.



### 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 Aldan 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.



### 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!



### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sat. Mar. 21</b>	4:00pm	Cantor
<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Cantor
	11:30am	Cantor

3rd 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.

### 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, March 29 at 5:30 pm** at the Shogun 3 Japanese Steak House, 1305 West Chester Pike, Havertown. For more information, call Barb at (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to come!

### 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.

### WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Our parish family rejoices with the parents and families of our newly baptized members:

**Mary Katherine Zerega**, daughter of William and Krista

**Coltyn Francis Rottenberk**, son of Jay and Melinda



Please welcome these children into our community, and pray for their parents as they strive to raise their children in the Catholic faith. God bless them

**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*

**ANITA SCIOCCHETTI**

*"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*

Frank Taylor, Fred Neeson, 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 *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>Mar. 14</b>	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 15</b>	8:00 AM	Edith Mitchell
		9:30 AM	Harry & Gertrude Price
		11:30 AM	Andrew Tuzio
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 16</b>	7:30 AM	Joseph Thomas Fitzgerald
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>	7:30 AM	Colleen Skrovanek
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>	7:30 AM	Daniel & Hannah Gallagher
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	7:30 AM	Edna Mielcarek
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b>	7:30 AM	Ronald Church
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 21</b>	4:00 PM	Rose Tuzio
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		9:30 AM	Jerry Lester
		11:30 AM	Patricia Oakes 5th Anniv.

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