



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

May 23, 2021



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When the Advocate comes
whom I will send you from
the Father, the Spirit of
truth that proceeds from
the Father, he will testify
to me.” - Jn 15:26

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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)
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Daniel Bingnear
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Today is May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday. The Gospel is John 7:37-39 or John 20:19-23

THINK ABOUT IT: “And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” Acts 2:4



ADULTS: Which gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord - do you recognize when they present themselves in your life? Which embolden you to act with courage?

YOUTH: When have you felt strength from outside of yourself to do what was right? Did you ever wonder later what gave you that courage?

COVID UPDATE: CHURCH SEATING CAPACITY WILL CHANGE MAY 31

The State of Pennsylvania has announced a change in the restrictions put in place over a year ago. As of Memorial Day, the governor has lifted all mitigation restrictions, which means that **all** pews will be available for seating at Masses at St. John Fisher, increasing our seating capacity.

For the safety and comfort of our fellow parishioners, **wearing a mask indoors while at Mass is still requested as we adjust to the higher capacity.** We also remind you to keep in mind social distancing between different households: leave some space in the pew between your family and others, and spread out when in line to receive the Eucharist.

Thank you for your patience and concern for public health!

WELCOME SEMINIARIAN ALLEN BLEHL

The St. John Fisher Parish family extends a warm welcome to Philadelphia seminarian Allen Blehl. Allen begins his summer pastoral internship assignment at St. John Fisher on Saturday, June 5. He will be in residence here until Sunday, August 1.

Allen is a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. He worked for several years before beginning his seminary formation. Allen has completed two years at the seminary, namely the Spiritual Year and the first year of Pre-Theology. We welcome Allen and look forward to his service at St. John Fisher and growth on his personal path of priestly discernment and identity.



Allen
Blehl

BLESSING THE SHRINE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The weather cooperated and dozens of people attended the blessing of the refurbished shrine of The Blessed Mother on May 9.



The prayers were said and the statue of Mary was crowned with a floral wreath. The path includes stepping stones to resemble a chaplet of the Rosary.

Eagle Scout candidate Danny Mylnarski planned the renovations of the courtyard, and coordinated the work of fellow scouts and community members. He is pictured here with his parents Jeff and Laura, along with Father McDermott.



PICK UP A PRAYER BOOKLET THIS WEEKEND - THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Devotional prayer booklets for the Year of St. Joseph are out on the tables at the rear of church this weekend. “Walking with Saint Joseph – 30 Days of Reflections and Prayers with Pope Francis” is a gift from the parish. Please free to take one complimentary copy for your household. May St. Joseph intercede for us!



St. John Fisher Parish will commemorate Memorial Day with a Mass at 9:00am on Monday, May 31. Please join us to honor the brave men and women of the military from our parish and local community who lost their lives in service to the country.

There will be no 7:30am Mass on May 31. The Parish Business Office will be closed on Monday and will re-open on at 8:30 am on Tuesday, June 1. Enjoy the holiday weekend!

ROSARY RALLY JUNE 5

Council 13710 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Rosary Rally on **June 5**, to pray for an end to abortion. Please join us at 1:00pm at the newly dedicated shrine to our Blessed Mother in the courtyard between the Parish Center and Church. Bring a chair if you need one. For further information, please contact Jack Fitzgerald at 267-254-2114.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Until last spring when Covid restrictions went into effect, St. John Fisher Parish held Eucharistic Adoration on Monday mornings in the Chapel.

We would like to renew this centuries-old tradition of Exposition and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. However, we need to determine if there is enough interest in the parish to have at least two parishioners present during the entire time of the adoration, for personal safety and respect of the True Presence of Christ.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament would begin after the 7:30am Mass on Monday in the church, and concludes with Benediction at Noon. **The signup sheet is available in church.** Please let us know if you are interested and committed to this devotion. Parishioners are always welcome to make a visit to the Chapel during regular office hours.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAL DRAWING

The statewide "Chance of a Lifetime" drawing by the Knights of Columbus was held on April 30. There were no winners from our area, but Council 13710 thanks you for your support of this fundraiser. A complete list of winners can be found on the parish website.

**FINANCIAL OFFERING:
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

MAY 9:	
Total	\$ 13,396
Number	337
ASCENSION	\$ 1,282

We are grateful for your continued support of St. John Fisher! Thank you for your generosity!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP - SIGN UP NOW!

Take a ride on the "Rocky Railway: Mountains of Fun." Vacation Bible Camp is back at St. John Fisher!



