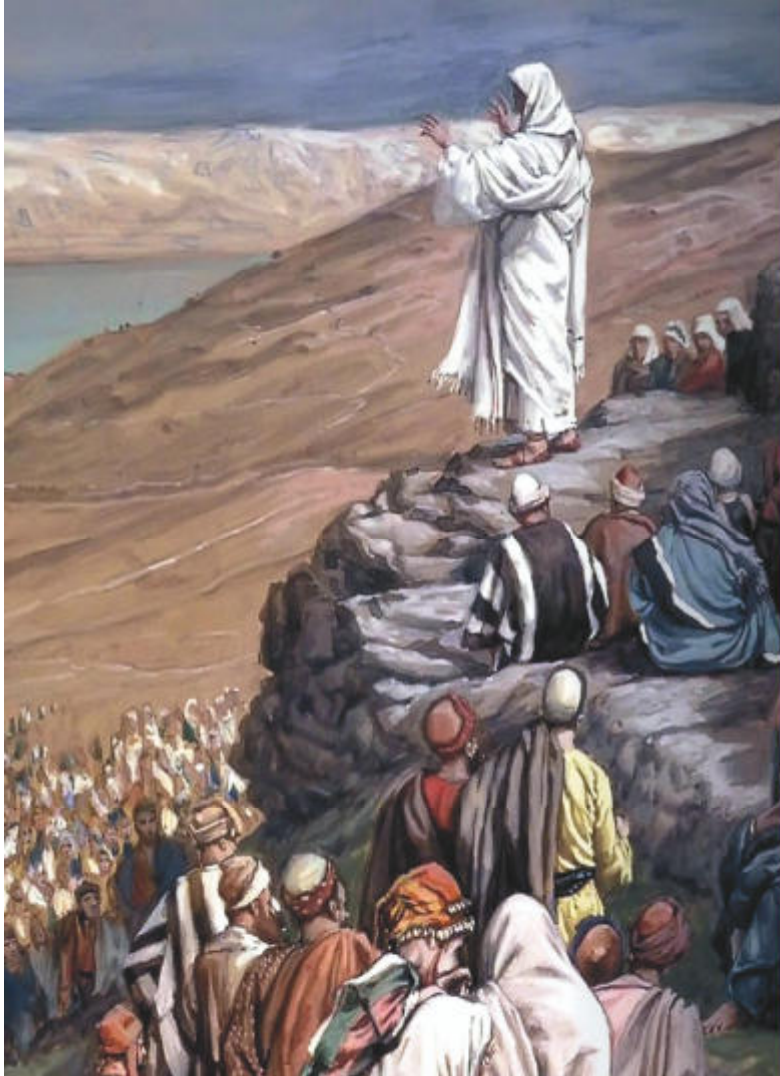




SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

September 12, 2021



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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
 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 SEPTEMBER 12, THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS MARK 8:27-35.

THINK ABOUT IT: "...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Someone might say, 'you have faith and I have works.' Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you **from** my works."

ADULTS: After a disaster, volunteers seem to materialize from no where, helping clean up and providing food and sometimes shelter. Many times, these volunteers are organized by churches - their good works are a sign of their faith. Why should faith lead to good works? Can good works improve faith?

YOUTH: Jesus said, 'Do these things for the least of my brothers, and you do them for me.' He asks us to do good works for people in need. What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?

PARISH PICNIC 2021

It won't be the same without you! The Parish Picnic is next Sunday, September 19, from 4-7 p.m. Please RSVP:(610-485-0441, x2, by September 13.

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).

Let us know you are coming and number in your group. Hope to see you there!!



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.



A CHANGE IN BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Beginning on Saturday, **September 18**, the Parish Business Office will no longer be open on Saturday mornings.

If you have the need to come to the Parish Office on the weekend, it will be open and staffed on Sunday between 9:00am and 1:00pm. This is a good time to pick up a Mass card, purchase food gift certificates, and conduct other parish business.

