



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

October 11, 2020



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

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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

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.
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PREP Secretary: Mrs. Patricia Donnelly (ext. 8)
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Communications Secretary: Mrs. Renee Devine (ext. 2)
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TODAY IS OCTOBER 11, THE 28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 22:1-14.

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come!

There is so much to attend to in our everyday lives. There is never enough time and so much to be done. Work, children and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

We may feel like we need another commitment like a hole in the head. We struggle to manage what we already do, and someone is asking us to do more! Seriously? God invites us every day...do you leave it on the table? Throw it away? In any case, we think we're managing things pretty well on our own. Our lives are only as good as we make it and we have to be sure that all is in order! Another invitation? God is being persistent. We may wish He would just leave us alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

Do you ever wake up feeling a bit unsettled in the morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, the retirement fund is losing ground, you are worried about your health, folks have moved away, and you find yourself alone. Are you unhappy?

Do you remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did you miss something? Is it time to finally discover that life is not about you and your world? Perhaps you have ignored the God who made you and the God who is the reason for life, hope, and joy. Maybe its time to discover Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? You bet! Can you come to the banquet? Of course! It's time you did.

PRAYING THE PSALMS

There will be no meeting on **October 15** for the Thursday morning scriptural study program. The class will resume on Thursday, October 22. It's not too late to join Seminarians Philip Cheung and his classmate James Joseph.

The study group meets on Thursdays in the Church "Living Room" to allow for ample social distance. Please join us on **Thursdays from 11:00am to 12:15. All are welcome!**



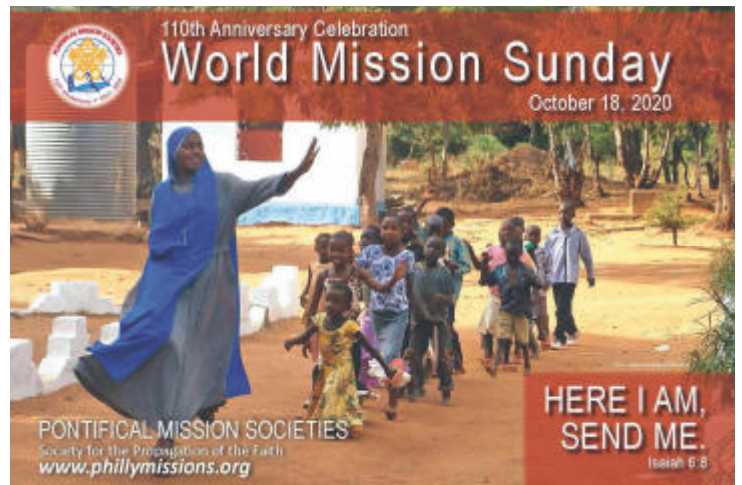
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY CAMPAIGN



Last call to help with the peanut butter and jelly drive! The campaign runs through **October 15**. Please place your donations in the cupboards at the rear of the Church Hall, the cart in the lobby of the Parish Center, or in the marked baskets. Thank you !

REDISCOVER THE SAINTS

Nearly all of the 225 copies of *Rediscover the Saints* offered by the St. John Fisher Men's Gathering were picked up by families and individuals two weeks ago. Their sincere hope is that each book will be well-read and shared within your household, and enhance your faith and commitment to Christ. The parish thanks the Men's Gathering for the gift.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18

The annual worldwide celebration of our shared call to be Missionaries is **October 18** this year. That Sunday will also begin a year-long commemoration marking the 110th anniversary of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Pope Francis asks us to respond to our baptismal call to Mission by saying, "Here I am Lord, send me." At this time, the world is facing devastating circumstances and the world's poor have been hit the hardest. In Mission countries world-wide, where food and necessities were scarce before the pandemic, life is much worse.

Your prayers and financial help reach the most remote Mission areas, offering life-giving aid to the poor and marginalized in more than a thousand Mission dioceses.

