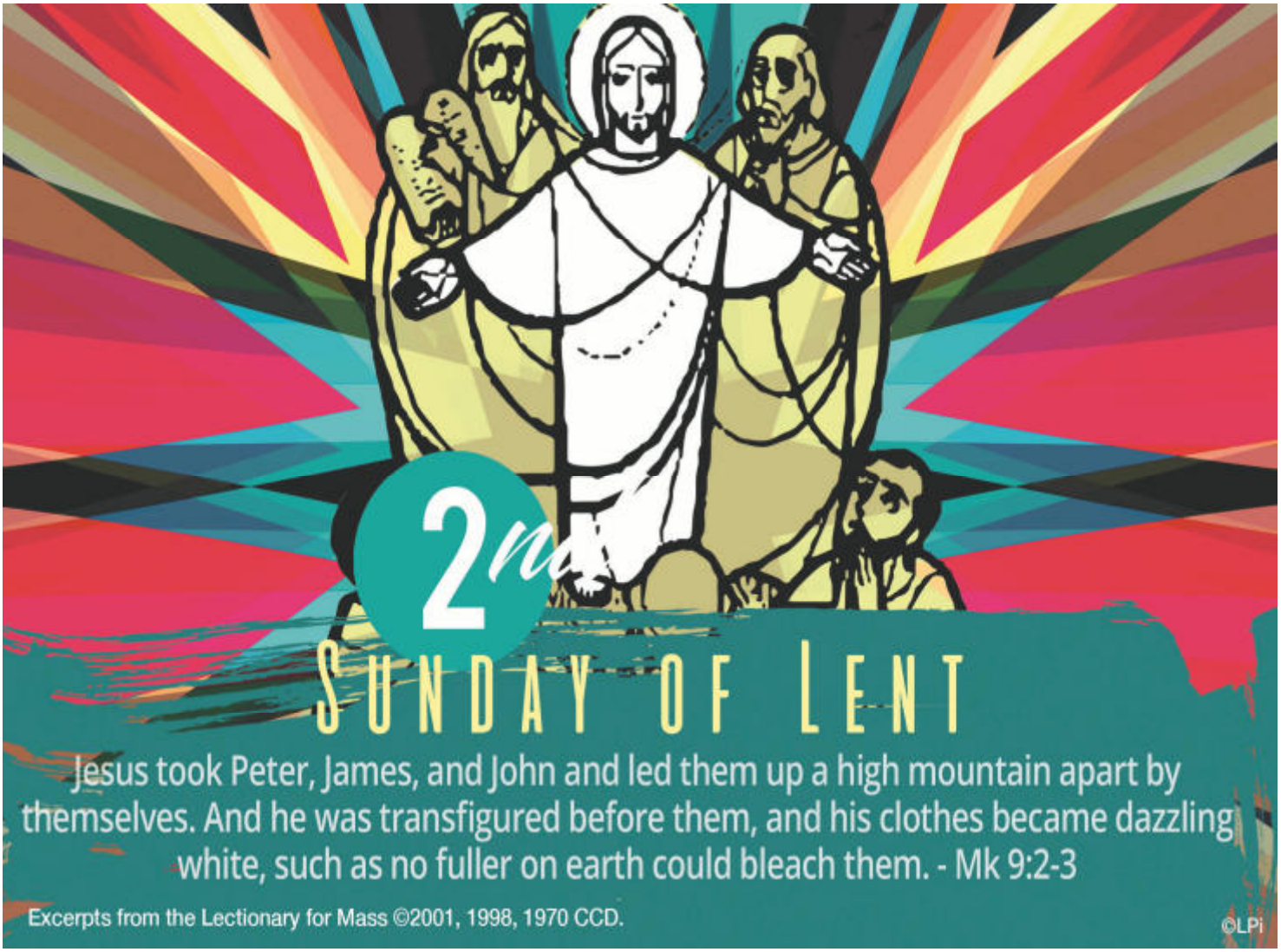
SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

February 28, 2021



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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Sunday Scripture:
Today is February 28, 2021, the second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel is Mark 2-10.

He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white."

KEY PASSAGE:
"Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'"

Adults: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

Youth: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

RCIA CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION

This year, St. John Fisher Parish has two adults who will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. John George, Jr. and Sharon Pauly both were raised in another faith, but desire to join the Catholic Church in part because of the faithful example of their Catholic spouses.

