



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’” - Mt 20:8

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

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Closed weekdays for lunch between Noon and 1:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

4225 CHICHESTER AVENUE • BOOTHWYN, PA 19061

Website: stjohnfisherchurch.com Facebook: Saint John Fisher Phone: (610) 485-0441 E-mail: contact@sjf71.org



TODAY IS SEPTEMBER 20, THE 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 21:1-16.

If one works for five hours, one expects five hours of pay. If one works for two hours, one expects to get paid for two hours. What if a company paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long each person worked? How would those who worked eight hours feel if they earned as much as a co-worker who worked only two hours? The secular world would have a huge problem with this. But today's Gospel is about God's wisdom and God's ways.

Do we think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us? Wrong! Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God, to increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter?

God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? When we invest too much self interest in prayer, we neglect to pursue and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

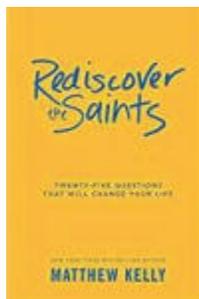
When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. God's way is not the human way. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

A SPECIAL GIFT FOR FALL

The heart of our Catholic faith and spiritual journey is the Eucharist. We are fortunate to be able to participate in the Mass not only each Sunday, but even on a daily basis, either in person or by streaming on the computer or television. Hopefully, this prime source of spiritual nourishment is augmented with daily prayer and frequent spiritual reading. Of these three sources that lead to our continual growth, spiritual reading is the one that is often neglected.

To that end, the Men's Gathering of our parish is making available next weekend (September 26 & 27) free copies of renowned author Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover the Saints*. We are capable of so much more than we think we are. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities in our lives. The saints continue to encourage us to explore all our God-given potential through the example of their lives. The saints inspire us to bold action. They remind us over and over again: we can change the world.

Please be sure to pick up a copy of this gift from the Men's Gathering - limit one per family, please!



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 20

The theme for Catechetical Sunday 2020 is taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." This theme focuses on the essential work of catechesis, which is an invitation to a whole new life given by Christ Himself. Several dedicated women and men of our parish who will serve as catechists and classroom aides this year will be recognized and commissioned at the 9:30am Mass this weekend. Please pray for them and for a successful year of religious education for our youth!

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgment about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY CAMPAIGN



The back-to-school service project for the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is underway. The students are asking the parish to join them in the collection of peanut butter and jelly for the next month. These pantry staples help feed hungry kids, especially this year when many are learning remotely from home. The peanut butter and jelly drive runs through October 15. Please place your donations in the cupboards at the rear of the Church Hall or drop them on the cart in the lobby of the Parish Center. Thank you!

SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 28

All 6th Grade students who are members of St. John Fisher Parish and attend PREP or a Catholic school and are ready to begin preparation for Confirmation, are required to attend an introductory meeting with a parent. This mandatory meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 28, at 7:00pm in the Church.**

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process (during 6th and 7th Grades). Confirmation is celebrated as a Parish. While the children who attend Catholic schools will receive their instruction at school, they will receive the Sacrament at St. John Fisher and their attendance is required at the meetings and retreats held here. This year's 6th Grade students will be confirmed in 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

ROSARY RALLY OCT. 10

The Knights of Columbus Council 13710 will hold an outdoor recitation of the Rosary in front of St. John Fisher church on Saturday, October 10 at Noon.

The Rosary Rally in front of the Church is to pray for peace in the United States. Held in co-operation with "America Needs Fatima," we will join with others to recite the rosary simultaneously across the country at the same time.

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary and our Blessed Mother Mary is the Patroness of our Country. Please join us on October 12 at noon to pray to our Patroness for peace. This is a great way to exhibit our faith as Catholics. Please wear a mask and bring your own chair, if you need one.



McGINN MEMEORIAL GOLF OUTING

The Fourth Annual Judie and Kellie McGinn Golf Outing to benefit Holy Family Regional Catholic School is scheduled for **Monday, October 5, 2020, with a shotgun start at 12 Noon.** The golf outing is held at the Concord Country Club, 1601 Wilmington Pike, West Chester.

