



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

January 17, 2021



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM
WEEKDAYS: 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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TODAY IS JANUARY 17, 2021, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS JOHN 1:35-42

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter

with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call.

Having companions on our faith journey is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow, as Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but our minds try to convince us that we really don't need to do that. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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.

PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE - JAN. 23

Please join us at the Philadelphia March For Life, Saturday, January 23, 2021, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Life and Family, the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia, and many other organizations.

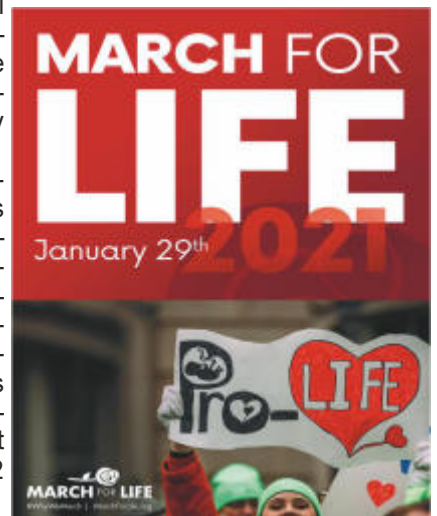
The event will include a 9:00am Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez, followed by a march to the Philadelphia Women's Center at 777 Appletree St., and a closing rally at Independence Mall from 12 to 1:00pm. This commemorates the 47th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court ruling that has resulted in over 60 million deaths of unborn children, thousands of injured women, and 500,000 deaths in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Facemasks and social distancing are required at all times, and there is free and paid parking at the Cathedral and paid parking in the vicinity of Independence Mall. See www.prolifeunion.org for details.

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.



SNACK BAGS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

PREP is kicking off 2021 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. Ends February 2. Drop off Snack Bags in the Parish Center Hall in the designated bin. Thank you for helping feed hungry kids!



MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB EVENT

Catholic men and women, ages 52-67, are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together twice a month. The next scheduled event is Sunday, January 24, 2021, at 5:00pm. Join us at **Enoteca Tredici**, 915 W. Lancaster Avenue, in Bryn Mawr. An outdoor, well-heated, lighted tent is set up, with safe seating for your comfort. For more information, call Barb at (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Betty Lou Davey, who coordinated the Giving Tree project for the parish this year, and to MaryLou Steinmacher, Joe Leary, and Christine Scott, for their input into designing and maintaining the floral decorations for the Church. Your work is much appreciated!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The following parishioners of St. John Fisher made a contribution to the Christmas Flower Fund to decorate our Church and Chapel during the Christmas season and other special Eucharistic celebrations held throughout the year. Thank you!

Jackie Bonanno	Arlene Chabanuk
Donato Gallo	Theresa Gussin
Geralyn Mushinski	Nancy Weins

Due to a computer error, a few names were cut off of the following Christmas Flower Memorial.

DONATED BY: Mrs. Nancy Kennedy

IN MEMORY OF: Robert & Sally Kardine & Deceased Members of the Kardine Family, Dr. Robert A. Schweizer, Dorothy Faverio, Ronald Litwa & Deceased Members of the Litwa Family, Chris A. Panarello, Jr., Sonny Sylvester, the Deceased Members of the Chiarini Family

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JANUARY 3:

Total	\$ 13,508
Number	273

*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: What happens if I accidentally drop a Consecrated host when receiving Communion?

Answer: Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assisting at the liturgy, or by those receiving the Consecrated host.

The general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. If you should accidentally drop the host while transferring it from your hand to your mouth, quietly point it out to the Eucharistic Minister, so he or she can retrieve and consume it. (*No. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal*)

If the Precious Blood is spilled, the minister of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor. The affected area should be blotted with a purificator and reverently washed with water, and this water should be disposed of properly by pouring it into the sacrarium. Again, if this should happen while you are receiving the Precious Blood, quietly point out the spill, and ask for assistance if it is on your clothing. (*Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds, USCCB*)

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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 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

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.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

The Parish Business Office will be closed on **Monday, January 18**, in commemoration of the Dr. Martin Luther King federal holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 19, at 8:30 a.m.

LOST AND FOUND

A few items were left behind in church or the Parish Center after the Christmas weekend Masses. If you are missing one of the following items, please stop by the Parish Office before the end of the month to pick them up.

- Size XL black leather thinsulate gloves
- Size S grey fleece gloves, Eastern Mountain Sports
- New Era White Eagles baseball cap
- Post earrings, clear stone in gold tone setting
- Ladies' sunglasses, blue frames

Especially in these days of COVID 19, please remember to check your surroundings before you leave church to be sure you take all of your belongings with you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

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.*

Weekday Entrance Antiphon: *All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mark 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mark 3:13-19

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mark 1:14-20

Responsorial Psalm: *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

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
this week in memory of
Nancy McCoy Sinclair
through the generosity of
Rich and Ramona Becker



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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www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

**PEGGY HITCHCOCK CAMERO
REVERAND THOMAS FUREY
MARIE MASISHIN
MICHAEL RYDER
CHERYL TESTA**

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

John Murphy, Brian Allison, Harry Sperrone, Denise Kunzig, Donald Arner, Glenn Capri, 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, 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 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
Monday	Jan 18	
	7:30 AM	Robert Morton
Tuesday	Jan 19	
	7:30 AM	Joe Kane
Wednesday	Jan 20	
	7:30AM	Sean McGee
Thursday	Jan 21	
	7:30 AM	Emily & Kathryn Rohner
Friday	Jan 22	
	7:30 AM	Kathleen McGinley
Saturday	Jan 23	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
Sunday	Jan 24	
	8:00 AM	Jane & Joe Leary
	9:30 AM	Marie Comey
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski

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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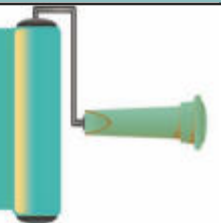
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