After Labor Day, the weekday office hours return to the regular schedule:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:30

Friday 8:30 - 2:30

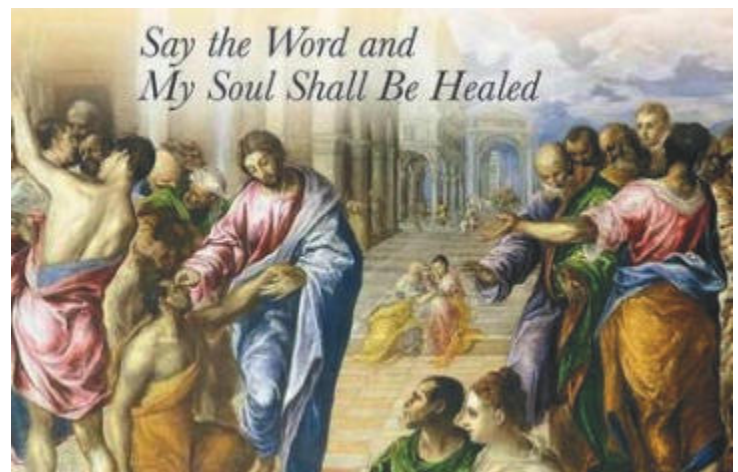
The office is closed for lunch between 12 and 1:00pm on weekdays.

The staff is always happy to serve you in person!

ST. JOHN FISHER WOMEN'S EDUCATION FUND

Save the date! October 20 is the 2021 **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends** shopping day. For a \$5.00 donation, you can purchase a Boscov's shopping pass that will give you a 25% discount on almost everything in the store on October 20. The Boscov's discount shopping passes go on sale after all Masses beginning September 11.

The proceeds of the shopping pass sale help fund a scholarship given to a female graduating high school senior who volunteers her time in service to the parish. Thank you for your continued support!



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday is next weekend, September 19. During the 9:30 Mass, those in our parish community who have volunteered to serve as catechists and aides in the PREP and RCIA programs will be called forward to be commissioned for their ministry. This year's theme is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith, spreading the Word of God, and being a witness to the Gospel. Please join the parish in praying for these dedicated volunteers.

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 (610-485-0441, ext. 5.)

ALL RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES MEETING



All youth candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist at St. John Fisher Parish, including children who attend Catholic school, are to be present, with their parents, at our first gathering on **Monday, September 20, at 7:00pm in the Church.** Father McDermott will speak and pertinent information about the reception of these sacraments will be given to all families, including the schedule for all activities and practices. This meeting is extremely important, as no information will be given out in the classrooms or mailed to the home. If you have any questions, please call the PREP office, 610-485-0441, ext 5.

All 6th Grade Candidates for Confirmation, including those who attend Catholic School, along with their parents, are to be present at a meeting on **Wednesday, September 22, at 6:15pm.** We will meet in the Church. This is a very important meeting which will provide details of the activities during this year that will prepare the children for Confirmation in 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the PREP office at 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND PARENTS MEETING

All 6th Grade Candidates for Confirmation, including those who attend Catholic School, along with their parents, are to be present at a meeting on **Wednesday, September 22, at 6:15pm.** We will meet in the Church. This is a very important meeting which will provide details of the activities during this year that will prepare the children for Confirmation in 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the PREP office at 610-485-0441, ext. 5.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

AUGUST 29:

Total:	\$ 11,394
Number	312

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 to our faith.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish!

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The PB&J Collection has started! The Religious Education Program (PREP) is sponsoring a special food collection of jars of peanut butter and jelly from September 19 through October 17. Could you please add a jar of these staples to your grocery list for donation?



Every Sunday is Food Sunday! The Parish collects food each week to help feed others in our community. Please place your donations in the cabinets at the rear of the Church Hall. During the week, please drop your donation on the cart in the Parish Center lobby. We accept unopened, shelf stable food and beverages that have not expired, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, diapers, toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels.

Now that school is back in session, some of your donations are dropped off at the Upper Chichester elementary, middle, and high schools. Personal care products, feminine hygiene products, and individually-wrapped foods are especially helpful for the Social Workers at the schools to have on hand.

The Caring for Friends freezer is critically low on meals. Can you make an extra portion of your evening meal and package it in the provided pans to share with the needy seniors in our area? The pans can be found in the Parish Center kitchen. This meal program really makes a difference! Thanks in advance for your generosity!