Registration that morning begins at 10:00am, followed by a cookout Lunch at the Halfway House. At the end of play, join the other golfers for the Jim McGinn Cocktail Hour, with an open bar and dinner at food stations set up in front of the Golf Shop.

Reservations with payment must be made by Sept. 27. The donation is \$175 per golfer or \$700 for a foursome. Alumni from the Catholic schools in the area (Holy Family, Holy Saviour-St. John Fisher, Our Lady of Charity, St. Francis de Sales or St. Joseph, Aston) can enter the *Alumni Cup Challenge* for \$200 for a foursome. The committee is also encouraging individuals or businesses to sponsor a hole, cart, lunch, or cocktail hour.

More information and a reservation form is available in the Parish Center Business Office. The funds raised this year will benefit scholarships for children attending Holy Family Regional Catholic School, where Kellie's daughter and Judie's other grandchildren attend school.



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 6:

TOTAL:	\$ 12,905
NUMBER:	309

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that all things, including life itself, are gifts from God. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment.

FOUR OUTSTANDING WOMEN SAINTS

You are invited to join an online study series offered by the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center this October. The series runs from 7:00-8:30pm on four consecutive Tuesdays. This free program will be held on Zoom, which you can access through your computer or cell phone.

- **Tuesday, October 6, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom.** Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT, will give a presentation on **St.**



Teresa of Avila. The first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa is well known for her reform of the Carmelite Order. Her writings (*The Book of her Life, The Way to Perfection, and The Interior Castle*) continue to inspire and

assist the faithful. Sr. Theresa has served for many years in Religious Education. She is the archivist and liturgy coordinator for the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity.

- **Tuesday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom.** Sr. Mary Ann Henagan, MSBT, will present to you **St. Josephine Bakhita.**



Born in Darfu, now western Sudan, seven-year-old Josephine was kidnapped and sold into slavery several times. Sold to an Italian family, she converted to Catholicism and eventually became a Canossian Sister. Sr. Mary is a registered nurse, has a certificate in spiritual direction, and has served in pastoral ministry. A member of the Black Sisters Conference, she was

the 2010 recipient of their Harriet Tubman award for her work as an advocate for Black people.

- **Tuesday, October 20, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom.** Sr. Faith Okerson, S.B.S., will give a presentation on **St.**



Katharine Drexel. Born in Philadelphia in 1858, Katharine was one of the wealthiest women in the world. As founder of the Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, she dedicated her life and fortune to bringing the Gospel message and empowerment of education to Black and Native American people. Sr. Faith was Director of Communication during St. Katharine's beatification and canonization process. She will share stories of St. Katharine's life.

- **Tuesday, October 27, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom.** Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT, will present **St. Edith Stein.**



A one-time atheist, a brilliant scholar, a rare female philosopher, a convert to Catholicism who became a Carmelite nun and died in the Holocaust, St. Edith Stein was born into a Jewish family in 1891 on Yom Kippur, the feast of Atonement. She felt this was a foreshadowing of her future. Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT, Ph.D., is the Director of the New Evangelization at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, and Professor Emerita of Dogmatic Theology at the University of St. Mary on the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois.

Join in for one night or all four! To register, send an email to the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center at mbcretreat@msbt.org. You will receive confirmation of your registration with a link to participate in the series.

COMING UP: Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 3, 2:00pm. Mark your Calendar!

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

The people of St. John Fisher Parish rejoice and welcome our newly baptized members:



SOPHIA ELIZABETH DeFONZO, daughter of Joseph and Kaitlin; and

EVELYN SUE SHAFER, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Catherine.

Please pray for these youngsters and their parents, as they commit to raising their children in the Catholic faith. God bless Sophia and Evelyn!

