



# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

*November 15, 2020*

**33<sup>rd</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" - Mt 25:21**

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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)  
**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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### Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John Sibel

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**TODAY IS NOVEMBER 15, THE 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 25:14-30.**

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing this gift wisely allows His

kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. God's gift is not meant to be solely for personal benefit. It is intended to be shared. Faith, hope, and love are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

Investing God's gift means nurturing the well-being of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. It is a call to be stewards and properly manage not only our own affairs but the affairs of those around. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often put additional effort when it comes to those things closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home, and security. But do we see the bigger picture? Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom. Fear and a lack of trust can keep us from letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive about venturing into something bigger and more promising.

Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert, and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace, and we will experience joy.



### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The last day to drop off donations to the Thanksgiving Food Drive is **Wednesday, November 18**. We are in need of grocery store gift cards, pantry staples to provide enough food for the Thanksgiving feast and the following week. 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, please.

**DISTRIBUTION OF BASKETS:** The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus will be distributing the Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families in our area on **Saturday, November 21**. 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!

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL

This 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.



### 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.) Some of the charitable organizations we support through the giving tree are: Mother's Home, Darby; Emmaus Home, Aston; St. Katherine Drexel Food Cupboard and Clothing Closet; Bernadine Center, Chester; Lutheran Knolls Senior Housing and Parkview at Naaman's Creek, Upper Chichester; and the ministry at the Chichester School District.



**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!

### JOIN US ON THANKSGIVING DAY!

All are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am on November 26. We encourage you to bring your parish family to begin the day, thanking God for all good gifts. Bring a dish you will serve that evening for a blessing, and pick up a loaf of bread to have with your meal. We hope to see you there!





### 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! This fall, the offerings are:

- ⇒ Men's Performance short sleeve T-shirt by Russell Athletic/grey
- ⇒ Gildan Women's V-neck short sleeve T- Shirt/graphite heather
- ⇒ Port Authority Men's fleece full zip jacket/ grey heather
- ⇒ Port Authority Women's fleece full zip jacket/ grey heather
- ⇒ Jerzees Adult/Youth full zip hooded sweatshirt/ oxford grey
- ⇒ Knit 'beanie' hat with embroidered logo/grey
- ⇒ Facemask with the SFJ logo



The t-shirts, masks, and hooded sweatshirts will have a silk-screen print of the logo; the fleece jackets and beanie will have embroidered logos. The jackets are made of a nice quality 8.4 ounce fleece fabric. Don't forget to order a St. John Fisher face mask and wear it with pride!

From **November 16 through November 30**, B&E Sportswear in Broomall will open an exclusive St. John Fisher page on their website ([bandesportwear.com](http://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! Orders will be delivered to the parish before Christmas.

Also this fall, we are selling oval St. John Fisher Parish car magnets (*below*) and window stickers with light adhesive on the front side for easy removal (*above*). The magnets and stickers are \$5 each.

There is a self-serve display outside of the office in the Parish Center. Select your item and drop the payment in the black lock box. Show your parish pride with a magnet on your car or a sticker for your window at home! Thanks for supporting this parish fundraiser.



### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for the Pastoral Council. We are pleased to welcome **Deborah Benvenger** and **Jeff Mlynarski** as the elected members of the Council. **Beth Albright** has accepted an invitation to continue to serve on the Council as appointed member. We thank Jack Fitzgerald for his many years of service to the parish on this important consultative body.

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1:

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 14,313</b>
<b>NUMBER:</b>	<b>363</b>

*Thank you for your continued support during this time of upheaval. Your contributions allow our parish to provide stability in a period of uncertainty.*

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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

**REBECCA ROSE MASCANTONIO**, daughter of Alex and Bernadette, and **RYLEE BLAKE BRUMBAUGH**, daughter of Michael and Sarah.

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



### FOOD CERTIFICATES

*Something for the person who has everything:  
a gift card to their favorite grocery store!*

Sales of gift cards for the local grocery stores can be purchased 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 9:00-1:00. pm** Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts for the ShopRite, Acme, and Giant Food Stores. Treat your relatives or children's teachers to steaks, cake, or their favorite snack with a grocery gift card!

### JUST A REMINDER...

We are happy to welcome you back to Mass in the Church. **However**, if you are sick, or someone in your household is not well, **PLEASE STAY HOME!** Those who have an underlying medical condition that puts them at higher risk of getting ill also should stay at home. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays has been dispensed by the Archbishop, and we do not want to put anyone at risk.

Please wash your hands before leaving home. **Every person age 3 and older must wear a face mask or cloth covering when entering Church. Once inside, please use non-touch hand sanitizer, and have your non-touch temperature taken.** If you are running a fever and are asked to leave, please understand that it is for your benefit as well as for the benefit of others.



Every other pew is taped off for social distancing. Those living in the same household can sit together. Please sit 6 feet away from another person or family. The Church Hall is available for seating.

Please leave 6 feet of space when walking in the Communion line. We ask that you receive the Eucharist in the hand. Wear your mask, receive the Sacred Host in your hands, step to the side, lift/lower your mask, receive Holy Communion, refit your mask and proceed back to the pew. Anyone who prefers to receive the Eucharist on their tongue is asked to join the end of the line for the priest.



Before leaving the Church, check the pew and make sure you have everything with you. You may pick up a bulletin from the table in the church foyers. When you exit the Church, please do not congregate; proceed directly to your car. Please leave your mask on until you reach your automobile. Thank you for adhering to these standards and helping to keep our parish community healthy!



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

**Sunday:** Prov. 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 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/ Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Luke 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Luke 19:45-48

**Next Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Matthew 25:31-46

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

### 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 out door 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.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **ALBERT IANNUCCI** through the generosity of his loving wife and family.



**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](http://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

**GAIL VAIL**  
**REVEREND MONSIGNOR THOMAS OWENS**

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

## Please Pray for Our Sick

EllieMae McCreight, Michael McGovern Gloria Williamson, Kim Cassano, Fred Neeson, Enzo Cardaroli, Sister Connie Davis, OSF, James Mack, Margaret Chaga, Cass Powers, Barbara Shahadi, Shawn Bedwell, Scott Moyer, 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 14</b>	
	4:00 PM	Maria Salvatori, 11th Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 15</b>	
	8:00 AM	Thomas Wenger
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov 16</b>	
	7:30 AM	Lucy Chow
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov 17</b>	
	7:30 AM	Domingo Co
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov 18</b>	
	7:30AM	Giovanna DiMarino
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	
	7:30AM	Art Cassidy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	
	7:30 AM	Marian & Joseph Matlock
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>	
	4:00 PM	Margaret & Earl Ash
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 22</b>	
	8:00 AM	George Brill
	9:30 AM	Jennifer Champion
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors

*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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