



# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

*August 30, 2020*



“WHOEVER  
WISHES TO COME  
AFTER ME MUST  
DENY HIMSELF,  
TAKE UP HIS  
CROSS, AND  
FOLLOW ME.”  
—MT 16:24B

22<sup>ND</sup> 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)  
**Maintenance:** Bill Casey (ext. 7)

## Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John Sibel

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**TODAY IS AUGUST 30, THE 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 16:21-27.**

Achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment may seem like worthy goals, but they all are dependent on external variables and provide only temporary satisfaction. Although we work toward checking off all of the boxes, we can still feel empty. Corporations, educational institutions, social structures, and secular ideology rarely consider the spiritual and human contributions a person has to offer.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel make little sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus asks this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you *not* want to gain the whole world and secure your life? Just look at where a lot of adults are investing their time, energy, and resources. It becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in *things*, not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or an expected gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on that which calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call.

God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. When we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, it is just and right. We can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Jesus challenges us to renew our minds, and understand that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. When we see that only faith can bring us to a heightened awareness of ourselves and God, our lives will begin to make sense. Putting things in proper perspective brings us closer to being a disciple.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DELIVER!

The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Council #13710 of Boothwyn, PA, in conjunction with **1010 Pizza** of Media, joined forces to make Wednesday, August 5, a tasty day for the nurses and staff of Fair Acres Geriatric Center in Lima. Fair Acres is the largest skilled nursing facility in Delaware County. The Knights had 21 fully-loaded pizzas delivered to the evening shift at Fair Acres. Pizzas were delivered to 18 nursing units, 2 staff departments as well as the utility staff. Both the Knights and 1010 Pizza are proud to recognize and show our support and gratitude for our selfless front-line workers who place their own health and safety at risk every day to care for the needs of others.



## HAPPY LABOR DAY!

**Monday, September 7, is Labor Day. Mass will be offered at 9:00am in the Church.** There will be no 7:30am Mass on September 7. Labor Day was established in the United States in the early 1800's as a day to encourage the union movement, collective bargaining, and to recognize the dignity of the laborer and of work itself. Especially this year, we salute all who have continued working during the pandemic: medical staff, First Responders, grocery and pharmacy workers, mail carriers, delivery drivers, and more!

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

**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.



More information, including the calendar for the year, the COVID 19 safety procedures, and registration forms can be found on the parish website under the Education Tab.

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 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.

### 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. 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.

**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 16:**

**TOTAL: \$ 11,463**  
**NUMBER: 338**

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

**COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET:**

**RAISING THE ROOF—REVITALIZED IN CHRIST**



What a difference a year makes! Last August, the concrete for the Sanctuary was poured. A year and many Eucharistic celebrations later, and we have a newly published a commemorative booklet, marking the completion of the

church remodeling. Filled with many photographs, the booklet 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 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.

*A Return to Normal*

**ST. JOHN FISHER OFFICE HOURS**



After the Labor Day holiday, the Parish Office will return to normal operating hours, with our entire staff present, to provide on-site service to our parishioners.

The office will be open the following times:  
**Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm**  
**Friday 8:30-2:30**  
*Closed between 12:00-1:00 for lunch on weekdays.*  
**Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm**  
**Sunday 9:00am-1:00pm**

The staff will be wearing masks for your safety and their own. We remind you that if you visit the Parish Center or PREP office, you must wear a mask.

**WANTED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Just one week left for the "Back to School Collection." We are collecting every kind of supply that a child will need, even at home, to complete their school work. Can you pick up a few extra items when shopping for your family?

- 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 so much or your continued generosity!

## A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for spending a day moving furniture in the Parish Center and Church to set up safer classrooms with ZOOM capabilities for the PREP program. The Knights helped to prepare for the school year with a generous donation to purchase desk arms for chairs the children will use and extra cleaning supplies.

### NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council elections are usually held in the Spring, but were postponed until this Fall because of the pandemic. The Pastoral Council is the consultative body that assists the pastor with parish planning and issue pertaining to the life of the parish.

Anyone interested in serving our parish on the Pastoral Council is urged to fill out a nomination form. The nomination form can be found on the parish website ([www.stjohnfisherchurch.com](http://www.stjohnfisherchurch.com)), or you may pick one up in the Parish Office. The terms last for three years and nominations are open to active parishioners.

The deadline for nominations is September 14. Please return the form to the Parish Office or Father McDermott.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Romans 12:1-2/Mattjiew 16:21-27  
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/ Luke 4:16-30  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Luke 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/ Luke 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Luke 5:1-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Luke 5:33-39  
 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
**EVELYN FINNIGAN**  
 through the generosity of  
**Larry McKenna**



**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.  
 Charles Hughes, Principal  
 Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147  
 3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA  
[www.holyfamilyaston.org](http://www.holyfamilyaston.org)

## May They Rest in Peace

### ALL WHO HAVE DIED OF COVID 19

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

### Please Pray for Our Sick

Barbara Shahadi, Shawn Bedwell, Scott Moyer, Glenn Capri, Wayne Casper, Joe Kane, 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>	
	4:00 PM	The McFadden Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	
	8:00 AM	Ed Tait
	9:30 AM	Lewis Pelfrey III
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 31</b>	
	7:30 AM	Marian Fisher
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>	
	7:30 AM	Rocco Luberti
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept 2</b>	
	7:30AM	Kellie Ann Friday
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept 3</b>	
	7:30AM	Patricia Van Horn
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept 4</b>	
	7:30 AM	Jean Maida
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept 5</b>	
	4:00	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept 6</b>	
	8:00 AM	Ed Tait
	9:30 AM	Regina Kerrigan
	11:30 AM	Kenneth MacDonald, Jr.

*PRAYERS FOR THE INFIRM: To add a name to the prayer list, please email 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.*

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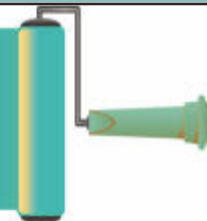


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