



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2020

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“Do you believe in
the Son of Man?”

JOHN 9:35B

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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 22, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT. The Gospel is John 9:1-41.

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth.

After developing a relationship with

Jesus, the blind man “sees” someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, and need for self-preservation, remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. Our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. The truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Allow God to work in and through you.

ON LINE GIVING WITH WE SHARE

Now would be a great time for you to consider making your weekly offering through the online giving platform **WESHARE**. It helps you in four ways:

- 1) You don’t have to remember to bring an envelope to church, mail it in, or drop it by the office.
- 2) You can manage your budget and control when your donation is made.
- 3) You can access a record of your contributions at any time.
- 4) You can be confident in the security of your financial information.

It benefits St. John Fisher Parish, too. Your support is consistent throughout the year, allowing the parish to budget with confidence. Online transactions mean less time spent opening, counting, and depositing funds, which also lessens the chance of errors.

Signing up is simple.

- Go to www.stjohnfisherchurch.com.
- Scroll to the very bottom of the home page and click the button for “Give Online with **WESHARE**.” (above)
- A new, secure page will open. Scroll down to “*Sunday Collection*”.
- Click the “*Make a Donation*” button.
- You have a choice between “Recurring” and “One Time” donations...click the button you want.
- A new page will open where you can fill in the amount of your offering and choose the way you wish to pay.

As always, we are thankful for your continued support of St. John Fisher Parish.



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH FUNCTIONS DURING THE COVID 19 OUTBREAK

This week, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez suspended all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia effective March 18th, until further notice. “As the Archbishop of Philadelphia, my first priority is to ensure the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church,” he said. “I want to be very clear that the Catholic Church in Philadelphia is not closing down. It is not disappearing and it will not abandon you. Time and again as our history has proven the Church has risen to meet great challenges and provide a beacon of hope and light.”

Going forward, here is the plan for the activities of the parish:

- ◆ **There will be no public Sunday or daily Masses at St. John Fisher Parish** until the Archdiocese determines the need for the suspension has passed. Father McDermott will celebrate Mass privately to honor the requested Mass intentions of the day and for the spiritual good of the parish.
- ◆ **The Church will be open for prayer on Sundays** from 8am until noon. Please stay at home if you are ill. Please spread out while you are in Church.
- ◆ **The Chapel will be open** for prayer between 8:30am-noon; 1-4:30pm on weekdays (1:00pm on Friday). Please enter through the Parish Center.
- ◆ **Funeral Masses** will be held as needed, but there will be no viewings held in the Church, no eulogies at Church, and we will follow the CDC guidelines limiting no more than 50 people at a public event. Music will be provided.

- ◆ **Baptisms** can be performed if scheduled in advance, with only one family per ceremony. We will follow the CDC guidelines limiting no more than 50 people at a public event.
- ◆ **The Parish Penance Service on March 23** has been suspended; confessions will be heard by appointment.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross services** have been suspended for the rest of Lent.
- ◆ **Holy Family Regional School and the PREP program** are suspended until March 23; an extension may be necessary, so please to check the website.
- ◆ **Holy Communion** for the homebound and Eucharistic visits to the hospital are suspended.
- ◆ **A Priest will always be available for a visit to administer the Last Rites and Viaticum** to those in danger of death.
- ◆ **Parish facilities cannot be used for social meetings or planning committees** until further notice.
- ◆ **The Parish Business Office** will be open during the week from 8:30am until 4:30pm (1:00pm on Fridays); closed from noon -1:00 for lunch. The Office will be closed on weekends.

The parish website, stjohnfisherchurch.com is the primary means of communication with you, and will be updated when necessary. The weekly bulletin can be found at the bottom of the home page. Thank you for your understanding!

SAVE THE DATE! SJF's ANNUAL FLEA MARKET- JUNE 13, 2020

Spring is finally here! As you do your spring cleaning, please set aside your treasures to donate to the Annual Flea Market.

The gift basket raffle has been very popular and a tremendous success! This year, we are asking for donations of new items, gift cards, small cash donations, or a completed theme basket to contribute to the raffle. We have a talented young lady that will turn the donated items into a beautiful prize, and she is eager to begin this project! Please contact Juanita at 610-485-9344 to make arrangements to drop off donations for the baskets.

The drop off dates for used items to sell at the flea market will be June 11 and 12. More details will be coming as we get closer to the date. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please call Juanita or Susan (610-350-7196).

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: MARCH 25

This week, we celebrate of the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Jewish messiah and Son of God. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "the Lord is salvation." The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus, thus closely related to him in the redemption of the world. Although confused and afraid, Mary trusted God and replied to the Angel Gabriel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."



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 equivalency for any prize. This is a state-wide raffle, sold only in Pennsylvania, with the proceeds used for 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!

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MARCH 15

Total	\$ 6,176
Number	266

Thank you for your faithful support!



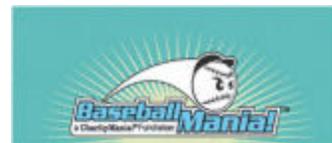
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI



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 Warholik
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.



IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT BASEBALL MANIA

Major League Baseball took the unprecedented step to postpone the start of the regular season by at least two weeks because of the risk of spreading the Coronavirus.

There may be a delayed start to the season, but Baseball Mania is guaranteeing a full 10 weeks of winners for tickets sold this spring. If the season starts in Week 3, your ticket starts with Week 3. When Week 10 is finished, winners will be calculated for the next two weeks using the blocks for Weeks 1 and 2.

St. John Fisher Parish will continue selling tickets through at least June 7. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraiser!

SEAFOOD TREATS DURING LENT

Council 13710 of the Knights of Columbus will continue to take orders for Capt'n Chucky's award winning seafood treats.

The last week to order is March 30. Please contact Jack Fitzgerald directly at 267-254-2114 or 610-497-2370 to place an order, or drop it by the Parish Center Office before 10 a.m. on Mondays.

- ⇒ 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.



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.

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
Catherine Blee
through the generosity of
Regina Tuzio



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

ROCCO LUBERTI

"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, 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

Saturday	Mar. 21	Rose Tuzio
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Mar. 22	People of the Parish & Visitors
	8:00 AM	Jerry Lester
	9:30 AM	Patricia Oakes 5th Anniv.
	11:30 AM	
Monday	Mar. 23	George J. Ershaw
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	Mar. 24	Chris Vandenberg
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	Mar. 25	Eileen Myrtetus
	7:30 AM	
Thursday	Mar. 26	Phillip Cerami
	7:30 AM	
Friday	Mar. 27	Edna Mielcarek
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	Mar. 28	Charles Brogley, Sr.
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Mar. 29	Margaret & Robert Curl
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Janet Kadszewski
	11:30 AM	

Sometimes you're sick, out of town, or go to Sunday Mass with a family member who lives in another parish. Please remember your weekly contribution.

The parish counts on it!

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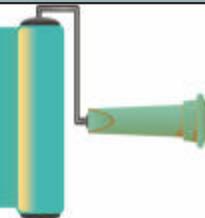


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