Because of COVID-19, we will not have a guest Missionary speaker this year. World Mission Sunday envelopes were included in the mailing of your weekly envelope. Additional loose envelopes can be found in church. Please drop the World Mission envelope in the regular collection. If you wish to give cash to the Missions, please place it in the black standing lock boxes located near the exits. We invite you to respond in the most generous way you are able.



2020 CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 17

Join in LIVE from the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa for a day filled with internationally known speakers. At a time when people are feeling isolated and alone, let Jesus minister to you with uplifting teachings, anointed praise and worship, healings at all levels and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Guest speakers include Maria Vadia and Father Joseph Ita-Sam, CM. Program begins at 9:00am with optional Rosary at 8:30am. A detailed schedule will be forthcoming. The day concludes with Vigil Mass and Healing Service.

Registration fee of \$35 includes the Virtual Conference and the ongoing work of spreading the Grace of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Host a Watch Party and invite family members or friends, for \$10 for each additional person. For tickets and more information visit: www.PhillySpirit.com, email: Info@PhillySpirit.com, or call: 215-315-7008.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

We are pleased to introduce to you four parishioners who have been nominated to fill the positions on the Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council acts as a major consultative body in the parish, advising the pastor to foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the Church, which reflects the mission of Christ. The St. John Fisher Parish Pastoral Council includes elected, appointed, and ex-officio members. Council members serve three-year terms. This year, we are holding a parish-wide election for two council members. The election will be held in a few weeks.

Jeff Mlynarski

"My wife Laura and I are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. We raised our two sons in the Holy Saviour/St. John Fisher parish community; both attend Salesianum. I am a member of the Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus, served on the "Raising the Roof" capital campaign in support of the Church reconstruction, and continue to help support projects for the buildings and properties of the parish. I have been involved in the "ChristLife" program and assist at Mass as a Lector. I graduated from Father Judge Catholic High School and from the University of Delaware, with a degree in Civil Engineering. I currently am employed as a Site Manager at PHL International Airport and have worked in the field of engineering/maintenance my entire career.

I am an Eagle Scout, a Scout Troop Committee Member, and a Scout Leader focused on developing our youth in Christ through the Catholic Committee on Scouting program. I believe these experiences will help me to be a Pastoral Council member that will work with everyone to continue moving us forward in our journey to be the best dynamic Catholic parish that we are called to be!"



Jack Fitzgerald

"My name is John Fitzgerald and I have been a member of St. John Fisher parish since 1977. I retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2008 and have been volunteering in the Parish since then. I am the former Grand Knight of Council 14159 until our merger with Council 13710. As a Knight, I work on Faith driven programs, such as the presentations at Baptisms, attending and participating in the Mass of Remembrance, and teaching in the parish's PREP program for the past 12 years. I presently serve as Recording Secretary on the Pastoral Council, of which I have been a member since its formation. I am an usher, Minister of the Eucharist and Altar server, and I make the Eucharistic visits to parishioners who can't attend Mass, for Communion."

Beth Albright

"I've been a member of Saint John Fisher parish for over 15 years and my husband, Scott and I have been married for 28 years. We live in Garnet Valley and have two children in high school. I graduated from Penn State and worked in Human Resources until I retired three years ago to focus on consulting, board work, and philanthropy. Throughout my life, I have volunteered in youth programs, local community organizations, and educational institutions. In service to St John Fisher, I have been on the Pastoral Council for the past six years, and was a member of the capital campaign leadership team. Thank you to all who joined us in Raising the Roof! I would like to remain on the Parish council so that I may give my time and talents to help ensure St John Fisher continues to evolve and is a vibrant church community. I believe my background in business and human resources adds to the diversity of views in the overall make-up of the Council. Thank you, and God bless you."



