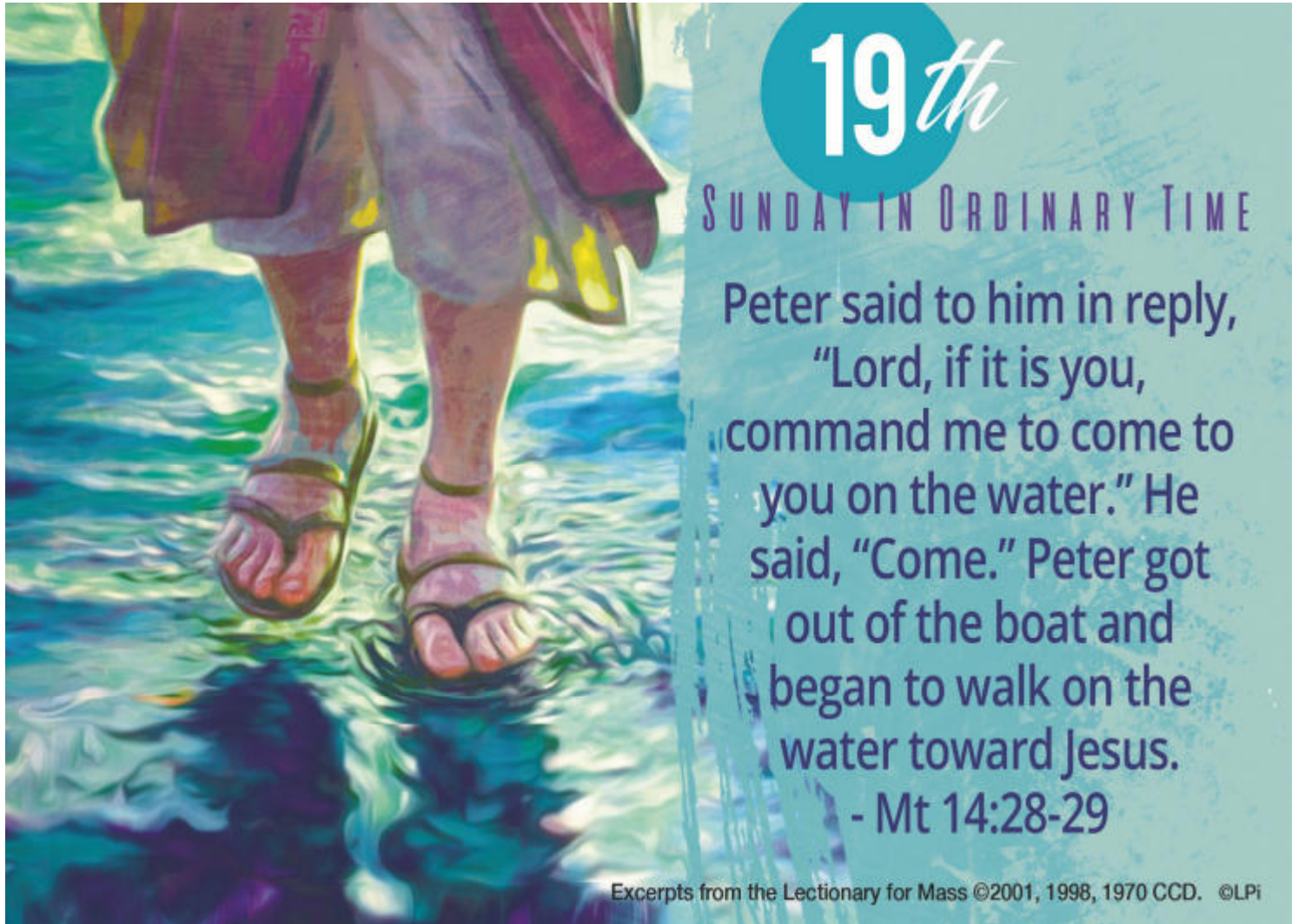




SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

August 9, 2020



19th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,
“Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to
you on the water.” He
said, “Come.” Peter got
out of the boat and
began to walk on the
water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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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

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.

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)
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TODAY IS AUGUST 9, THE 19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 14:22-33.

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek the essence of perfect love and being. In silence, we can contemplate things and God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover truths that our minds struggle to conceive, and comprehend them without the clutter of words. We can touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter. We can carry a deep forgiving peace within us. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. Silence is a way to be present to oneself in the same way that God is present to us, to see yourself as God sees you. Our faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we think are important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no longer a need to "figure things out," as we can simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing.

God became one with humanity in silence. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give.

Be still my soul and be at peace.

MISSION APPEAL

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Father Raju Pilla this weekend. Father Pilla, who is in residence at Our Lady of Grace in Penndel, will speak at each Mass about the works and needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India.

The Archdiocese is bordered by the Arabian sea, and ninety percent of the people are traditional fishermen. Fishing has been strictly forbidden during the pandemic, leading to rampant unemployment and poverty within the community. The Archdiocese of Trivandrum depends on outside assistance to continue its development programs and to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists. This community is just one that benefits from the Annual Mission Appeal.

