



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

October 25, 2020



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)
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TODAY IS OCTOBER 25, THE 30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 22:34-40

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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, October 31 at 10am**, in the Church. We will honor and pray for the 51 individuals who had died in the past 12 months. Families, friends, and all parishioners who have lost a loved one this year are welcome to attend. Because of Covid-19, we will not have a reception following the Mass this year, so there is no need to RSVP. We do remind you to wear a mask while in the Church, and follow the Covid-19 safety protocols.



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
Evelyn Marie Mercado-Bingnear
Carter Ryan Ocasio
Andrea Nicole Ortiz-Zetino
Sophia Katherine Ott
Adrina Marie Poehlmann
Vincent Thomas Procopio
Gwyneth Marie Remaley
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



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The collection of Thanksgiving meal staples will run through mid-November. We are in need of turkeys (or gift cards to buy them), boxed stuffing, canned vegetables and fruit, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, rice, cranberry sauce, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, and canned soup, and other pantry staples to provide enough food for the Thanksgiving feast and the following week.

If you can help, please lace your donation in the cupboards at the rear of the church hall, and on top of the cabinet if the cupboards are full. You can also drop off donations during the week on the cart in the lobby of the Parish Center. No fresh or frozen food, other than turkeys, please.

DISTRIBUTION OF BASKETS: The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus will be distributing the Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in our area before Thanksgiving. If you know of someone who could use this assistance, call Grand Knight Harry Stefchak, 610-485-2020.

Thank you for your help in feeding the hungry of our neighborhood!

BEATIFICATION CELEBRATION

The Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, is to be beatified on Saturday, October 31, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, nearly 140 years ago. His guiding principles for the organization of men were Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Nearly two million strong, the Knights of Columbus Councils serve local parishes and their communities nationwide.

Our own Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus reflect an unwavering adherence to the founding principles of the organization, and help us all in countless ways.

As the Knights celebrate this historic event, please join in praying for Father McGivney's eventual canonization, and seek his intercession in your own efforts at living a faithful life.



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 11:

TOTAL: \$ 10,705
NUMBER: 289

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

For the last two weeks, the candidates for the Parish Pastoral Council have been profiled in the bulletin. This week, you will find a ballot for your selection to fill the two seats on the Council for the term of next three years.

Every adult parishioner is encouraged to take a ballot and vote for two of the candidates. Please return the ballot to the black, standing lock boxes, or drop it at the Parish Office, by **November 2**. After the ballots are counted, we will announce who will represent you, our parishioners, on the Pastoral Council.

Thank you for participating in this important opportunity to have your voices heard!

Question: Why do Catholics genuflect?

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass.



The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step that genuflecting became part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during Eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

THE AID FOR FRIENDS FREEZER IS RUNNING LOW ON MEALS.

Can you help us restock it? Please pick up pans in the Parish Center kitchen, fill with a nutritious meal, and return it to the chest freezer. Thank you for helping feed the hungry!

FOOD CERTIFICATES

Sales of gift cards for the local grocery stores continue. You can purchase them on in the Parish Office on weekdays from **8:30am-noon and 1:00-4:30pm.**, and on **weekends, Saturday 10:00-1:00pm and Sunday 9:00-1:00pm**. Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts for the ShopRite, Acme, and Giant Food Stores. Food certificates make a great gift! Thanks for supporting this parish fundraiser.

**"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.

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.



It's no trick!
Daylight Savings
Time ends on
Halloween! Don't

forget to turn back the clock at bedtime
or you'll be late for Mass on Sunday!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

Readings for the week of October 25, 2020
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

The Sanctuary Candle burns this
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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
Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA
www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fred Neeson, 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., 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 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
Monday	Oct 26	
	7:30 AM	Mike Nesbella
Tuesday	Oct 27	
	7:30 AM	Joe Walker
Wednesday	Oct 28	
	7:30AM	Stan Dougherty
Thursday	Oct 29	
	7:30AM	George J. Ershaw
Friday	Oct 30	
	7:30 AM	Malandra Family
Saturday	Oct 31	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Nov 1	
	8:00 AM	Robert Przedzial
	9:30 AM	George Brill
	11:30 AM	Frances & Joseph Fitzgerald

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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