



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

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 someone will return your call as soon as possible.

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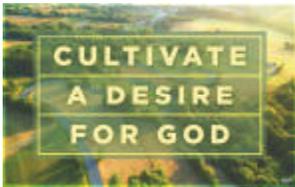
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TODAY IS JULY 19, THE 16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 13:24-43.

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many beat themselves up because of their sin. Many are all too quick to pass judgment on others whom are perceived to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should people! Patience is the order of the day. God ultimately calls the shots.

Scripture tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as a person has even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Even a small measure of faith, good, light, and love, can produce abundant growth with God.

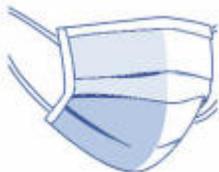
Any gardener knows that weeds grow quickly. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, as they grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Don't lose hope! Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful!

3 EASY STEPS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS HEALTHY



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**WEAR A FACE
MASK**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Please welcome Father James J. Durkin of Cross Catholic Outreach this weekend. Father Durkin will speak at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. These areas have been hit hard by COVID-19. The priests and nuns working in the 28 countries served by Cross Catholic Outreach need our support. Medical projects offer healing and hope through free consultations in rural communities, rehabilitation care for the disabled, maternal health services for mothers and babies, humanitarian assistance to people with HIV and AIDS, and many other efforts. Cross Catholic Outreach provides the link between parishes in America and those working in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Thank you for your support!

PRAYING THE PSALMS

We often hear the Psalms read at Mass and we even sing them in hymns, but have you ever thought about them outside of Mass?

The Psalms are actually the prayers of Christ himself! The Holy Family would have prayed these very Psalms and probably even memorized them. So, when we read, sing, or listen to the Psalms, we are reading, singing, and listening to the very same words Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did. How amazing!

While you may have read, sung, or listened to the Psalms before, have you ever prayed them? Join our Seminarian Philip Cheung for a scriptural study program focused on the Psalms. The study group will meet on Thursdays at 11am in the Church "Living Room" to allow for ample social distance. Join us to explore the richness of the Psalms and pray together the very words our Lord – the Word of God – Himself prayed. The first session begins **Thursday, July 23 at 11am**. Please let us know you plan to attend by calling the parish office and leaving a message, or by replying to the post on the parish Facebook page.

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.

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.

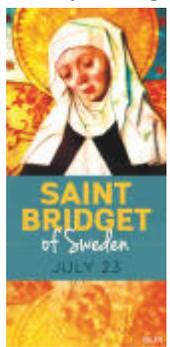
BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE



Thanks to the many people who signed up and donated blood at the St. John Fisher – Red Cross blood drive at the end of June. The Red Cross collected 46 pints on our goal of 50 that day, which is an excellent turn out! Your spirit of generosity is much appreciated!

FEAST OF SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN JULY 23

Born around 1303, Bridget married at the age of 14 and had eight children, but only six survived to adulthood. Bridget became know for her works of charity, especially caring for unwed women and their children. She and her husband went on a pilgrimage and shortly after their return in 1344, her husband died. Bridget became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, devoting her life to caring for the poor and sick. She decided to establish a religious community, the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines. The order included both men and women, living in double monasteries. In 1350, she traveled to Rome to obtain from the Pope authorization of her religious Order. She stayed in Rome, loved by the people there because of her kind works, until she died in 1373. Bridget had visions of Jesus on the cross, the Nativity, and other revelations throughout her life, many of which are depicted in the art of the time. She was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX.



COMMUNION CALLS

Visits to those wishing to receive Communion by clergy or lay ministers may proceed following the CDC recommendations and safety precautions.

We recognize that families may not want outside visitors for their vulnerable, home-bound loved ones who are at increased risk from the pandemic right now.

To help with this situation, a family member who attends Mass regularly and provides care for the home-bound 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.

**FINANCIAL OFFERING:
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**The offertory totals for July 5 were unavailable at press time.
They will appear in next week's bulletin.**

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 19, 2020

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

Weekday Entrance Antiphon: "See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good."

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Matthew 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 [97a]/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52

FOOD DONATIONS

The Parish continues to collect food donations each week. Please place your donations in the cabinets at the rear of the Church Hall. Please open the cabinets and place your food donations inside. Only if the shelves are full should you leave donations on the countertop. During the week, you can drop a donation on the cart in the Parish Center lobby. Thank you



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
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May They Rest in Peace

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THOMAS DODDS**

Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Please Pray for Our Sick

Helen Norton, Jane Holfelder, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 18	4:00 PM	James Tims
Sunday	July 19	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		9:30 AM	Denise Stang
		11:30 AM	Robert Malampy
Monday	July 20	7:30 AM	Rev. Joseph Amalfitano, 1st Annv
Tuesday	July 21	7:30 AM	Janet Albrecht
Wednesday	July 22	7:30 AM	George Ershaw
Thursday	July 23	7:30AM	Michael Ancone
Friday	July 24	7:30 AM	Dale Johnson
Saturday	July 25	4:00 PM	Vincent Broomall
Sunday	July 26	8:00 AM	Marie Conlan
		9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
		11:30 AM	Kellie Ann Friday

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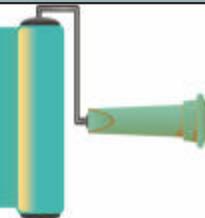


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