



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

November 22, 2020

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34



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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM
WEEKDAYS (Church): 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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Mrs. Kathleen Aaronson (ext. 5)
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TODAY IS NOVEMBER 22, THE FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. THE GOSPEL READING IS MATTHEW 25:31-46.

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For different reasons, we are drawn to the pageantry and protocols associated with royal lifestyles. The protocols and etiquette serve the necessary purpose of keeping monarchs isolated, enthroned, and at a distance.



Is this how we view Jesus Christ, as an isolated, enthroned king? Jesus wanted nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king, being observed from afar. He got down and dirty with human life, especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants our attention, engagement, and conversion. He wants us to get dirty, too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times, we may be counted among the "least." We may not be physically poor, but we can become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may be marginalized or cast aside because of too many needs or not quite fitting in. Who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will face it in the future. People are thirsty for more than water. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

ALERT- FRAUDULENT EMAIL SCAM

Scammers are targeting the friends and parishioners of priests in the Archdiocese by sending an email asking for a 'favor' or 'financial help.' If you receive an email or text message appearing to come from a priest, check the email address carefully. Is it one you recognize? Emails from St. John Fisher end with "sjf71.org." Please know that we will never ask for a personal favor or money through an email. The best thing to do is delete an email like this, or call the Parish Office to ask if it is legitimate.

JOIN US ON THANKSGIVING DAY!

All are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am on November 26. We encourage you to join with 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 enjoy with your meal. We hope to see you there!



ADVENT PREPARATIONS 2020



As we begin the new Liturgical year next week with the First Sunday of Advent, things may be a little different this year. Still, there are many ways you can join our parish family as we "Prepare the Way of the Lord!"

FOR YOUR ADVENT READING: Complementary copies of "The Word Among Us" can be found in baskets at the entrances of the Church. The booklet has prayers, reflections and scripture readings for the Advent season. Please take one!



THE ADVENT GIVING TREE: The Advent Giving Tree is a parish custom that provides gifts at Christmas to those who have little. Please 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 do not need to be wrapped.) This year, all packages must be returned to the Parish Center by **Sunday, December 6**. Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

SANTA'S HELPERS: A few 'elves with sleighs' (vans or trucks) are needed to help us deliver the Giving Tree packages to the charities we serve this holiday season. We will be loading up the vehicles on **Tuesday, December 8**, beginning at 10:00am, in the Parish Center Hall.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS: If you would like to make a donation toward Christmas decorations in honor of a living or deceased loved one, please return the Christmas Flower envelope by **December 13** to be included in the special supplement. The suggested offering is \$10, but any amount is appreciated. These donations are used to beautify the church and chapel during the Advent and Christmas season and throughout the year on holy days, holidays, and special Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: The Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on **Monday, December 14, at 7:00pm** in the Church. There will be multiple priests, spread out around the church, available for Reconciliation that evening. Additionally, the hours for Reconciliation will be extended on **Saturday December 19, from 2:30 until 3:45pm**. Prepare your heart for Christ's birth by receiving the Father's forgiveness!

CHRISTMAS MASS: Because of the need for social distancing, plans for the celebration of Mass on Christmas Eve have been expanded. There will be TWO Masses celebrated concurrently at **4:00pm on December 24**, one in Church and one in the Parish Center Hall. **Mass at 6:30 pm Christmas Eve** will be celebrated in Church, with overflow seating available in the Parish Center Hall, where the Mass will be live-streamed to large televisions set up in the Hall. On Christmas Day, Mass at 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:30am, will be in Church, with overflow seating the Parish Center Hall. More details to come!

ORDER YOUR ST. JOHN FISHER SPIRIT WEAR NOW!

On-line ordering is open now for Spirit Wear featuring the St. John Fisher Parish logo! Go to the vendor's webpage, bandsportswear.com to select and pay for the items you wish to order.

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
- ⇒ 2-Layer cotton facemask in black 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, heavier 8.4 ounce fleece fabric.

Ordering must be done on the B&E Sportswear website. Go to website, select the exclusive St. John Fisher page, browse through the products, and place your order directly with them using your credit

card. Order early! The St. John Fisher page will close on **Monday, November 30**. The orders will be delivered to the parish center in time for Christmas.

WINDOW STICKERS AND CAR MAGNETS

Show your love of the parish by purchasing an oval St. John Fisher Parish car magnet or a window sticker! The stickers have a light adhesive on the front side for easy installation and removal. There is a self-serve display of magnets and stickers in the Parish Center lobby near the office. They cost \$5 each, cash only. Please take what you like out of the display and deposit the money in the black lock box. The sale of these items continues through December. Thanks for supporting this parish fundraiser.



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 8:

TOTAL: \$ 13,347
NUMBER: 324

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 MASCIANTONIO, 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



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

We are pleased to welcome **Deborah Benvenger** and **Jeff Mlynarski** as the elected members of the Pastoral 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. And many thanks to those who took the time to vote.

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!

LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS

Did you take up crochet or knitting during the Covid lockdown? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for a few women or men who enjoy needlework to create shawls and lap blankets that are blessed and distributed to sick parishioners and the Veterans Hospital. We have the yarn...you have the talent! Please stop by the Parish Office to 'shop' for some yarn to start your next project!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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."

Monday: Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/ Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Luke 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Luke 21:29-33

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mark 13:33-37

Responsorial Psalm: "Lord make us turn to you; let us see Your face and we shall be saved."

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Council 13710 would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed turkeys, food, and grocery gift cards to the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Your donations allowed the Knights to assist nearly 30 families in need throughout our corner of Delaware County this year. The continued support by St. John Fisher parishioners is greatly appreciated! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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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

WILLIAM HUGHES ALL OF OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Joan Hinkle, Jenny Drucker, 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

Saturday	Nov 21	
	4:00 PM	Margaret & Earl Ash
Sunday	Nov 22	
	8:00 AM	George Brill
	9:30 AM	Jennifer Champion
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Monday	Nov 23	
	7:30 AM	Marian Fisher
Tuesday	Nov 24	
	7:30 AM	Malandra Family
Wednesday	Nov 25	
	7:30AM	John & Alice Gray
Thursday	Nov 26	
	9:00AM	Mr. & Mrs. John P. O'Donnell, Sr.
Friday	Nov 27	
	7:30 AM	Marian Neary, 18th Anniv.
Saturday	Nov 28	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Nov 29	
	8:00 AM	Dorothy Mitchell
	9:30 AM	Maria Kelly
	11:30 AM	Edward Haggerty

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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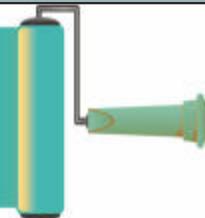


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