



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Aug. 22, 2021



“MASTER, TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?”
- JN 6:68

21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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
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)
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TODAY IS AUGUST 22, THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS John 6:60-69.



THINK ABOUT IT: *Many who were listening said, "This is hard; who can accept it?" Many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him.*

ADULTS: God certainly promises us many things, but many things are also required of us. Faith in Jesus Christ requires us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury. We must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. How do you overcome the struggle to accept these things and to put them into practice?

YOUTH: Jesus said "I am the Living Bread...whoever eats this bread will live forever." Receiving the Eucharist at Mass is receiving Jesus into your body and soul. Take a second to think about this gift Jesus gives you when standing in line. Are you respectful when receiving Holy Communion? Do you thank Him for this gift?

PARISH PICNIC 2021



All are invited to the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 19, from 4-7 p.m. We are planning a fun evening of food, music, games and socialization! The parish will provide the entrée, soft drinks, ice, tables, chairs, cups, napkins, plates and utensils. We ask each family to bring along a dish to share: If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish or salad. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert (individual portions are best). Please call the Office (610-485-0441, ext. 2), stop in, or email ReneeDevine@sjf71.org to let us know if you are coming and number in your group. Hope to see you there!!

SURVEY AT THE 8AM SUNDAY MASS

If you attend the 8:00am Sunday Mass, don't forget to give us your opinion today!

We would like to know what the attendees of the early Mass on Sundays think about how best to move forward with music ministry.

A survey will be distributed at the 8:00am Mass. 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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

PLANNED GIVING *Your Gift is a Legacy*

What is a "Planned Gift?" It is a pre-planned bequest, given to a charity through a will, contract, or trust. Often a planned gift is deferred, and may be spread out over an extended period of time. It can be a sum of money, a percentage of your estate, a specific item (like an IRA, insurance policy, or securities), or a piece of real estate.

The "seed" money that allowed the Parish to begin planning for the 2019 renovation of the Church was from a bequest, a benefit to all of us. As you look to the future, please consider making a planned gift to the parish. In addition to supporting the ministry and mission of St. John Fisher Parish, planned gifts are a unique way to express your personal values, continue the stewardship of your life, and leave a lasting impact on the lives of others. Leaving a planned gift to St. John Fisher Parish reminds the next generation of your enduring faith and beliefs. There is no better time than right now to begin. Please contact our Business Manager Dan Kinnik (610-485-0441, extension 4) at the Parish Office for further information.



FEAST OF ST. LOUIS AUGUST 25

Louis IX was born in 1214 to King Louis VIII and Blanche of Castille. He succeeded to the throne at the age of twelve under the regency of his mother and became king on his 21st birthday. He was well known for protecting the French clergy from secular leaders. Louis generally remained neutral in international disputes, but he was forced to go to war with England's Henry III. In 1242 Louis defeated Henry III at Taillebourg. After the war, he made restitution to the innocent people whose property had been destroyed. He established the Sorbonne and the monasteries of Rayaumont, Vavert, and Maubuisson. Louis led the Sixth and the Seventh Crusades. He was captured and imprisoned during the Sixth (1244-1249). At the onset of the Seventh Crusade in 1270, Louis died of dysentery. Pope Boniface VIII canonized him in 1297. St. Louis is the patron saint of France and hairdressers.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

AUGUST 8:
Total:
Number

\$ 14,576
259

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 Danny Celestino*
- 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*
- Angela Baglione*
- Eileen Borkowsky*
- Pat Donnelly*
- 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:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer: The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives.

St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. He said, “In their situation in the world, God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

The early followers of Jesus found distasteful Jesus’ expectations that they live a life of action, because they knew it would be hard. This is our challenge in the modern era—actively live our faith, even if it’s hard.

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our spouses and our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

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.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 15, 2021

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.

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jphn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Matthew 25:1-13

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Responsorial Psalm: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
LISA SMITH
through the generosity of
Rachelle Miele.



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

THE VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Nikki Zaborowski, 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

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| Saturday | Aug 21 | 4:00 PM | Bernard Kravitz, 40th Anniv |
| Sunday | Aug 22 | 8:00 AM | Leo Host |
| | | 9:30 AM | People of the Parish |
| | | 11:30 AM | Frank Millet |
| Monday | Aug 23 | 7:30 AM | Frank Millet, 3rd Anniv. |
| Tuesday | Aug 24 | 7:30 AM | Frank Monks |
| Wednesday | Aug 25 | 7:30 AM | James Kistler |
| Thursday | Aug 26 | 7:30 AM | Joe Kane, 1st Anniv. |
| Friday | Aug 27 | 7:30 AM | Joseph Drabyak |
| Saturday | Aug 28 | 4:00 PM | Edward Haggerty, 2nd Anniv. |
| Sunday | Aug 29 | 8:00 AM | Joe Kane |
| | | 9:30 AM | Joe Kane |
| | | 11:30 AM | People of the Parish |

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