The envelope for the Annual Mission Appeal was sent with your August parish envelopes, and was dated August 1-2. Please be assured that all envelopes we receive for the Mission Appeal will be forwarded to the missions. Thank you for your sacrifice and support for the Missions in developing nations. It is deeply appreciated!

ST. JOHN FISHER OFFICE HOURS

Parish office hours will increase beginning **Monday, August 17**, to provide on-site service to our parishioners.



The office will be open the following times:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-Noon; 1:00pm-4:30pm
Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm
Sunday 9:00am-1:00pm.

Limited staff will be on-site during these hours. If you leave a phone or email message, we will strive to reply promptly.

Food donations and meals for the Aid for Friends freezer can be dropped off during office hours, and the Chapel will be open for private prayer. Thanks for your continued support and understanding!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- ◆ A Catechist is needed for the Guardian Angel Club Sunday school program for preschoolers. The Club meets 9:30-10:30am on Sundays during the school year. If you are willing to help, please contact Kathy Aaronson by calling the PREP office (610-485-0441, ext. 5).
- ◆ 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). All volunteers will need a background check and child abuse clearances; we will guide you through that process.
- ◆ We are still accepting registration for the upcoming school year. Please return the forms for PREP 2020-2021 as soon as possible. A tuition discount is applied for all registrations received by August 16.



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. If the cabinets are full, you may place the items on the counter. During the week, please drop your donation on the cart in the Parish Center lobby. We accept unopened, shelf stable food

and beverages that have not expired. Please check cans and packages for expiration dates. There is also a need for cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, personal care products, toilet paper, tissues and paper towels. **Please note:** At this time, we cannot accept pre-made sandwiches or perishable foods. Thank you!



FOOD DRIVE

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.



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OF JULY 26

TOTAL: \$ 10,736
NUMBER: 261

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY AUGUST 15

On the Feast of the Assumption, the Church remembers Mary's death and passage into eternal life. As Pope Benedict said in 2011, "It is a mystery of hope and joy for all of us. In Mary, one can see the goal of all of those who have joined their lives to Jesus."



While not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on Saturday, **St. John Fisher Parish will celebrate Mass at 9:00am in the Church.** All are most welcome to attend!

MARIAN FEAST DAYS

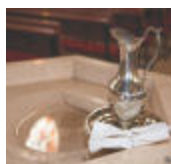
Have you ever wondered why the Church has so many feast days and names for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary in the fifth century. Originally called the Feast of the Dormition, the Solemnity of the Assumption was celebrated on August 15. Very soon other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. Each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith based on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son. Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal, such as the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1. Other celebrations closely tied to certain religious orders also became widely accepted, such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations.

The various titles of Mary, like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

Through these feasts, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father." (Lumen Gentium, 65)

NEWLY BAPTIZED



The people of St. John Fisher Parish are pleased to celebrate the Baptism of **LEVI GABRIEL JOHNSTON**, son of Anna and Christopher, of St. Olaf Parish in Poulsbo, Washington. Levi is the grandson of Mary and Brendan Stover of St. John Fisher.

Congratulations!

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
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St. John's on the Hill Seniors.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/John 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday (Assumption of Mary) : Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Romans 11:13-15, 29-32/Matthew 15:21-28

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Were you baptized as a child but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is not a program or class or lecture, but a journey by which women and men can learn about the Catholic faith through prayer and formative activities. RCIA prepares individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation during the Easter season. For more information, please contact Deacon Dan Bingnear, by calling him at 610-494-3929 or via email at daniel.bingnear@gmail.com

FEAST OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE - AUGUST 14

Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland and although sickly as a child, entered the Franciscan order at age 16. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and organized a movement called the Knights of Mary Immaculate.

When the Nazis invaded Poland, Father Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. A prisoner escaped and the commandant selected 10 men for punishment. One began to cry that he would never see his family again, and Father Kolbe offered to take the man's place. Throughout his punishment and time in the camp, Father Kolbe continued to counsel his fellow inmates, kept them from despair, and prepared them to die. He eventually was killed by the Nazis with a lethal injection. When he was canonized in 1982, the man whose life Father Kolbe saved was at the ceremony.



The Aid for Friends freezer could use restocking. Pans area available in the Parish Hall Kitchen. If you have 'left overs', please consider packaging them in the provided pans, freeze it, and bring it to the freezer in the Parish Hall Kitchen. These meals serve seniors and other hungry people in our community. On behalf of those in need, we 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.
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May They Rest in Peace

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH FAMILY

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Aug 8	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Aug 9	
	8:00 AM	Diane Smith
	9:30 AM	Cornelius Dever 24th Anniv.
	11:30 AM	Ed Haggerty
Monday	Aug 10	
	7:30 AM	Eleanor Calvecchio
Tuesday	Aug 11	
	7:30 AM	Robert Rushton, Art Noel Anniv.
Wednesday	Aug 12	
	7:30AM	Kathy Melaugh
Thursday	Aug 13	
	7:30AM	Pat Van Horn
Friday	Aug 17	
	7:30 AM	Michael Anderson
Saturday	Aug 15	
Assumption	9:00 AM	George Brill
	4:00 PM	Bernard Kravitz
Sunday	Aug 16	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Rita Bubernak
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski

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