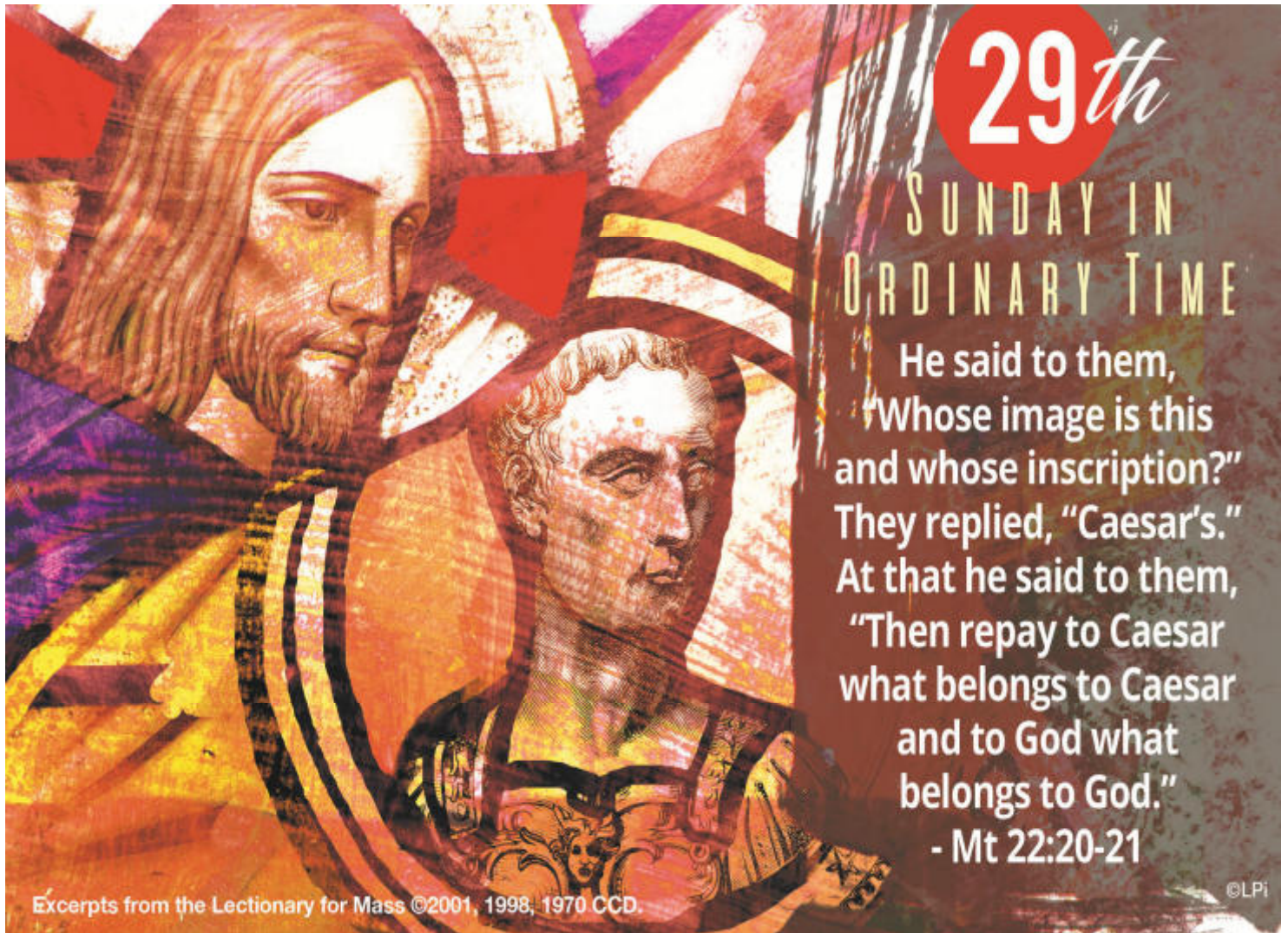




SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

October 18, 2020



29th

SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

He said to them,
"Whose image is this
and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar
and to God what
belongs to God."
- Mt 22:20-21

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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)
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TODAY IS OCTOBER 18, THE 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 22:15-21.

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize

that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18

Today is World Mission Sunday, the annual worldwide celebration of our shared call to be Missionaries. The world is facing devastating circumstances and the 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.

