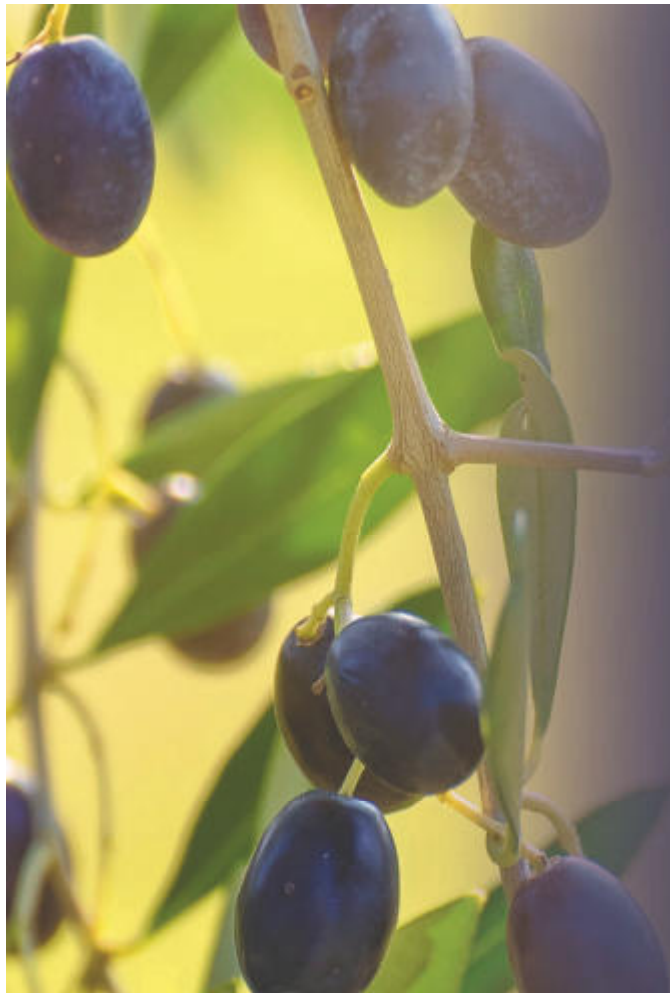




# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

*July 12, 2020*



## *15<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some seed fell among thorns,  
and the thorns grew up and  
choked it. But some seed fell  
on rich soil, and produced fruit,  
a hundred or sixty or  
thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### *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*

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the office hours have  
been changed to  
Sunday—Thursday 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
At other times, please call and leave a message and some-  
one will return your call as soon as possible.

### *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 JULY 12, THE 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 13:1-23.**

An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later it dawned on me: the problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

Seeds sown in any old place, in a haphazard way, won't produce their best vegetable or fruit. Farming doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easy part - preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are required for good fruit. Then after the seeds sprout, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to grow and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking. It takes patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of the seed that God sews? God is the ever faithful and persistent farmer. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must help it grow. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need a source for the 'water' and 'watering' schedule. We need to weed out the bad, aerate the soul, nurture the growth of our faith, protect it, and feed it so it grows. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what of God's Word could produce in us!

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KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE

### CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

We are looking forward to a visit from Father James J. Durkin of Cross Catholic Outreach the weekend of July 18 and 19. Father Durkin will speak at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. These areas have been hit hard by COVID-19 and the poor are having difficulty securing food and clean water. The priests and nuns working in the 28 countries Cross Catholic Outreach serves need our support. Cross Catholic Outreach provides the link between parishes in America and those working in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Thanks in advance for your support!

### 2021 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2021 Mass Intentions Book will open on **Friday, July 31 from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. We will be accepting your Mass requests for specific dates in the Parish Center Hall, with adequate space to spread out. Please keep in mind the following:

- ◆ You can request a maximum of four intentions per family at this time.
- ◆ Requests must be made in person.
- ◆ There is a \$10 stipend for each Mass intention.
- ◆ Preference for specific dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ◆ To keep the process running smoothly, please plan ahead. Jot down the names and dates you are hoping to reserve, and alternatives if those dates are not available.
- ◆ After July 31, you may stop into the Parish Office to request Masses.