Please pray for them as they continue with their preparations during this season of Lent, so we can joyfully welcome into the Church during the Easter Vigil.

HOLY THURSDAY: WASHING OF THE FEET

We are planning to re-enact Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet on Holy Thursday this year. We are seeking 12 volunteers to participate by having both feet washed. Please call Kathy at 610-485-0441, ext. 5 if you wish to participate. Thank you!

COVID AND LITURGY

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we balance liturgical needs with safety concerns during the Covid pandemic.

We have made a sacrifice during Mass without the full expression of prayer in song. The difficulty of speaking and singing while wearing masks, and safety measures to limit exposure time in large groups has led to adaptations with our musical preparations for the celebration of Mass.

With the vaccinations of parishioners progressing and a lessening in the rate of Covid spread, little by little the parish will continue to expand the music during the Liturgy.

During Lent, a cantor with organ accompanist will lead the singing of the four major songs during Mass. For Easter, we plan to add the cantor leading the singing of the Mass parts, with the exception of the Gloria and Responsorial Psalm. The 8:00am Mass will remain a 'quiet' Mass with only the organist for music.

Please share with others your confidence of our safe environment and the beauty of our worship at Mass.

Lent at St. John Fisher Parish 2021

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays at 7:00pm in Church, each week through April 2

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Weekly – Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45pm, in the Church
Parish Penance Service with multiple priests – Monday, March 22, 7:00pm, in the Church

LENTEN RELFECTIONS *with Seminarians Philip Cheung and James Joseph*
A discussion series which, will be held in person on Thursdays for the next four weeks, at 11am in St. John Fisher Church, will be livestreamed for home viewing. Please join Philip and James live or on Facebook as we continue our Lenten Journey with Christ.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES must be returned by **March 21** to be included in the special Flower publication. Thank you!

CAPT'N CHUCKY'S CRAB CAKES

What's better on a Friday evening in Lent than a Capt'n Chucky's Crab Cake for dinner? Maybe Maryland Crab Soup? Or Crab Critters?

The Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Council 13710 are offering these delectable goodies again this year.

Orders must be placed on Monday by 11:00am for pick up on Friday afternoon.

Call Jack Fitzgerald 267-254-2114 to place your order each week. Pick up will be at the Parish Center before 4:30pm on Fridays.

Crab Cakes: 4 for $28 or 8 for $42
Maryland Crab Soup: $15 a quart
Crab Critters: $20 for a 24 ounce package

Sales will be conducted each week through **March 22**, with final delivery/pickup March 26, 2021.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Knights of Columbus Council 13710!

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL 2021-2022 REGISTRATION

Are you interested in gaining the benefits of a robust Catholic education that reinforces what you are teaching at home? We invite you and your children to join our community at Holy Family Regional Catholic School. **Open registration for grades Pre-K3 through 8 is ongoing. Financial assistance is available.** Please visit www.holyfamilyaston.org for more information.

FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS - THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

We hope you will plan to join our parish family for Forty Hours, beginning Sunday, March 7, through Tuesday, March 9. We are pleased to welcome our guest speakers, three priests from neighboring Delaware County parishes:

Fr. Chris Rogers was ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 2000. In addition to parish assignments as a parochial vicar, he has served as the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese and Campus Minister for Immaculata University. He is currently the Pastor of St. Patrick, Kennett Square, and will be the presider and guest homilist on Sunday, March 7, for Evening Prayer at 7:00pm.

Fr. Joseph Shenosky was ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 2000. Fr. Shenosky has served as a parochial vicar, high school teacher, and attended graduate studies at the Gregorian University in Rome. Fr. Shenosky served as a professor and administrator at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary as Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation and Vice Rector for nine years. He is currently the Pastor of Sacred Heart, Oxford, and joins us on Monday, March 8 at 7:00pm as principal celebrant and homilist for Mass.

Fr. Thomas Whittingham was ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 2012. He served as a parochial vicar at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales. He is currently the pastor at St. Katherine Drexel Parish in Chester. He has various ministries as pastor of St. Katherine, including Campus Minister for Widener University. Fr. Whittingham will be the celebrant and homilist on Tuesday, March 9, to close out 40 Hours.