World Mission Sunday envelopes were included in the mailing of your weekly envelopes. Additional envelopes can be found in church. Please drop your 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. Thank you for your generous support.

HEALING MASS AT ST. JOHN FISHER

A special liturgy for parishioners in need of the healing graces of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held on **Saturday, October 24, at 10:00am** in Church. Anyone who is suffering with physical, spiritual, or emotional pain is welcome to come for Holy Anointing.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will not be hosting a lunch following the Mass this year. Please remember to wear a face mask and follow the social distancing protocols in the church.

Please call the parish office this week at 610-485-0441, extension 2, if you plan to attend and would like to be anointed during Mass.



We rejoice with the children of St. John Fisher Parish who received the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, October 17.

Bless them, Lord Jesus!

Let them know your love and mercy!

*Kavier Tovi Aguilar
Drake Joseph Alkins
Michael Vincent Baglione
Amelia Elizabeth Berger
Jaxson John Churchill
Lily Brooke Crawford
Mia Claire Dawson
Riley Ann Drozd
Hayden Christopher Krautheim
Rayna Grace McClay
Caden John McQuaid
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Vincent Thomas Procopio
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Patrick James Scally
Ryan James Seltzer
Adrianna Marie Stamp
Tanner Michael Steinmacher
Ethan Stanley Stracinski
Devin James Sturman
Sarah Elizabeth Verdecchio
Jeremy Robert Wylie
Evelyn Kathleen Yakas*

The First Communion Class and the Parish thank all those who helped prepare the students for a beautiful celebration, especially the Catechists:

Mrs. Pat Carr	Ms. Theresa McGoldrick
Mrs. Patsy Grant	Mrs. Joyce McQuaid
Ms. Colleen Kelleher	Miss Deirdre O'Brien
Ms. Mary Tomeo	Mrs. Dawn Wyzen

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. Voting will begin on October 25.**

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 OCTOBER 4:

TOTAL:	\$ 13,081
NUMBER:	296

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.

**"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLIDAY SALE**



The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Council 13710 is holding sale of religious themed Christmas items for the next four weeks.

There is a selection of greeting cards, magnets, ornaments and other decorations on the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme,

The Knights will have an outdoor display after Sunday Masses with some of the items, and order forms that you can take home and fill out at your leisure. Or, you can contact any member of the Knights for order forms. Orders are due by **November 14** and the products will be delivered to the Church for pick up well before the holidays. Your support helps with the Knights' charitable projects throughout the year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY SAVIOUR COUNCIL

The Knights of Columbus Council 13710 has resumed meeting in person, with masks and social distancing. Officers' Meeting is the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm., the general membership meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, both at Immaculate Conception in the Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to contact Harry Stefchak, Grand Knight, at 610-485-2020 for membership information.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Mass of Remembrance for the parishioners who have died and been buried from our parish this past year is **Saturday, November 2, at 10am**, in the Parish Center Hall. Families and friends who have lost a loved one this year are welcome to attend. Family members should RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The Parish food collection for the Thanksgiving holiday begins this week. For the next several weeks, donations of staples like stuffing mix, gravy, boxed potatoes, mac and cheese, jellied cranberry sauce and other pantry staples will be set aside for the Knight of Columbus Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for your help in feeding the hungry!

ALL SAINT'S DAY

The Feast of All Saint's, November 1, will be celebrated on Sunday this year. The Sunday Vigil Mass will be held on Saturday at 4:00pm, October 31. There will be no other vigil Mass for the Feast day.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Luke 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Luke 12:54-59

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40

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.
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May They Rest in Peace

**DOLORES MARSHALL
DIANE KELLY**

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Oct 17	
	4:00 PM	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
Monday	Oct 19	
	7:30 AM	Marian Fisher
Tuesday	Oct 20	
	7:30 AM	Mary Castellano
Wednesday	Oct 21	
	7:30AM	Andrew Konjura
Thursday	Oct 22	
	7:30AM	Rita Auddino
Friday	Oct 23	
	7:30 AM	Joseph & Elizabeth Kahriger
Saturday	Oct 24	
	4:00 PM	James Tims
Sunday	Oct 25	
	8:00 AM	Helen Olejniczak
	9:30 AM	Charles Campbell, 51st Anniv.
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors

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