There are a limited number of Masses still available for this year. Stop into the parish office if you wish to have a Mass said in 2020.

### COMMUNION CALLS

With Delaware County entering the **green** phase of safety precautions concerning Covid 19, visits to those wishing to receive Communion and a visit by clergy or lay ministers may proceed following the CDC recommendations.

At this time, families may not want outside visitors for their vulnerable, home-bound loved ones who are at increased risk from the pandemic.

To help with this situation, a family member who attends Mass regularly and provides care for the homebound family member can be trained and designated as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for their family member. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be trained as an Extraordinary Minister for a home-bound family member.

People who previously have been on the Communion Call list will be contacted to see if they wish to resume visits from our Eucharistic Ministers. If you have a home-bound loved one that would like to be added to the Communion Call list, you are welcome to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### WELCOME BACK TO MASS

We are happy you are here! Please take the time to read the guidelines for attending Mass during this period:

**In General**, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted. You are not required to attend Mass at this time. Please stay home if you are sick, someone in your household is sick, or if your health is compromised, putting you at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule. Weekday Mass will be held in the church at 7:30 a.m. The Saturday Vigil Mass is available via live-stream. View it on our website home page (stjohnfisherchurch.com), or on the parish facebook page (Saint John Fisher).

**Before coming to Mass**, please wash your hands before leaving home. **Every person age 3 and older must wear a face mask or cloth covering when entering Church.**

Use the parking lot entrance or the main entrance nearest the parish center. Once inside, please use non-touch hand sanitizer, and have your non-touch temperature taken.



Every other pew is taped off for social distancing. Those living in the same household can sit together. Please sit 6 feet away from another person or family. The Church Hall is available for seating.

**To receive Holy Communion**, please leave 6 feet of space when walking in the Communion line. Parishioners are requested to receive the Eucharist in the hand. Wear your mask, receive the Sacred Host in your hands, step to the side, lift/lower your mask, receive Holy Communion, refit your mask and proceed back to the pew. Anyone who prefers to receive the Eucharist on their tongue is asked to join the end of the line for the priest.



**Before leaving the Church**, check the pew and make sure you have everything with you. You may pick up a bulletin from the table in the church foyers. When you exit the Church, please do not congregate; proceed directly to your car. Please leave your mask on until you reach your automobile.

**Cleaning will be done after each Mass.** We'll ask for volunteers to help disinfect the surfaces of pews and chairs. Supplies are provided. The Church and bathrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected during weekdays in preparation for Sunday Masses.

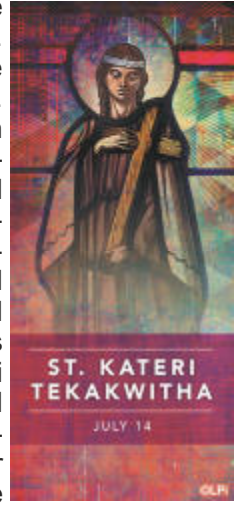


### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. John Fisher Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is in need of volunteers for the upcoming school year. We are looking for a few classroom aides that can assist the primary instructor during class time. If you have questions or are interested, please call Kathy Aaronson, 610-484-0441, ext. 5, and leave a message. All volunteers will need a background check and child abuse clearances; we will guide you through that process.

### ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

On July 14th, Catholics celebrate the feast of the "Lily of the Mohawks." St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be canonized. Her mother was from the Algonquin tribe and had converted to Catholicism. She was captured during a raid by Mohawk warriors and was assimilated into their tribe, eventually marrying the chief. Kateri was born around 1656. A smallpox outbreak killed many of her tribe, including Kateri's parents and younger brother. Kateri survived the disease, but suffered severe scarring and impaired eyesight. An aunt and uncle raised her and encouraged her to marry. She refused, running away from the traditional mating ceremony.



