



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Aug. 15, 2021



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"From this day all generations
will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great
things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has cast down the mighty
from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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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

Pastor: Rev. Robert B. McDermott (ext. 3)
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Daniel Bingnear
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TODAY IS AUG. 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THE GOSPEL IS LUKE 11:24-28 (vigil) OR LUKE 1:39-56.

THINK ABOUT IT: "Death is swallowed up in victory!" (1 Corinthians 15)

ADULTS: "The Immaculate Mother of God, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Pope Pius XII set forth the dogma of the Assumption in 1950, but scholars have found written evidence of belief in the Assumption as far back as the 3rd century. St. Paul reminds us that Christ's resurrection leads the way to heaven, and we will follow, but Mary precedes us. How does belief in life everlasting effect how you live?

YOUTH: The Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven, taken up by God's power. As Catholics, we pray to Mary to intercede with Jesus her son. What does it mean to ask for her help and to have hope?

SURVEY AT THE 8AM SUNDAY MASS

Covid-19 affected many of the liturgical practices at Mass during the past 18 months. One area of concern was the musical expression of prayer (singing out loud) within Mass. Very early in the pandemic, singing was shown to increase the spread of the virus. As we eased into returning music to our liturgical celebrations by using a cantor to lead songs and responses, at the 8 AM Sunday Mass we continued with organ accompaniment for a simpler and quieter liturgical alternative.



This shift from the normal practice was done on a trial basis. We would like to know what the attendees of the 8:00am Mass on Sundays think about how best to move forward. A survey will be distributed at the **8:00am Mass on Sunday, August 22** to poll the attendees. The choices will be whether to return to the normal, full musical participation with a cantor for songs and responses, **or** continue in the simpler style with only the organ accompaniment for the four major songs, with spoken responses.

Thank you for assistance in celebrating the Liturgy with prayer and devotion.

NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES



The Knights of Columbus Council 13710 will be selling raffle chances for FOUR of tickets to the Phillies game on Thursday, August 26, against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The chances cost \$5 each, or 4 for \$20. The prize includes a limo ride to and from the game and \$50 in spending money! There are a limited number of chances. **See any KofC member to purchase them!** The drawing will be held August 22.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF LOURDES SCHOOL BUILDING

Located in Marcus Hook, Immaculate Conception School had been leased in recent years to the Delco Intermediate Unit for a Head Start program. This lease ended in August 2019. With the loss of income from the lease and no immediate use by St. John Fisher Parish, the process began to put the building up for sale. After consulting the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee, and with permission of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the old school was listed with a realtor. An acceptable offer was made and settlement was concluded on July 22. With no parish debt, the funds from the sale remain with St. John Fisher Parish. Immaculate Conception of Lourdes Church remains a worship site of the Parish for weddings and funerals. One religious sister resides in the rectory of the church and the Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus use the hall for their monthly meetings and food drives. May the legacy of the graduates of Immaculate Conception School continue to provide inspiration for many of the constancy of faith and education of the soul!

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

We will be collecting all the items a child needs to begin the new school year throughout the month of August.

- ◆ Pencils, pens, erasers
- ◆ Crayons, colored pencils, markers
- ◆ Scissors, glue sticks, rulers, 2-pocket folders
- ◆ Copy books, notebooks, loose-leaf paper
- ◆ Backpacks, pencil bags



The donations will be distributed to less fortunate children in our community. Please leave your donations in the designated bins in the Church or Parish Center Halls.

HOLY FAMILY PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Are you looking for a quality pre-school for your child? We have some GREAT News for you! It's not too late to register for our 3/4-year-old class! We offer full and half day programs, **and** full or partial week options. Please call us at 610-497-0147 ext.3 for more information.



Gain the benefits of a robust Catholic education at Holy Family Regional Catholic School!

HELP WANTED

The Sunday School program for Pre-school children is in need of an aide to assist the teacher. The program is held weekly, from 9:30 to 10:30, beginning on September 26.

The PREP 7th grade class needs an aide – Wednesdays at 6:15pm to 7:30pm

No experience necessary, just have a love of children! Please call Kathy Aaronson, 610-485-0441, ext. 5, if interested.

