



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

January 10, 2021



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- Mk 1:7-8

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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 JANUARY 10, 2021,
The Baptism of the Lord. The
Gospel is Mark 1:7-11.**

When we contemplate our lives and review our personal history, we may begin to understand ourselves. The pieces of our history may not have been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud, and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them, especially those painful experiences in our own story. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the words and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

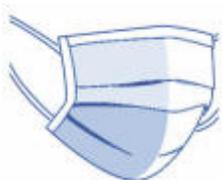
Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope, justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that brings us closer to God and the help He provides. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

3 EASY STEPS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS HEALTHY



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**WEAR A FACE
MASK**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Nothing was easy in 2020. Although mailed by the envelope company in early December, parishioners are just now receiving their Christmas Offering Envelope. Delays in processing and delivering the mail by the postal service impacted our communication with parishioners about the Christmas Liturgy schedule and the offering envelope.



Thank you to those who already made an offering in Church, by mail, or through *WeShare*, our on-line giving program. The Christmas Collection is one of the major sources of support for our parish mission and ministries. When you receive the Christmas mailing, if you have not already done so, please consider making an offering to the Parish using the mailed envelope. You can drop it in the collection basket or to the office in person, mail it, or use the on-line giving portal for *WeShare* found on the parish website.

May the New Year of 2021 be a time of grace, blessings, and good health for all.

THANK YOU to all who helped prepare the parish for the Christmas Season...those who decorated inside and out, all of the liturgical ministers who helped at the



Masses, the musicians and cantors who provided a joyful celebration for us, and those who helped set up (and tear down) the Parish Center Hall for Mass. Although things were a bit different this year, the Church and Parish Center looked beautiful, and you make our parish a special

place to celebrate our faith!

SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO DONATE!

The American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John Fisher is scheduled for **Monday, February 1, from 2:00-7:00pm**, in the Parish Center. There is a



critical need for blood donations right now. And, those who were diagnosed and have recovered from COVID are encouraged to donate plasma to help others. We are trying to meet a goal of 50 units. The highest standards of safety and infection control, including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff, have been implemented to safeguard donors, volunteers and employees.

To sign up, go to redcrossblood.org and click "Donate Blood," then click "Manage my Donation." Click on "Schedule an Appointment" and enter 19061 as the zip code. Scroll down until you see St. John Fisher on Feb. 1. Tap on "See Times" and you can choose a time to donate. Volunteers also will be calling those who previously donated to schedule an appointment. Call Barbara Tarone, 610-485-6067 if you have questions.

SNACK BAGS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

PREP is kicking off 2020 with its "Snack Bags" service project. We are asking for your help in feeding hungry children by filling a brown lunch bag with some of the following: a 100% juice bag/box, granola bar, cheese or peanut butter crackers, applesauce, raisins or fruit cup, or any other non-perishable, healthy food. Drop in a paper napkin and a plastic spoon if you have them. We encourage you or your children to decorate the paper bag, and include an upbeat note, funny joke, or message of inspiration. This is a great family project! It will run through February 2. Drop off Snack Bags in the Parish Center Hall in the designated bin. Thank you for helping feed hungry kids!



FOOD CERTIFICATES

A nice way to say 'thank you' — a gift card to the grocery store!

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.

2021 CALENDARS



The 2021 St. John Fisher wall calendars are available on the tables in the rear of church. Many thanks to the Ward Funeral Home for providing the calendars this year. Please take **one** for your home.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

DECEMBER 20:	
Total	\$ 12,010
Number	258
CHRISTMAS:	
Total	\$ 18,094
DECEMBER 27:	
Total	\$ 9,377
Number	200
SOLMENITY OF MARY	
Total	\$ 2,261
DECEMBER POOR BOX	
Total	\$ 411.40

The funds collected in the December Poor Box benefit Anna's Place, a Franciscan hospitality center in Chester, which provides a safe place for residents to gather for educational and social activities.

Your gift to the parish helps us continue our mission to bring the Good News of Christ to the community. Thank you for your dedicated support!



Question: Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Answer: Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious

act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected. We can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, where he said that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).

