



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

November 8, 2020



“LORD, LORD, OPEN
THE DOOR FOR US!
BUT HE SAID IN
REPLY, ‘AMEN, I SAY
TO YOU, I DO NOT
KNOW YOU.’”
— MT 25:11-12

32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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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Weekend Assistant: Rev. Francis X. Devlin, O.S.A.
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TODAY IS NOVEMBER 8, THE 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 23:1-13.

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? It is easy to become consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose the connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in human relationships, too, when one takes the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it.

Is it the same way with God and our spiritual lives? We presume that God will be merciful, and because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, why put effort into things now? There is no urgency to staying awake and attentive. These assumptions about our relationship with God can lead to neglect and abuse, or worse, a sense of entitlement in which we believe that something is due us without effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied sometimes find their relationships drifting away. One can be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that they do not know their spouse or truly recognize them.

We have to *desire* God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence to be rejuvenated and refreshed. One cannot do this if they are distracted or napping - they must be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLIDAY SALE

Last call for the Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Council 13710 sale of religious themed Christmas items! The orders are due on **Saturday, November 14**. If you haven't yet placed your order, please don't wait!



There is a selection of greeting cards, magnets, ornaments and other decorations on the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme. Members of the Council have a display after Sunday Masses with samples of the items, and order forms that you can take home and fill out at your leisure or return with payment immediately. Or, you can contact any member of the Knights for order forms.

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.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL

Next weekend, November 14/15, we are pleased to welcome Seminarian Philip Cheung as the guest speaker at every Mass to talk about the impact that the annual St. Charles Borromeo Seminary appeal has on the lives of the men in formation for the priesthood. Philip has spent time in service to our parish since the summer as part of his apostolate.



St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a rich resource of priestly formation and theological instruction for religious and lay men and women here in Philadelphia and throughout the United States. With more than 180 years of tradition, the Seminary has entered a pivotal point in its history. St. Charles is undergoing exciting changes that include new programs and plans to grow in all four Schools of Learning. As the seminary continues forward with plans for relocation from the Overbrook campus, it is holding fast to its central mission and remains committed to all aspects of formation for its students and seminarians.

You may have received an appeal letter in the mail; if not, you can pick up an envelope on the tables at the rear of church. We encourage you to be as generous as you can to help prepare these young men for the priesthood.

PREP & SACRAMENT NEWS

Parents Meeting for Reconciliation Candidates: Parents of the children receiving Reconciliation this year have a mandatory meeting on Monday, November 9 at 7:00pm in the Church. Our guest speaker that evening is Dr. Cookie Magee.

Mark your calendar! The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held in the Church at 9:00am on November 26. We encourage you to begin the day with your family, thanking God for all good gifts.

There will be no PREP classes the week of Thanksgiving, November 24-25.



The Parishioners of St. John Fisher rejoice with the families of the following children who were recently Baptized:

Josephine Harris, daughter of Matthew and BethAnne
Rocco and Ronald Tridente, twin sons of Ronald and Kelly
Everett Field, son of Christian and Julie
Lucas Mills, son of Michael and Carly
Natalie Fonseca, daughter of Bobbi Jo and Joe
Nathan Silvey, son of Dana and the late Matthew Silvey
Maxwell Schmucker, son of Steven and Destiny
Enzo Migatz, son of Joseph and Felicia

Please pray for these families, as they raise their little ones in the Catholic faith.

ST. JOHN FISHER SPIRIT WEAR IS BACK

Just in time for the holidays, we're excited to bring back Spirit Wear featuring the St. John Fisher Parish logo! There is a new manufacturer for golf shirts and fleece jackets, with nicer quality fabrics. The women's t-shirt will be a V-neck, and for winter, we are offering a knit hat with the embroidered logo. And don't forget to order a St. John Fisher face mask!



From **November 16 through November 30**, B&E Sportswear in Broomall will open an exclusive St. John Fisher page on their website (bandesportwear.com) where you can browse through the products and place your order directly with them using your credit card. There will be a two week window for ordering, so order early! The St. John Fisher page will close on Monday, November 30, and orders will be delivered to the parish center in time for Christmas.

Watch the bulletin for more details!



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 place 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!

LIFE HACK: WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVERS

Did you make too much dinner? No one in your house eats leftovers? Here's a way how *not* to waste food: package your nutritious leftovers in the provided pans for the Aid For Friends freezer!

Each week, dozens of meals are delivered to seniors and hungry folks in our community. 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!



The 2019-2020 First Eucharist candidates lined up in the Chapel prior to processing over to Church to celebrate Mass and receive Jesus for the first time on October 17. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their Catholic education.

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.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 25:

TOTAL: \$ 11,390
NUMBER: 304

POOR BOX FOR OCTOBER:

TOTAL: \$ 307.44

The October Poor Box benefits the St. Vincent DePaul Fund.

Although all of us are not able to celebrate the Holy Eucharist together right now, please remember your weekly contribution. The parish depends on it!

BLOCK COLLECTION

Please remember to return the Census Form and Block Collection envelope by dropping it in the collection basket or returning it to the Parish Business Office. Thank you!



COMING NEXT WEEK: ADVENT GIVING TREE



The Advent Giving Tree is a parish custom that provides gifts at Christmas to those who have little. This year has been a challenge to all of us, most especially for those who have lost their jobs, those who live alone, and seniors who have had few visitors and cannot leave their

homes. Parishioners are encouraged to select a tag from the tree that lists a gift for someone of a certain age or gender. Take one ornament (or more) from the tree, purchase and wrap the gift, and tape the tag to the outside of the package. (Baby diapers need not be wrapped.) **The Giving Trees will be displayed in the Church Hall and Parish Center throughout the month of November, beginning next weekend. All gifts must be returned to Parish Center Hall by December 6.** Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Sunday: Wisdom 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Matthew 25:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/John 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Luke 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Luke 17:26-37

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Matthew 25:14-30

Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

Catholic men and women 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 on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 5:00 P.M. This Christmas restaurant event (held in a tented, heated, and lighted outdoor area; back up safe seating indoors if necessary) will be at Enoteca Tredici Restaurant, located at 915 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr. For more information, call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



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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
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May They Rest in Peace

**MARIE SKINNER
JOANNE FLOCCO**

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Kim Cassano, 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 Holfelder, EllieMae McCreight, Andrew Montagna, Delores Verticelli, Marie Ouly, Ida Durning, Parker Millison, 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	Nov 7	
	4:00 PM	Shelia Mary Ross
Sunday	Nov 8	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	William McCandless
	11:30 AM	Perina & Harry Stefchak, Sr.
Monday	Nov 9	
	7:30 AM	Jerry Cooney
Tuesday	Nov 10	
	7:30 AM	Marian Fisher
Wednesday	Nov 11	
	7:30AM	Monte Lybrand
Thursday	Nov 12	
	7:30AM	Ryan M. Burkett
Friday	Nov 13	
	7:30 AM	Patricia Van Horn
Saturday	Nov 14	
	4:00 PM	Maria Salvatori
Sunday	Nov 15	
	8:00 AM	Thomas Wenger
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski

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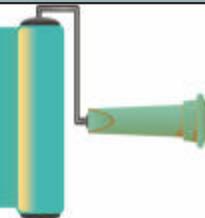


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