



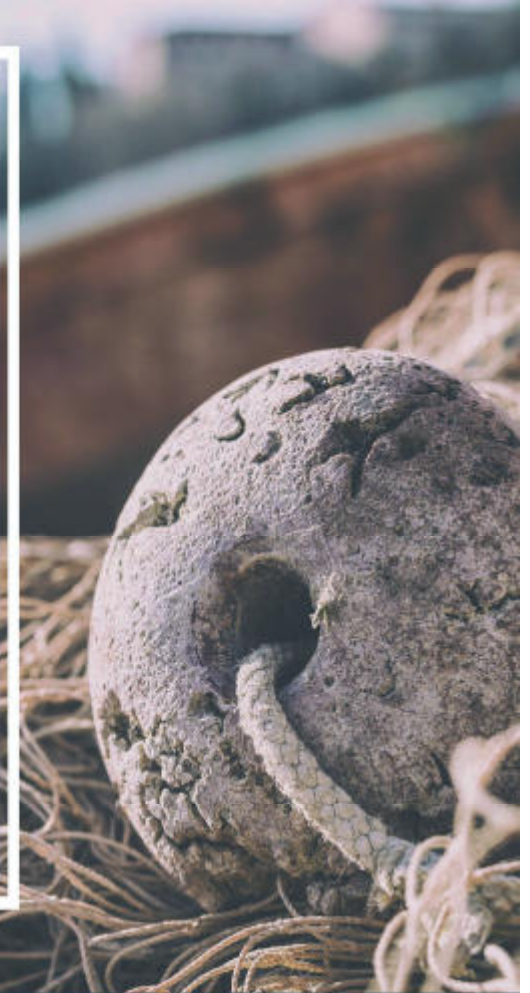
# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

*January 24, 2021*

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CALLED

Then he called them.  
So they left their father  
Zebedee in the boat along  
with the hired men and  
followed him. - Mk 1:20



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### 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)  
**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 JANUARY 24, 2021, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS MARK 1:14-20.**

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John thought. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost killed him. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we must face those we have hurt square in the eye, and we wallow in our foolishness. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We naively think that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

### 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!



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS NEXT WEEK. REGISTER NOW!**

The American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John Fisher is next **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. 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.

We are trying to meet a goal of 50 units. To sign up, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://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. Call Barbara Tarone, 610-485-6067 if you have questions or need help to schedule an appointment.

### CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!

The Knights of Columbus annual statewide scholarship fundraiser is back with some changes. This year, all of the **Chance of a Lifetime (COAL)** prizes will be cash, with the top prize of \$15,000! The ticket price is \$5.00 each.



Holy Saviour Council 13710 will begin selling chances for this fantastic raffle on Saturday, January 30. You can purchase a chance from any Holy Saviour Knight for the next several weeks.

These tickets are sold only in Pennsylvania. Your chance purchase also supports the local Council with their charitable projects.

Winners will be drawn on April 30, 2021 at 8:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Newtown Square. Thanks for your support of the Knights!

### 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.



### WELCOME BACK TO MASS

We are happy you are here! Please take the time to read the guidelines for attending Mass during this period:

**In General**, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted. Please stay home if you are sick, someone in your household is sick, or if your health is compromised, putting you at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule. Weekday Mass will be held in the church at 7:30 a.m. The Saturday Vigil Mass is available via live-stream. View it on our website home page (stjohnfisherchurch.com), or on the parish facebook page (Saint John Fisher).

**Before coming to Mass**, please wash your hands before leaving home. **Every person age 3 and older must wear a face mask or cloth covering when entering Church.** Use the parking lot entrance or the main entrance nearest the parish center. Once inside, please use non-touch hand sanitizer, and have your non-touch temperature taken.

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.

**To receive Holy Communion.** please leave 6 feet of space when walking in the Communion line. Parishioners are requested to 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.

**Cleaning will be done after each Mass.** We'll ask for volunteers to help disinfect the surfaces of pews and chairs. Supplies are provided. The Church and bathrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected during weekdays in preparation for Sunday Masses.

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### JANUARY 10:

Total	\$ 15,840
Number	298

*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!*

### CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE

The children of our parish who have been preparing for their First Reconciliation will receive this sacrament on Monday, January 25, in the evening. Please pray that the love and forgiveness of God touches each one of them!

**Julianna Archer**  
**Joseph Bleiler, Jr.**  
**Giuliana Centrella**  
**Ava Duke**  
**Adrianna Evans**  
**Tyler Fagan**  
**Natalie Fonscca**  
**Alexander Gamino**  
**Wayne Hall, III**  
**Brent Mielnik**  
**Grady Mosely**  
**Francesca Nardini**  
**Liam Nguyen**  
**Patrick Perkins**  
**Christian Scott**  
**Nathan Silvey**  
**Olivia Stinger**  
**Alexander Stires**  
**Preston Sulek**  
**Anastasia Umland**  
**Hunter Valentine**  
**Martin Wenceslao**  
**Mikel Wenceslao**

Many thanks to the catechists and aides who have worked so hard to prepare the children for this sacrament: Mrs. Pat Carr, Mrs. Patricia Donnelly, Mrs. Colleen Kelleher, Miss Keira Lynch, Ms. Theresa McGoldrick, Miss Deirdre O'Brien, and Ms. Mary Tomeo.



### 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.

#### 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
- Ladies' reading glasses

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 24, 2021

**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.*

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mark 16:15]/Mark 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mark 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mark 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mark 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mark 4:26-34

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mark 1:21-28

**Responsorial Psalm:** *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

#### SUNDAY AND WEEK DAY READINGS ON LINE

You can find and follow the readings and responsorial psalms for Mass at [uscgb.org/bible/readings](http://uscgb.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.

#### SHOW YOUR ST. JOHN FISHER SPIRIT

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. Thanks for supporting this parish fundraiser!



The Sanctuary Candle burns  
this week in memory of  
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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](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.  
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Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147  
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*May They Rest in Peace*

**REVEREND AUGUSTINE ESPOSITO, O.S.A.  
MALCOLM ZERBE**

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

*Please Pray for Our Sick*

Linda and Ed McDaniel, Jillian Shallock, 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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 23</b>	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish & Visitors
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 24</b>	
	8:00 AM	Jane & Joe Leary
	9:30 AM	Marie Comey
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 25</b>	
	7:30 AM	Marian & Margaret Neary
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 26</b>	
	7:30 AM	Joseph Kane
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 27</b>	
	7:30AM	Colleen Skrovaneck
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 28</b>	
	7:30 AM	Joseph Keenan
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 29</b>	
	7:30 AM	James Kennedy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 30</b>	
	4:00 PM	James Tims 3rd Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	9:30 AM	Helen Aaronson
	11:30 AM	Ralph Landolfi

*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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