Deborah Benvenger

"A native New Yorker, I relocated to Garnet Valley in 2005 for post in the admissions office at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). Catholic education has been a part of my entire life - St Catherine's Grammar School, Pelham, NY, Academy of the Resurrection, Rye, NY, and Iona College, New Rochelle, NY. I retired in July after a rewarding 15-year career as Chief Admissions Office at PCOM. When I moved to Pennsylvania, it was important for me to find a parish community similar to the one I had at St. Rita's in Hamden, Conn. I feel blessed to have met Fr. Freeman and found a spiritual home at St. John Fisher for both myself and my Mom. I serve as Lector and Extraordinary Minister at Mass, as well as Eucharistic visits to the home bound at Lutheran Knolls. I served on the Heritage of Faith-Vision of Hope campaign as co-chair for St. John Fisher, as well as a volunteer on the Holy Family Board of Limited Jurisdiction for two years. I graduated from of Iona College with a BA in Mathematics and MBA in Management Information Systems. I believe my educational and academic training, along with my 43 years of working in higher education, and strong commitment to my Catholic faith, would be an asset to the Pastoral Council and hope my service would continue to support Fr. McDermott and enhance our parish community. I am humbled to be nominated. God bless you all!"

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27:

TOTAL:	\$ 10,413
NUMBER:	273

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.



Shop Boscov's on October 14-15 and designate *St. John Fisher Women for Education* as the charity you wish to support! Thanks!

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile, the charitable program of the online shopping giant, has donated over \$100 million to charities when customers shop at smile.amazon.com. To celebrate this philanthropic milestone, AmazonSmile is donating 5% (ten times the usual amount) to Catholic Social Services of Philadelphia when you shop through November 2. Do some early Christmas shopping and help our neighbors! Simply go online to smile.amazon.com and enter the specific code for CSS, below.

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HELP WANTED

St. Joseph Parish-Aston, is seeking to hire a part-time employee to do laundry, grocery shop, and prepare dinners for the priests 3-4 nights a week. Approximately 15-20 hours weekly. Availability to serve an occasional rectory staff lunch and cook special occasion dinners a plus. Experienced men or women should send resume and introductory letter to Kevin Kelly, business manager, via email to: stjosephbusmgr@comcast.net

The Sisters of Saint Francis-Aston have employment opportunities for Certified Nurses, LPNs, and RNs, along with part-time dining servers, typically filled by high school and college students. Applicants can submit their resume to HR@OSFPHILA.ORG or complete an application and drop it off at the Assisi House, 600 Red Hill Road, Aston.

St. Thomas the Apostle-Glen Mills, is seeking a full-time parish secretary. Familiarity with the policies of the Archdiocese is a plus. Proficient computer skills, including Microsoft Office suite. Employment is contingent upon meeting background checks and Safe Environment guidelines. Please send a resume, three references, salary expectations and a cover letter to pastor@staglenmills.org.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

Catholic men and women (ages 52-66) are cordially invited to join The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests and dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is Sunday, October 11, at 5:30pm. We are meeting at Xolo Tacos restaurant, located at 14 North Merion Avenue in Bryn Mawr. For more information, call Barb (610) 896-6542.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Luke 12:1-7

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Matthew 22:15-21

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
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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

GEORGE HUEY

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Enzo Cardaroli, Gail Vail, Sister Connie Davis, OSF, James Mack, Margaret Chaga, Michael Tart, 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	Oct 10	
	4:00 PM	John P. McGoldrick
Sunday	Oct 11	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Joanne Kokol
	11:30 AM	Dec'd Members of the John & Marian Shahadi Family
Monday	Oct 12	
	7:30 AM	Bobby Kardine
Tuesday	Oct 13	
	7:30 AM	Mary Mushinski
Wednesday	Oct 14	
	7:30AM	Patricia Van Horn
Thursday	Oct 15	
	7:30AM	Marian Fisher
Friday	Oct 16	
	7:30 AM	Patricia Van Horn
Saturday	Oct 17	
	4:00	Charles Brogley, Sr. 17th Anniv.
Sunday	Oct 18	
	8:00 AM	Ed Tait
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski

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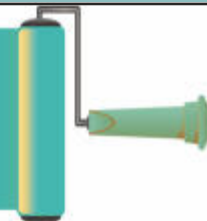


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