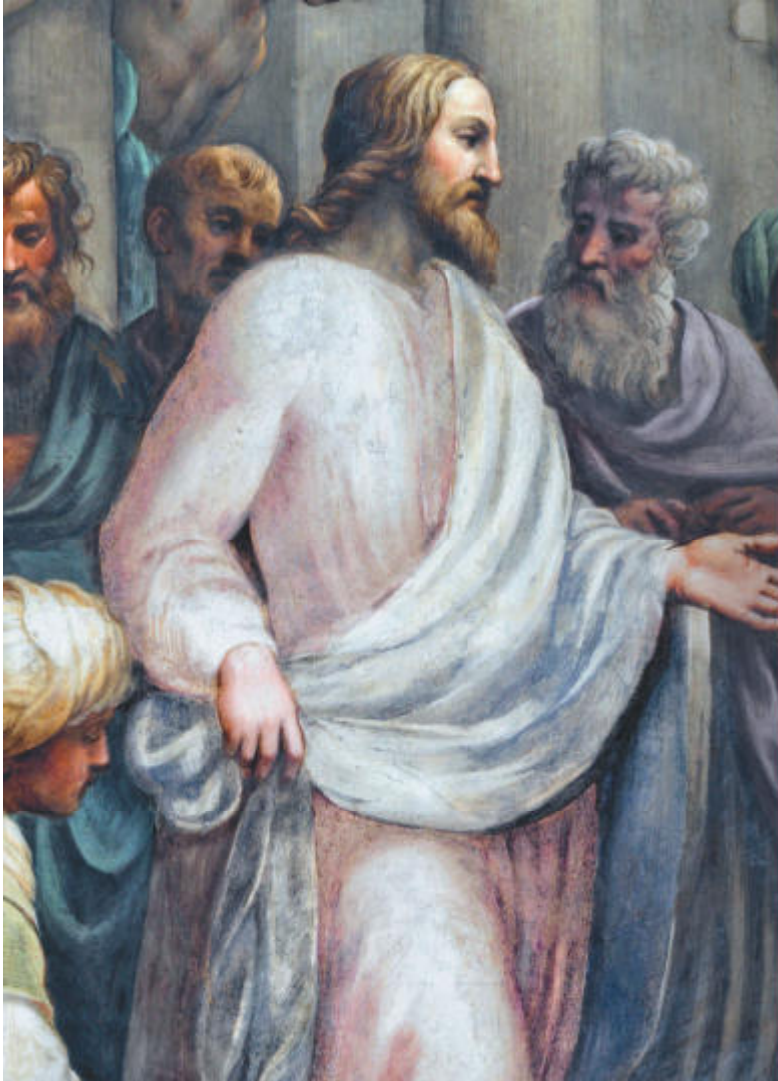




SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Aug. 29, 2021



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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.
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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 29, THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS MARK 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23.

THINK ABOUT IT: *“You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”*

ADULTS: Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires imagination. It is not enough to attend to facts and rituals and consider the job done. For Jesus, well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to do what really mattered. The Gospel demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on Jesus’ teaching, and properly serve our fellow man. What example of Jesus ‘bending the rules’ to serve others provides you inspiration?

YOUTH: The Ten Commandments are the rules God wants us to follow, and Jesus gave us one more, to “love one another as I have loved you.” How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart? How do you live by them?

NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES WINNER

Congratulations to Mary Ann Sbandi, the winner of the four-pack of tickets to the Phillies game. The Knights of Columbus Council 13710 would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle chances for the drawing. Your support helps them with their charitable projects.



For information about how to join the Knights of Columbus, please contact Harry Stefchak, Grand Knight, at 610-485-2020

SURVEY FOR 8AM SUNDAY MASS

Our devotion to the Lord through active participation in the Mass enriches our lives and the Kingdom of God. The saving mysteries and graces of Christ’s Death and Resurrection are open to us in the Gospel and the gift of the Eucharist.

A survey was distributed at the 8:00am Mass concerning the level of music in the Liturgy. The survey results were strongly in favor of a quieter, simpler style for the 8:00 Mass. Thirty-nine responded in favor of a return to the normal, full musical participation, with a cantor and sung responses; 69 people voted in favor of continuing in the simpler style with only the organ accompaniment for songs and spoken responses, a practice that we began early during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Given this response, we will continue to celebrate Mass prayerfully in this quieter and simpler fashion. Thank you for your response and interest as we worship the Lord in faith.



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 tomorrow, **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 PREP 7th grade class needs an aide – Wednesdays at 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Classes begin September 15 and will meet 19 times through the first week of February, plus a retreat in November and rehearsal for Confirmation.

No experience necessary. 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.



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 to RSVP:(610-485-0441, x2, or email ReneeDevine@sjf71.org to let us know if you are coming and number in your group. Hope to see you there!!



HOP TO IT!

The newly formed cleaning crew of parish volunteers have a name: the HOP-ers, as in "Helping Our Parish." Twice during August, the band of volunteers polished and vacuumed the church, providing some TLC to the wood, marble surfaces, and cushioned pews, working for about 90 minutes each time.



The next cleaning day is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 1, at 1:30pm.** They will meet only once in September. All are welcome to help keep the Church looking spiffy! HOP on over to help!

WELCOME!



Congratulations and blessings to **PARKER ANDREW O'BRIEN**, son of John and Siriwan O'Brien, who was baptized at St. John Fisher on Sunday, August 22. We rejoice and celebrate with Parker's family. Please pray for this little child and his parents as they raise their child in the Catholic faith!

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 rear of the Church Hall or on the card in the Parish Center lobby.



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

AUGUST 15:	
Total:	\$ 10,497
Number	284

Special Collection for Catholic University	
Total:	\$ 545

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass begins on **September 19.** During the 11:30am Mass, children ages 3-8 are called to the altar before the Liturgy of the Word. An adult will bring them to the Chapel to hear and discuss the week's readings on a child's level. Masks are required; participation is up to the parents and child.



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. 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.



What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

What is it about meetings where food is served? They just seem to go better. Maybe it's that people are in a more agreeable mood if donuts are on the table. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating. Maybe it is that we're just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist? Is it prayer or Scripture study? Is it time with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LABOR DAY IS SEPTEMBER 6

Next weekend, we celebrate Labor Day with a federal holiday. This year, let's especially pray for the doctors, nurses, hospital staff, and first responders who have toiled for more than 18 months to care for those sick and suffering from COVID 19. **Mass will be celebrated on Monday, September 6, at 9:00 in the Church.** Please join us!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 29, 2021

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.

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/ Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/ Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Luke 5:33-39

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Joe Sweeney
through the generosity of
Tom and Marie Litchko.



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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www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

**JUDITH BENVENGER
MARGARET McCLINTOCK**

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Llona Bryant, Christine Schweidler, 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, 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 28	Edward Haggerty, 2nd Anniv.
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Aug 29	Joe Kane
	8:00 AM	Joe Kane
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish
	11:30 AM	
Monday	Aug 30	
	7:30 AM	Kathleen Volz
Tuesday	Aug 31	
	7:30 AM	Joe Kane
Wednesday	Sept 1	
	7:30 AM	Malcolm Zerbe
Thursday	Sept 2	
	7:30 AM	George J. Ershaw
Friday	Sept 3	
	7:30 AM	Gregory Kistler
Saturday	Sept 4	
	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	Sept 5	
	8:00 AM	Helen & Walter Cattie
	9:30 AM	Regina Kerrigan, 15th Anniv.
	11:30 AM	Kenneth A. MacDonald, Jr.

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