



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

September 27, 2020



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Matthew 21:32

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

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TODAY IS SEPTEMBER 27, THE 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 21:28-32

When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, some act on impulse and passion, others use the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on the moral voice within will reflect the depth and maturity of one's soul.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by external action. However, the hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. We cannot embrace God unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to God's will is right, and choosing the best course of action is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Mark your calendar for the annual Blessing of the Animals to commemorate the Feast of Saint Francis. On **Saturday, October 3, at 2:00pm**, join us outdoors by the statue of the Blessed Mother with your pet, for a blessing by Father McDermott and Deacon Dan. For the safety of your pet, please use a leash, crate or cage to protect them and the other animals. Don't forget - masks for humans, not pets!

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!

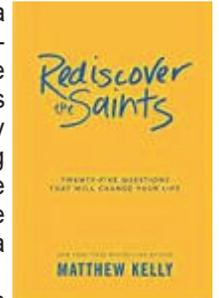


A SPECIAL GIFT FOR FALL

The Men's Gathering of our parish is making available this weekend free copies of author Matthew Kelly's book, **Rediscover the Saints**. The saints continue to encourage us to explore all our God-given potential through the example of their lives. They remind us over and over again: we can change the world. We hope and pray that reading this book will enrich your lives and lead you to influence others. Each family is invited to take one copy as you leave Mass today.

Sharing the faith lies at the heart of a Christian community. The Men's Gathering started at St. John Fisher over nine years ago. Every week for an hour, this group explores with each other the many dimensions of spirituality, both by sharing individual insights and by listening to the reflections of another person. They use books on a wide spectrum of topics as a way to begin a conversation.

Despite the pandemic, the Men's Gathering has continued to meet weekly via Zoom. Please consider this an invitation to join in the conversation, or just listen. If you have any questions, or want the information to join an upcoming Zoom gathering, please call Bob Howlett at 610-497-0401.



PRAYING THE PSALMS

The Thursday morning scriptural study program is back this fall, with **Seminarians Philip Cheung and his classmate James Joseph**. We welcome James to St. John Fisher. He will be here on Thursdays for his parish apostolate. James is from the Diocese of Arlington, Va.

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 the Holy Family would have memorized and prayed. So, when we read, sing, or listen to the Psalms, we are praying the very same words Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did.

The study group will meet on Thursdays in the Church "Living Room" to allow for ample social distance. Join in to explore the richness of the Psalms and pray together the very words our Lord prayed! The first Fall session begins on **Thursday, October 1, from 11:00am to 12:15**.

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**. 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.

HELP NEEDED

The PREP program is in need of a classroom aide for the 7th Grade, which meets on Wednesdays evenings from 6:15-7:30pm, through the middle of March. If you can help, please contact Kathy Aaronson, 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

LAST CALL TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE RAISING THE ROOF COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET!

If you made a contribution to the church renovation campaign, please stop in to the Business Office to pick up your copy of the commemorative booklet this week. We are hoping to keep mailing costs down, and picking yours up in person will help! Thank you!

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**. We will 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 to pray in a way that exhibits our faith as Catholics. Don't forget to 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 end of play, join the other golfers for 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 can enter the *Alumni Cup Challenge* for \$200 for a foursome. 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.



GUARDIAN ANGELS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to ongoing concerns about the spread of COVID19, the Guardian Angels Sunday School program has been suspended for the year. It will return when the environment improves.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13:

TOTAL: \$ 10,212
NUMBER: 276

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.



SUPPORT THE SAINT JOHN FISHER WOMEN'S EDUCATION FUND—SHOP AT BOSCOV'S

No tickets are needed this year to shop at Bosco's on the **Friends Helping Friends** fundraising days! Simply designate "Saint John Fisher Women for Education" as the charity you wish to support when you check out in person at the Granite Run store or on-line. Shopping days are **October 14 and 15**. The money raised is used to provide scholarships to the young women of the parish. Thanks for your continued support!

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

know 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.



- **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



- **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 Americans..



- **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.

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.

FEAST OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL: SEPTEMBER 27

Vincent was born in 1580 into a poor family in the south of France. His parents thought the priesthood was an educational and economic escape from poverty, so he studied and was ordained a Franciscan priest at age 19. Father de Paul found work with wealthy families as a chaplain and tutor and lived a comfortable life. Approaching middle-age, he was called to hear the dying confession of a poor laborer, who told Father de Paul that he would have died in a state of sin without the priest's absolution.

Father de Paul realized he could do more with his vocation and began to devote himself to those in need. He began to assist the poor, the sick, orphans, the mentally ill, prisoners, and the elderly. He organized charities that ran well, used newspapers to solicit contributions to support his work, and asked his wealthy patrons to donate, too.

Father de Paul founded a religious society of secular priests known as the Vincentians, who are devoted to mission work. He combined forces with Louise de Marillac to found the Daughters of Charity, a congregation of women who did not live in a convent, which was a new concept at the time. The sisters cared for the sick and the poor. Vincent died when he was 80.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded in 1833, over 170 years after his death. Volunteers are engaged in personal services, including summer camps, drop-in senior centers, personal visits, and other charitable works.



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://hollyfamilyaston.org/annual-appeal>.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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

Monday: Job 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/John 1:47-51

Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Job 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Matthew 21:33-43

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
HARRY JOHN JANSON
through the generosity of
his loving parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Janson



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
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May They Rest in Peace

BEVERLY VINCENT

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 26	
	4:00 PM	Annamae Jacobs
Sunday	Sept 27	
	8:00 AM	Serafino Lupi
	9:30 AM	Grace Racine
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Monday	Sept 28	
	7:30 AM	Jeffery Lee Bradshaw
Tuesday	Sept 29	
	7:30 AM	Harry John Janson
Wednesday	Sept 30	
	7:30AM	George J. Ershaw
Thursday	Oct 1	
	7:30AM	Ronald Falkenstein
Friday	Oct 2	
	7:30 AM	Patricia Van Horn
Saturday	Oct 3	
	4:00	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Oct 4	
	8:00 AM	Joan Bruno
	9:30 AM	Edward Haggerty
	11:30 AM	Kenneth MacDonald, Sr.

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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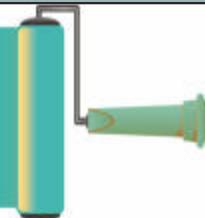


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