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Seminarian Allen Blehl will return to St. John Fisher Parish this semester on Thursdays, and will host a morning Bible Study this Fall.

The class will begin on Thursday, September 23, at 10:00am until 11:30am. The topic is still to be determined.

If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office, 610-485-0441, ext. 2, and let us know you'll be coming so we can prepare the materials.



Allen Blehl

ST. CHARLES BORROME0 SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE

In celebration of its 150th anniversary, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will host an Open House for the faithful of the Archdiocese on **Sunday, October 3.**

Tours will begin at 2:00pm and the event concludes with solemn Vespers in St. Martin of Tours Chapel at 5:00pm.

This year there are 149 seminaries enrolled at St. Charles. In addition to the archdiocese, 14 partner dioceses and five religious orders send men to the Seminary.

St. John Fisher Parish has been blessed to have seminarians serve their pastoral assignments here during the past four summers and on Thursdays during the school year.



WOULD JESUS BE A BYSTANDER OR AN UPSTANDER?

Someone who witnesses bullying is a bystander. An **upstander** is someone who takes action when he or she witnesses bullying.

Jesus was an **upstander** when an angry mob brought a woman to him, wanting to throw stones at her. He questioned the bullying behavior by saying, "Let the one among you without sin be the first to throw a stone." Jesus was an **upstander** when he was kind to tax collectors, sick people and sinners, even though he was criticized by the leaders of the temple. He healed, befriended, and ate dinner with these vulnerable people.

You can be an **upstander**, too! Even one person's support can make a big difference for someone who is being bullied. If you feel safe enough to speak up, use some of these tips:

- ◆ Defend the target of the bullying
- ◆ Change the subject.
- ◆ Use humor to lighten up a serious situation
- ◆ Question the bullying behavior.
- ◆ Validate the victim and his or her social status
- ◆ Intervene with a group of friends.
- ◆ Openly state an objection to bullying.
- ◆ If the situation isn't safe enough to speak up, find and tell an adult what's happening.

To prevent bullying, try this:

- ◆ Stay near adults and other kids...bullying happens most when no adults are around.
- ◆ Be inclusive by welcoming others to join activities and groups.
- ◆ Be a role model by showing kindness, respect, and empathy for others.
- ◆ Walk or sit with or near vulnerable kids who may be targets of bullying.
- ◆ Get involved with bullying prevention efforts at school or in the community.

Do what Jesus did! Be an **upstander!** Learn more at the website stopbullying.gov.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
James 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/John 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Luke 8:1-3

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16-4:3/Mark 9:30-37

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Joe Sweeney
through the generosity of
Juanita Madden



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

THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE RECENT STORMS

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Michael Tart, John McGurk, 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 Ebricht, John Murphy, Brian Allison, Harry Sperrone, Betty Wenger, Lorraine Karpinski, Nicholas Pilch, EllieMae McCreight, Michael McGovern, Gloria Williamson, Kim Cassano, Enzo Cardaroli, 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	Sept 11	Francis X. Kerrigan, Jr.
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Sept 12	People of the Parish
	8:00 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
	9:30 AM	Abe McKenna
	11:30 AM	
Monday	Sept 13	Joe Walker, 8th Anniv.
	7:30 AM	
Tuesday	Sept 14	Anne C. Eriksen
	7:30 AM	
Wednesday	Sept 15	Joanne Hart
	7:30 AM	
Thursday	Sept 16	Bernard Dugan
	7:30 AM	
Friday	Sept 17	Malcolm Zerbe
	7:30 AM	
Saturday	Sept 18	Joseph Kane
	4:00 PM	
Sunday	Sept 19	Anna & Anne Sullivan
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	9:30 AM	Mary Donnelly
	11:30 AM	

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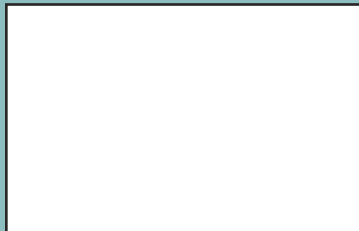
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