Holy Family Regional School Thanks the Parishioners for their Support

Holy Family Regional School wishes to thank St. John Fisher parishioners for participating in the 2019-2020 *Holy Family Annual Appeal*. "We did something truly amazing, as we raised \$11,136!" says Board Chair Bill DeFeo. "There are not enough words to express our appreciation to everyone for rising to the occasion. On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, families and the Board, we thank you for supporting the "Shine Our Light" campaign."

Through contributions to the annual appeal, the school is able to close the gap between revenue and the actual cost of a Catholic education. The Annual Appeal for the new school year 2020-2021 is underway. If you are interested in making a donation to this year's appeal, please go to the Holy Family Aston website or use this link: <https://holymfamilyaston.org/annual-appeal>.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Matthew 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Luke 9:18-22

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Matthew 21:28-32

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!

www.parishesonline.com



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Joe Kane
through the generosity of
Christine Scott



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
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA
www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

THE VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Danny 'Delco' Reimer, John Myers, Cass Powers, Barbara Shahadi, Shawn Bedwell, Scott Moyer, Glenn Capri, Wayne Casper, 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

Saturday	Sept 19	
	4:00 PM	Mary Donnelly
Sunday	Sept 20	
	8:00 AM	Earl & Catherine Reed
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	Samuel Gullo
Monday	Sept 21	
	7:30 AM	Father John Freeman, 7th Anniv.
Tuesday	Sept 22	
	7:00 AM	Daria Filippelli, 1st Anniv.
Wednesday	Sept 23	
	7:30 AM	Joseph Kerr
Thursday	Sept 24	
	7:30 AM	Jeanette Finley
Friday	Sept 25	
	7:30 AM	Edward Haggerty
Saturday	Sept 26	
	4:00	Annamae Jacobs
Sunday	Sept 27	
	8:00 AM	Serafino Lupi
	9:30 AM	Grace Racine
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors

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.

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com





Pagano Funeral Home

3711 FOULK ROAD • GARNET VALLEY, PA 19060
ACROSS FROM BOOTH'S CORNER FARMERS MARKET

610-485-6200

Peter B. Pagano Jr., Owner/Supervisor

On Site
Crematory



CAR-MIRA'S DELI
Party Trays for All Occasions
Cold Cuts - Hoagies
Open 7 Days
3240 Chichester Avenue
610-494-9799
www.carmirasdeli.com

MEKENNEY'S
Family Owned Since 1958
M-F-7-5
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE
GENERAL REPAIR / MAINTENANCE
STATE & EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS
(610) 494-8948
2328 Chichester Avenue • Upper Chichester

Kaniefski Mendus D'Anjolell
Memorial Home
610-494-6220
Serving the tri-state area since 1918
JOHN BURSDALL Supervisor
3900 W. 9TH STREET • TRAINER
DE Licensed Funeral Director on Staff

Marcus Hook Florists
& Gifts Inc.
Full Service Florist • Since 1952
485-3281 • 485-3000
938 Market Street, Marcus Hook, PA 19061



Badell's Collision
Commitment to Excellence

Expert Collision Repair • We Accept All Insurance Claims
ASTON "We Meet by Accident" MALVERN
610-485-4411 610-296-8445



Sage Diner 610-364-7900
OPEN 24 HOURS
www.sagedinerPA.com
440 Chichester Avenue • Boothwyn

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

Philip P. Fusco Agent
24 Hour Good Neighbor Service®
610-485-1161



3109 Chichester Avenue, Boothwyn
phil.fusco.bvim@statefarm.com

Beyer Studio
Stained Glass - New and Restoration
215.848.3502 www.beyerstudio.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact Renee Puchalski to place an ad today!
rpuchalski@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6453



WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!

www.parishesonline.com

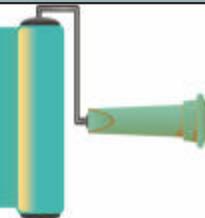


catholicmatch
Connecticut



CatholicMatch.com/CT

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lp.com

St. John Fisher Church, Boothwyn, PA 03-1236