



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

July 25, 2021



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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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 - 1:30 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

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TODAY IS JULY 25, 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS JOHN 6:1-15.

THINK ABOUT IT: *Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them... When they had their fill, he said, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them and filled 12 wicker baskets.*



ADULTS: This week's Gospel has two messages to consider. First, we see the generosity of the boy who gave his loaves and fish to Jesus, who in turn, blessed and shared with the thousands. When has a generous gift from another offered you hope? Second, Jesus tells his followers to collect the leftovers, so the food would not be wasted. What can your family do to be sure nothing is wasted in your home?

YOUTH: Jesus cared about the people following him and made sure they were fed a meal. What could you do for another person this week to show them how much you care?

PREP AT ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for children who do not attend Catholic school begins on September 14/15 for Grades 1 to 7. Parents must accompany their children on the first day of class.

If you have not registered your child for the upcoming school year, please do so now! Families have the choice between Tuesday afternoon (4:30-6:00pm) or Tuesday evening classes (6:15-7:45pm) for Grades 1 to 5. Confirmation preparation classes for Grades 6 and 7 will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm. Registration forms are available on the website under the Education tab.

If you are new to the parish and your child has never attended PREP at St. John Fisher, please contact the PREP office to enroll them.

PREP CATECHIST AND AIDES will meet on Monday, August 30, at 6:30pm. All Catechists and Aides should plan to attend. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Aaronson in the PREP office at 610-485-0441, extension 5.



Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Regarding Reinstating the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

"We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 in as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.

As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Bishops previously jointly decided to dispense the faithful from this obligation in March of 2020 in order to provide for the common good given concerns over the developing pandemic. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Eucharist. It is time to lift the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days comes from our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels Christians to unite themselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182*). This is the foundation for the law of the Church that binds Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (*Code of Canon Law, canon 1247*) and the Christian way fully to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord's Day (*Deuteronomy 5: 12; Exodus 31: 15; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2180-2181*).

This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being a part of large groups at this time.

Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181*). Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.

As Bishops, we welcome this moment of the reinstatement of the obligation for all Catholics in Pennsylvania. This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith."

— Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

The June American Red Cross Blood Drive was successful, with 45 pints of blood donated! That included five first time donors. We fell just short of the goal (50 units), but want to thank all who turned out to donate!

ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL SENIORS

Join the St. John's on the Hill Seniors for a day trip to the Tomasello Winery on September 15! The price of \$66 includes wine tasting, a sit-down luncheon, a casino bonus at the Resorts Casino, and motor coach transportation.



A deposit of \$20 will hold your seat on the bus. To make a reservation, please call Barbara at 484-645-4533.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

St. Katharine Drexel Food Pantry in Chester is in urgent need of volunteers to pick up and carry food donations from the Pantry to the cars of the clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 1:30pm. Please note these hours will change when we reopen to bring clients into the pantry. Volunteers must have the ability to lift over 35 pounds. Additional needs include volunteers to carry out the Senior Boxes for the seniors who come to pick them up. Please consider taking a more hands-on role in helping your neighbors in need! Contact Pantry Director Judy King at 484-490-5079 for more details and to answer any questions.

HELP WANTED- NURSING

Assisi House, a 120-bed retirement Convent for the Sisters of St. Francis, is in dire need of clinical help—nurses and Certified Nurse Assistants, for full-time, part-time, or occasional employment. The Assisi House has assisted living, advanced care, and a dementia unit. It is located at 600 Red Hill Road, Aston. If you are interested and able to care for the elderly sisters, please contact Sr. Peggy Egan, OSF, Administrator, at 610-588-5321.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JULY 4:	
Total:	\$ 15,761
Number	320
Campaign for Human Development	
Total:	\$ 614.78
JULY 11:	
Total:	\$ 10,012
Number	265

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Are you looking for a quality pre-school for your child? We have some great news! It's not too late to register for the 3/4-year-old class at Holy Family Regional School! Please call us at 610-497-0147 ext. 3 for more information.



If you are interested in gaining the benefits of a robust Catholic education for your elementary school child that enforces what you are teaching at home, Holy Family Regional Catholic School offers the perfect solution! We are a school that features "Academic Excellence Rooted in Faith." For more information, please visit www.holyfamilyaston.org.

ST. JOHN FISHER MEN'S GATHERING INVITES YOU TO JOIN

Men of the parish, 18 and older, are invited to join a group of others who meet weekly for a bit of socialization and discussion about the Catholic faith and topics relevant to today. The launching point of the discussion is generally a book that each person is encouraged to read. They meet weekly on Monday evening at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center Hall. All are welcome; come to listen or share your thoughts!

CARING FOR FRIENDS

The Caring for Friends (*formerly Aid for Friends*) freezer is starting to run low again. Are you grilling this summer? Throw an extra burger or piece of chicken on the grill and package it with a side and dessert in the pans found in the Parish Center kitchen. Whatever you enjoy, the seniors who receive these meals will enjoy! Thanks for your support of this program!

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The annual school supply collection begins the weekend of August 7 & 8. We will be collecting all the items a child need to begin the new school year, which will be distributed to less fortunate children in our community. Please leave your donations in the designated bins in the Church or Parish Center Hall.



EMS TRAINING CLASSES

Finished with High School or College and want a challenging job or a change of career? The New Castle County Emergency Medical Service is accepting applications for its upcoming Paramedic Academy. No experience is needed for the entry level program. You will be paid while in training; paramedics are full-time county employees with benefits. Applications are due **August 1** to the New Castle County Public Safety building, 2601 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle.



Call 302-395-8188, or go to newcastlede.gov/ems

ORGAN RECITAL SATURDAY, JULY 31

7:00 PM

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

The 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children of the parish are invited to attend Sunday School this fall! The program begins on September 26, from 9:30am until 10:30am, while parents attend Mass. Let us share the love of Jesus with your children in an age-appropriate setting. All pre-schoolers are welcome, but you must register your child in advance. Please contact the PREP office, 610-485-0441, ext. 5, for more information.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kings 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/John 6:1-15

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Matthew 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/John 6:24-35

Response: The Lord gave them bread from Heaven.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this
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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.

Charles Hughes, Principal
Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA
www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OF COVID-19

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Joe Stafford, Baby Briana McGrath, Nick DeShullo, John Chambers, Evelyn Krajnik, John Montella, Bernice Watson, Susan Peppelman, Ursula Sparks, Danielle Magonigal, Pat Klishevich, Judy Benvenger, Jerry Kester, Anthony Costa, Karen Mariniello, Elizabeth DiTomaso, Regan Sperduto, Sharon Hildick, Kathleen Fischer, Linda & Ed McDaniel, Joe & Joan Mascherino, Verna Ebright, John Murphy, Brian Allison, Harry Sperrone, 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, 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	July 24	4:00 PM	Vincent Broomall, 9th Annv.
Sunday	July 25	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
		9:30 AM	Frank Cardinale
		11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
Monday	July 26	7:30 AM	Roberta W. O'Neal
Tuesday	July 27	7:30 AM	Cheryl Testa
Wednesday	July 28	7:30 AM	Mike Murphy
Thursday	July 29	7:30 AM	Marian & Nick Fisher
Friday	July 30	7:30 AM	Robert W. Meile
Saturday	July 31	4:00 PM	Joseph Bleiler
Sunday	Aug 1	8:00 AM	Vicki Salvatore Smith, 23rd Annv.
		9:30 AM	Judie McGinn
		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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