Call the PREP office now to register! Camp runs from **August 2 until August 6**, from 9am to 12noon. We will use the indoor and outdoor spaces on the church property. There will be loads of fun for children of all ages! There is a **limit of 40** children, and more than 20 have signed up already, so don't delay in calling to reserve a spot. The camp fee is \$50.00 per child.

BAPTISMS AT ST. JOHN FISHER

Covid 19 has not interfered with the ability to perform the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John Fisher. We resumed Baptizing children months ago, at first limiting each ceremony to just one family. Now, with more people vaccinated, we are permitting two families at every ceremony, while still requesting guests wear masks and keep some space between each family group.

If you have had a child within the past year (or two) and have not yet had him or her Baptized, please consider scheduling it this summer.

First time parents are asked to attend pre-Jordan class prior to the ceremony. The next pre-Jordan classes are scheduled for June 20, July 18, and Aug. 15. Parents who have attend a pre-Jordan class in the past can schedule Baptism immediately. Ceremonies are held on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of the month, following the 11:30am Mass. Contact Renee at the Parish Business Office (610-485-0441, ext. 2) to schedule a Baptism or reserve a space in class.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars now for the summer blood drive at St. John Fisher Parish - **Tuesday, June 29, from 2:00pm until 7:00pm. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO DONATE!**



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.

Did you know Type O+ is the most frequently occurring blood type? The universal red cell donor has Type O- blood, and the universal plasma donor has Type AB blood. There is a critical need for blood donations right now. Can you help us meet a goal of 50 units?

To sign up, you can go online to redcrossblood.org Click on "Donate Blood" and a new window will open. "Find a Blood Drive" by zip code is located at the top right. Type in "19061" and click 'load more results' until you reach St. John Fisher on June 29. A window will open where you can choose a time to donate.

If you previously have donated, you may get a call to schedule an appointment time. Call Barbara Tarone, 610-485-6067 if you have questions.

THE CARING FOR FRIENDS freezer is in need of more meals. Supplies are found in the Parish Center kitchen. Please return the meals to the freezer there. Thank you!



QUESTION: Is gossip a mortal sin?

ANSWER: To determine the answer, consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to consider the gift of language - how we understand the truth and how we communicate. The word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. It discusses the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are two forms that gossip can take, both of which can be quite serious.

"Detraction" is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them" without morally valid reasons. "Calumny" is saying something about another person that is untrue. Both are sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements."

We always have a moral obligation to the truth and at the same time, should work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors. The Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it."

Gossip can prove to be a very serious sin. When we have gossiped and have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join the Main Line Singles Dinner Club. The next scheduled event is Sunday, June 13, at 5:00pm, at "The Choice" restaurant, located at 845 W. Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr. For more info, call Barb at (610) 896-6542.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25/John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/John 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mark 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mark 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mark 11:11-26

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Matthew 28:16-20

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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 12:30pm. Pre-Jordan baptismal instruction is held on the Third Sunday at 12:30pm. 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

JOSEPH SWEENEY

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Jerry Kester, Anthony Costa, One-year-old Rosie and two-year-old Nyla (patients at CHOP), Karen Mariniello, Elizabeth DiTomaso, John Wagner, Regan Spurduto, Brendan Noonan, Peter 'PJ' Yablonski, Sharon Hildick, Kathleen Fischer, Theresa Elliot, Paul Armstrong, Bob Deckman, Linda & Ed McDaniel, Joe & Joan Mascherino, Verna Ebright, John Murphy, Brian Allison, Harry Sperrone, Denise Kunzig, Donald Amer, 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, 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, Judy 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	May 22	People of the Parish
Sunday	May 23	
	8:00 AM	Ralph & Consiglia Conte Anniv.
	9:30 AM	John & Ed McGoldrick
	11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
Monday	May 24	
	7:30 AM	Noreen Murray
Tuesday	May 25	
	7:30 AM	Theresa Margera
Wednesday	May 26	
	7:30 AM	Anna Lee
Thursday	May 27	
	7:30 AM	Gerry Costello
Friday	May 28	
	7:30 AM	Dorothy D'Andrea
Saturday	May 29	
	4:00 PM	Joseph & Theresa McHale
Sunday	May 30	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	9:30 AM	Rose & Andrew Tuzio
	11:30 AM	Vicki Salvatore Smith

Now is an excellent time to try *Relavant Radio!* **640AM** in Philadelphia airs programming, conversation, humor, and prayer with a Catholic perspective. **Live Mass is at 1:00PM Eastern.** Give it a try!

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