NOTHING COMPARES TO BEING THERE

As a reminder, the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sunday and Holy Days beginning this weekend. We're glad to see you again, in person!

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.

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. All pre-schoolers are welcome, but you must register your child in advance. Please call the PREP office at

610-485-0441, ext. 5, for more information.



WELCOME!

Congratulations and blessings to **MADISON RAE PURSH**, daughter of Matthew and Monica, who was baptized at St. John Fisher on Sunday, August 8. We rejoice and celebrate with Madison's family. Please pray for this little one and her parents as they raise their child in the Catholic faith!

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

AUGUST 1:
Total:
Number

\$ 12,233
339

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.

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

Choir rehearsals will resume after Labor Day. The **Adult Choir** usually sings at the 9:30am Mass on Sundays and for special liturgies throughout the year. The **Resurrection Choir**, a group of dedicated volunteers, will begin singing at funeral liturgies following Labor Day. This group does not hold rehearsals. Adults and teens are invited to sing with the **Contemporary Choir**, which holds practice twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. The **Youth Choir** rehearses on Sunday morning at 10:30 - 11:15am. All ages are welcome to join!

FIRST PRACTICE OF THE FALL:

Adult Choir: Wed., Sept. 8, 7pm in Church
Contemporary Choir: Tues., Sept. 7, 7pm in Church
Youth Choir: Sun., Sept. 12, 10:30am in Church

INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED

Do you play a musical instrument? Guitar, trumpet, flute, percussion? The Music Ministry program would love to have your talents enhance our Liturgical celebrations! If you are interested in playing with the choirs, please call Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0441, ext 5.



Vacation Bible Camp 2021

Vacation Bible Camp was a resounding success, in large part to the many teen and adult volunteers! We'd like to thank each one of them for their enthusiasm and assistance during the week!

- Caroline, Katie, Danica, and Xavier Aaronson*
- Marcy Anderson*
- Mary Ann Biglin*
- Kelsey, Amanda, Ashley, and Margaret Deckman*
- Jack Fitzgerald*
- Braden Garcia*
- Lauren and Susanne Jones*
- Theresa McGoldrick*
- Melissa Millison*
- Deirdre O'Brien*
- Cassy Phillips*
- Barbara Tarone*
- Maribel and Spenser Valdez*
- Rachel and Sarah Weins*
- Gina Whitsel*
- Elijah and Megan Yakas*
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- Beth Anne Gallagher*
- Patsy Grant*
- Joan Kravitz*
- Joanne McManus*
- Cassandra Nguyen*
- Nicholas Ocampo*
- Flo Silvey*

Many thanks also to the parishioners who generously donated cases of water and other beverages, packages of snacks, and donations to help offset the costs of running Camp!





Question: What is a transitional deacon?

Answer: There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role.

Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 15, 2021

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Luke 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

Responsorial Psalm: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold..

Monday: Jgs 2: 11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6: 11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/ Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/ Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Matthew 22:34-40

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ John 6:60-69

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
JOE SWEENEY
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Joan Kravitz



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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Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147
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May They Rest in Peace

**VERONICA BORCKY
ROSE LIOTT
DAVID NOLAN**

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy

Please Pray for Our Sick

Eric Evangelista, Ava Hernandez, Connie McElwee, Joe Stafford, Baby Briana McGrath, Nick DeShullo, John Chambers, Evelyn Krajnik, John Montella, Bernice Watson, Susan Peppelman, Ursula Sparks, 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, 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	Aug 14	People of the Parish
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Aug 15	Paul & Joy Coerver
	8:00 AM	Mahoney Mathues
	9:30 AM	Elizabeth McHale
	11:30 AM	
Monday	Aug 16	Helen McCaffey
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	Aug 17	Rocco Gasparilla
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	Aug 18	Bernard J. Dugan
	7:30 AM	
Thursday	Aug 19	Bernard J. Dugan
	7:30 AM	
Friday	Aug 20	Bernard J. Dugan
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	Aug 21	Bernard Kravitz, 40th Anniv.
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Aug 22	Leo Host
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	9:30 AM	Frank Millet
	11:30 AM	

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