



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

August 16, 2020



THEN JESUS SAID
TO HER IN REPLY,
“O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR
FAITH! LET IT BE
DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH.”
—MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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)
Communications Secretary: Mrs. Renee Devine (ext. 2)
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TODAY IS AUGUST 16, THE 20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 15:21-28.

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. Our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do. Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire.

Our physical and emotional maladies are easy to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that we long for is not possible? Must we settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional — it resides in our soul. What we really seek is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are the gifts that center us on eternity. They direct us the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations by nature of our humanity with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we can acquire what and Who we need and desire.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL MARCUS HOOK

For many years, the former parish grade school in Marcus Hook has been leased by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit for its Head Start program. With the completion of a new DELCO IU facility in Aston, the Head Start program is being relocated there, and the DELCO IU has ended their lease of the parish building.

The Immaculate Conception school is now vacant. Although it had served community children well for decades, our parish does not have any immediate plans that would warrant the continued expenses for maintaining and securing an unused building. We also have lost the yearly rental income the building generated.

After consultation with the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council, I have asked the Archdiocese for permission to sell the school building. This does not impact Immaculate Conception Church, which will continue to be maintained and used as a worship site for our parish. Any income from the sale of the school would remain with St. John Fisher Parish.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

We are committed to a full year program to continue the religious education of our young students, and prepare them to receive the Sacraments.

Classes will begin the week of September 15 & 16. The length of each class period has been shortened by 15 minutes to allow for cleaning. On Tuesday, for grades 1 through 5, the afternoon session will run from 4:30-5:45; the evening class will run from 6:15-7:30. On Wednesday, for grades 6 and 7, class period is 6:15-7:30.



With the limitations and concerns for the health of our catechists and students during this COVID 19 pandemic, we have developed plans to have PREP classes conducted via various formats. We encourage in-classroom instruction as the preferred way of learning. We have added on-line capability with Zoom, in the event that a child is unable to attend in person, and can offer a homeschooling option for parents and their children.

We are keeping the health and safety of our catechists and children in mind, securing the resources and using the recommended practices to help provide a safe learning environment for our children.

The program is still in need of classroom aides that can assist the primary instructor during class time. If you are able to volunteer for the school year, please please call Kathy Aaronson (610-484-0441, ext. 5) as soon as possible. All volunteers will need a background check and child abuse clearances; we will guide you through that process.

We continue to accept registrations for the upcoming school year. Please return the forms for PREP 2020-2021 as soon as possible. Downloadable forms can be found on the parish website under the Education tab.

One last note: the First Holy Communion celebration, which had been scheduled for May 9 but was postponed due to the closure of Church, will take place this Fall. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Please pray for our dedicated catechists and youth parishioners for a steady and enriching year.

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!

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 AUGUST 2:

TOTAL: \$ 12,557
NUMBER: 384

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

COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET:

RAISING THE ROOF—REVITALIZED IN CHRIST

To mark the completion of the church remodeling, we have published a commemorative booklet, filled with many photographs, as a gift to all donors. This is a wonderful way to remember the efforts and generosity of so many. In addition to the names of all donors and volunteers, the text chronicles the evolution of the project and the joyful rededication celebration we held last December.

All donors who made a gift to the *Raising the Roof* campaign are asked to visit the parish office to pick up one copy of the booklet after August 24. After all donors receive their copy, there will be additional copies available if others are interested. Special thanks to Barksdale School Portraits for preparation and printing.



SEMINARIAN INTERNSHIP

Seminarian Philip Cheung of Philadelphia completed his summer internship at St. John Fisher Parish the first week of August. He will return this Fall on Thursdays to continue his service to the parish.



**PHILIP
CHEUNG**

Philip's video presentations on the Saints featured in the stained glass windows in church can be found on our parish Facebook page. Philip spent time this summer making calls to the members of the St. John on the Hill Seniors to check on their wellbeing and needs. He began a daytime Bible study series on the Psalms, which he will continue again in September. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Philip expressed his thanks to the parishioners for your welcome and wonderful example of a faith filled community. We continue to pray for all seminarians including Philip, Sean Phillips, Ed Town, and Henry Graebe, all of whom spent time at St. John Fisher, and that our youth may respond to God's call to a religious vocation.

WANTED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our "Back to School Collection" begins this weekend and continues until Labor Day. We are collecting new backpacks, and every kind of supply that goes in them. Can you pick up a few extra items when shopping for your family? We are collecting:

New backpacks (no wheels)
Notebooks - spiral and marble
1" and 2" binders and dividers
Loose leaf paper Erasers
Pens - black, blue, and red
Pencils - #2 and colored pencils
Markers and Highlighters
Two pocket folders Crayons
Pencil bags Glue Sticks
Hand-held pencil sharpeners



Please drop off school items in the designated baskets in the rear of Church or the Parish Center Halls. Thanks!

FOOD DONATIONS

"When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat."

Last week, the Parish received a call from the St. Katherine Drexel Food Pantry. They were calling to say "Thank you!" to all the of the parishioners who have continued to contribute food and cleaning supplies to stock the pantry during this pandemic. With the help of St. John Fisher Parish, the pantry has been able to serve about 400 families during the past few months. They just wanted to let us know how much we have assisted the needy in our area, and how much they appreciate our support of their mission.

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 always 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!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

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

Weekday Entrance Antiphon: *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Matthew 22:34-40

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Romans 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20

FAITH IS THE
REALIZATION OF
WHAT IS HOPED FOR
AND EVIDENCE OF
THINGS NOT SEEN.

HEBREWS 11:1

BAPTISMS AT ST. JOHN FISHER

If you have a child that you would like to have baptized in the Catholic faith, we are happy to help you! For the safety of the children, we are scheduling only one family per ceremony, held on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of the month. First-time parents are required to attend Pre-Jordan class, which is held on the third Sunday of each month, from 12:45-1:45pm. Please don't wait! Call the office and speak to Renee Devine or Regina Robinson for more info.

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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www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

DECEASED MEMBERS OF OF OUR OWN FAMILIES

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Shawn Bedwell, Scott Moyer, Glenn Capri, Wayne Casper, Joe Kane, Helen Norton, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

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| 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 |
| Monday | Aug 17 | |
| | 7:30 AM | Patricia Lynch |
| Tuesday | Aug 18 | |
| | 7:30 AM | Jeffrey Lee Bradshaw |
| Wednesday | Aug 19 | |
| | 7:30AM | Mary Margaret Schwab |
| Thursday | Aug 20 | |
| | 7:30AM | Robert Schweizer |
| Friday | Aug 21 | |
| | 7:30 AM | Patricia Van Horn |
| Saturday | Aug 22 | |
| | 4:00 PM | Frank Millet, 3rd Anniv. |
| Sunday | Aug 23 | |
| | 8:00 AM | Ed Tait |
| | 9:30 AM | People of the Parish & Visitors |
| | 11:30 AM | Jim Hanavin |

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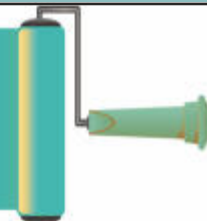


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