French missionaries were making inroads into the native peoples at the time and visited Kateri's village. When she was 18, she began instruction in the Catholic faith. After she was baptized, her commitment to Christianity and vow of virginity was misunderstood and ridiculed by her fellow villagers. She left her village and went to live in a Jesuit mission village south of Montreal, where she attended daily Mass, taught the children, and cared for the sick and the elderly. Kateri believed in the value of offered suffering, but her fasting impacted her health. Just before Easter in 1680, she died at the young age of 24. A Jesuit priest who attended her at death wrote that shortly afterward, her skin cleared of its scars and her face appeared beautiful. It was reported that she appeared to three people following her death. She was beatified in 1980, and was canonized a saint in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, Native Americans, and people in exile. The Saint Kateri National Shrine and historic site is located near Fonda, New York, near where she lived, about a four hour drive from Philadelphia.

**FINANCIAL OFFERING:  
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**JUNE 21:**

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,436</b>
<b>Number of Envelopes</b>	<b>323</b>

**JUNE 28:**

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,257</b>
<b>Number of Envelopes</b>	<b>208</b>

**June Poor Box Total:** **\$ 323**

Donations to the Poor Box will be sent to Family Services of Delaware County.

*Your generous support throughout this period of uncertainty is most appreciated! Thank you!*



### ST. TIMOTHY AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to recent high school graduate Matthew Pham, this year's recipient of the St. Timothy Award given by our parish. This national honor is given to a young parishioner who has made a significant contribution of time to the Church. Matthew has devoted the past seven years to music ministry for St. John Fisher Parish. He graduated from Saliesanim Prep and will attend University of Delaware to study engineering and physics. Matthew also was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the ladies' group who sell Boscov's certificates. Best wishes to Matthew for a successful college career!

### CHANCE OF A LIFETIME (COAL) RAFFLE

Time is running short to purchase *Chance of a Lifetime* raffle tickets! The drawing is on **July 23**. This is the primary fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus statewide scholarship program, and locally for the Holy Saviour KofC Council 13710 for their charitable work. The Holy Saviour Knights will have tickets available for purchase after Mass outside of the building or please contact a member to make arrangements to buy your tickets. Chances are \$1 each or a book of 8 for \$5. Thank you!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

**Sunday:** Isaiah 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**Daily Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Monday:** Isaiah 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Matthew 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday:** Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Matthew 12:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Romans 8:26-27/Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

### SAINTS AND THE SEMINARIAN

#### A Program for Kids

Looking for a way to keep your kids occupied and reinforce their connection to our parish? Check out the "Saints and the Seminarian" videos and coloring packets on the parish website [stjohnfisher.com](http://stjohnfisher.com). You'll find a link to watch the video and download the coloring page, or you can watch on Facebook at Saint John Fisher. Hosted by seminarian Philip Cheung. New videos will be posted on Thursdays. Check back often!

**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

### VICTIMS OF WAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*"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

Jane Holefelder, EllieMae McCreight, Andrew Montagna, Delores Verticelli, Marie Ouly, Ida Durning, Parker Millison, Bill Achuff, Jeanne Brown, Tom McDonald, Gail McCafferty, JoAnn Bezold, Rev. Greg Hickey, Linda Johnston, Hazel Neary, Frank Taylor, Norman Falkowski, Jr., Diane Kelly, Ruth Jobe, Ruth Ann Moffett, 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 email [Renee.Devine@SJF71.org](mailto:Renee.Devine@SJF71.org) 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>July 11</b>	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 12</b>	
	8:00 AM	Dorothy Mitchell
	9:30 AM	Lucy Spincic
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 13</b>	
	7:30 AM	Sofie Conte
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 14</b>	
	7:30 AM	Marie A. Kostinas
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 15</b>	
	7:30 AM	Frank Piperno
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 16</b>	
	7:30AM	Donald W. Magnin
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 17</b>	
	7:30 AM	Leo Richardson
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 18</b>	
	4:00 PM	James Tims
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 19</b>	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Denise Stang
	11:30 AM	Robert Malampy

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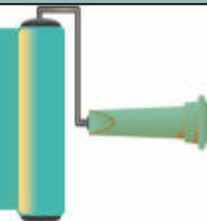


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