Adoration of the Eucharist will take place Monday and Tuesday throughout the day. A sign up sheet can be found in the Parish Center Hall on top of the rear cabinets. Please consider signing up to spend an hour with Our Lord. Lent is the season to contemplate the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and put our sacrifices of the last year into perspective.

We also encourage you to join us for the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, mid-day or evening prayer as your schedule allows.

Forty Hours Schedule 2021

Sunday, March 7
7:00 pm Evening Prayer with Homily

Monday, March 8
7:30am Daily Mass
8:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration
8:05am Rosary
11:30am Mid-Day Prayer
3:00pm Hour of Mercy (Divine Mercy Chaplet)
4:30pm Evening Prayer
7:00pm Mass

Tuesday, March 9
7:30am Daily Mass
8:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration
8:05am Rosary
11:30am Mid-Day Prayer
3:00pm Hour of Mercy (Divine Mercy Chaplet)
4:30pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Closing Mass

All Masses and devotions will be held in the Church.

FINANCIAL OFFERING:
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FEBRUARY 14:

Total	**$ 8,041**
Number	**192**

SPECIAL COLLECTION - Care of Aging Priests

Total	**$ 579**

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that all things, including life itself, are gifts from God. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved academic honors during the first semester:

CARDINAL O'HARA
Nicholas Alkins, '24 - Second Honors
Abigail Loyson '22- First Honors
Noah McMullen, '24 - Second Honors
John Schueren, '23 - Second Honors

PADUA ACADEMY
Shannon Finney, '23 - High Honors
Samantha Focht, '23 - High Honors
Myla Hopewell, '22 - Honors
Wendy Mayo, '21 - High Honors
Sara McLaughlin, '21 - Hoonors
Emily Oakes, '23 - High Honors

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 is still selling chances for this fantastic raffle. You can purchase a chance from any Holy Saviour Knight for the next several weeks.

These tickets are sold only in Pennsylvania. Your 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!

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS FOOD DRIVE

Don't forget the Sisters of St. Francis' Food Drive on **March 12 from 2-6pm and March 13 from 9am to Noon at the Our Lady of Angels Convent Parking Lot,** 609 S. Convent Road, Aston**.** Donations will go to support Anna's Place which serves those in need in Chester. During this pandemic, the facility provides almost two hundred bags of food and supplies every week. Donations of nonperishable food, toiletries, household supplies, cash or grocery gift cards are welcome. Call (610) 558-7726 for more information.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBER!

St. John Fisher Parish rejoices with the family of **ALINA MARIE QUINTANS, daughter of Michael and Melanie** who was recently baptized. We celebrate with their family, and continue to pray for them as they raise their daughter in the Catholic faith!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sunday: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mark 9:2-10
Responsorial Psalm: You ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Luke 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/John 2:13-25
Responsorial Psalm: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
MARY ANN SIKORA
through the generosity of her 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 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
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May They Rest in Peace

THE 500,000+ AMERICANS WHO HAVE DIED OF COVID 19, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM OUR PARISH

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Theresa Elliot, Paul Armstrong, Bob Deckman, Linda & Ed McDaniel, Joe & Joan Mascherino, Verna Bright, Jillian Shallock, John Murphy, Brian Allison, Harry Sperrone, Denise Kunzig, Donald Arner, Glenn Capri, Mary Kane, Tina 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	**Feb 27**	
	4:00 PM	Caroline Baglione, 5th Anniv.
Sunday	**Feb 28**	
	8:00 AM	Joe Kane
	9:30 AM	Mary & Bill Crowley
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
Monday	**Mar 1**	
	7:30 AM	Joe Kane
Tuesday	**Mar 2**	
	7:30 AM	Eugene Valletti
Wednesday	**Mar 3**	
	7:30AM	Sally Scaggs
Thursday	**Mar 4**	
	7:30 AM	John Millard
Friday	**Mar 5**	
	7:30 AM	Eugene Mushinski, 15th Anniv.
Saturday	**Mar 6**	
	4:00 PM	Andrew & Rose Tuzio
Sunday	**Mar 7**	
	8:00 AM	Andrea Cattie
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish & Visitors
	11:30 AM	Dennis Burns

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