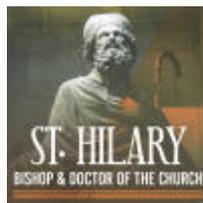
NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

St. Thomas the Apostle Church has rented a motor coach to go to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. Please join with fellow Catholics for this important event on Friday, January 29. A bus will leave St. Thomas immediately following the 8:00am Mass and return at approximately 8:00pm.



With the current political climate, this year's March is more important than ever! Please come support the dignity of every human life. To reserve a spot on the bus or for additional information, please contact Teresa Santoleri at 302-345-7867.

JAN. 13 - FEAST OF ST. HILARY BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH



Born in the late 200's in Poitiers, France, Hilary's parents were well-to-do pagans. He had an excellent education, married, and had a daughter. He began to study the old and new Testaments, and soon his family converted to Christianity. The people of Poitiers elected him the local bishop around 350 AD. At the time, there

was a debate raging about the Trinity, specifically if Jesus, as Son of God, was co-eternal with God the Father. St. Hilary wrote extensively about the issue, and argued that Jesus was consubstantial, or the same in being as God the Father. As bishop, he suppressed opposing theological theories and tried to influence the Roman Emperor to accept concepts of the First Council of Nicaea. He was the preeminent Latin writer of the 4th Century, earning him the title of Doctor of the Church.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

There are some important dates for the candidates for First Reconciliation and Confirmation in January and February.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Monday, January 11, 7:00pm, in the Church: Reconciliation rehearsal. Mandatory for all candidates and at least one parent.

Monday, January 25, 7:00pm, in the Church: First Reconciliation Service for all candidates and parents.

Monday, February 8, 7:00pm, Virtual meeting for the parents of First Communion Candidates. The presentation will be live-streamed on the parish Facebook page (can be accessed through the parish website).

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Wednesday, January 13, 6:20pm, Virtual Confirmation meeting for all **7th Grade** candidates, parents and sponsors. The presentation will be live-streamed via the parish Facebook page (can be accessed through the parish website). Sixth Grade candidates will attend class at their regular time.

Sunday, February 7, "Ignite," a Virtual Confirmation Retreat for all **7th Grade** candidates. Details for accessing this program will be provided to each student.

If you have any questions, please contact Director of Religious Education Kathy Aaronson, 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVERS

Did you make too much dinner? No one in your house eats leftovers? Then 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 upright freezer. Thank you feeding the hungry!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mark 1:14-20

Weekday Entrance Antiphon: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mark 2:1-12

Next Sunday: 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/John 1:35-42

Responsorial Psalm: *Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.*

SUNDAY AND WEEK DAY READINGS ON LINE

You can find and follow the readings and responsorial psalms for Mass at usccb.org/bible/readings. Click on "All Daily Readings" to select by date, or follow the instructions to have them sent directly to your email address.

The Sanctuary Candle burns
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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

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Mary Kane, Tina and Ken Ferry, Father Gregg Hickey, Betty Wenger, Lorraine Karpinski, Nicholas Pilch, Michael Goodnight, EllieMae McCreight, Michael McGovern, Gloria Williamson, Kim Cassano, Fred Neeson, Enzo Cardaroli, Sister Connie Davis, OSF, James Mack, Margaret Chaga, Cass Powers, Shawn Bedwell, Scott Moyer, Gail McCafferty, JoAnn Bezold, 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, 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	Jan 9	
	4:00 PM	Anna DiMarco
Sunday	Jan 10	
	8:00 AM	Dolores Quinn
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	George E. Brill, Jr.
Monday	Jan 11	
	7:30 AM	Kenneth M. Dennison
Tuesday	Jan 12	
	7:30 AM	Rocco DiMarco
Wednesday	Jan 13	
	7:30AM	Jack Kelly
Thursday	Jan 14	
	7:30 AM	For the Intentions of Jim Scherer
Friday	Jan 15	
	7:30 AM	Nicola DiMarino
Saturday	Jan 16	
	4:00 PM	Anna Rose O'Donnell
Sunday	Jan 17	
	8:00 AM	Lee Pauly
	9:30 AM	Dolores L Quinn
	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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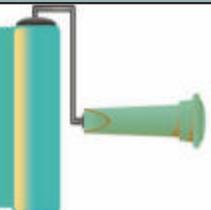
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