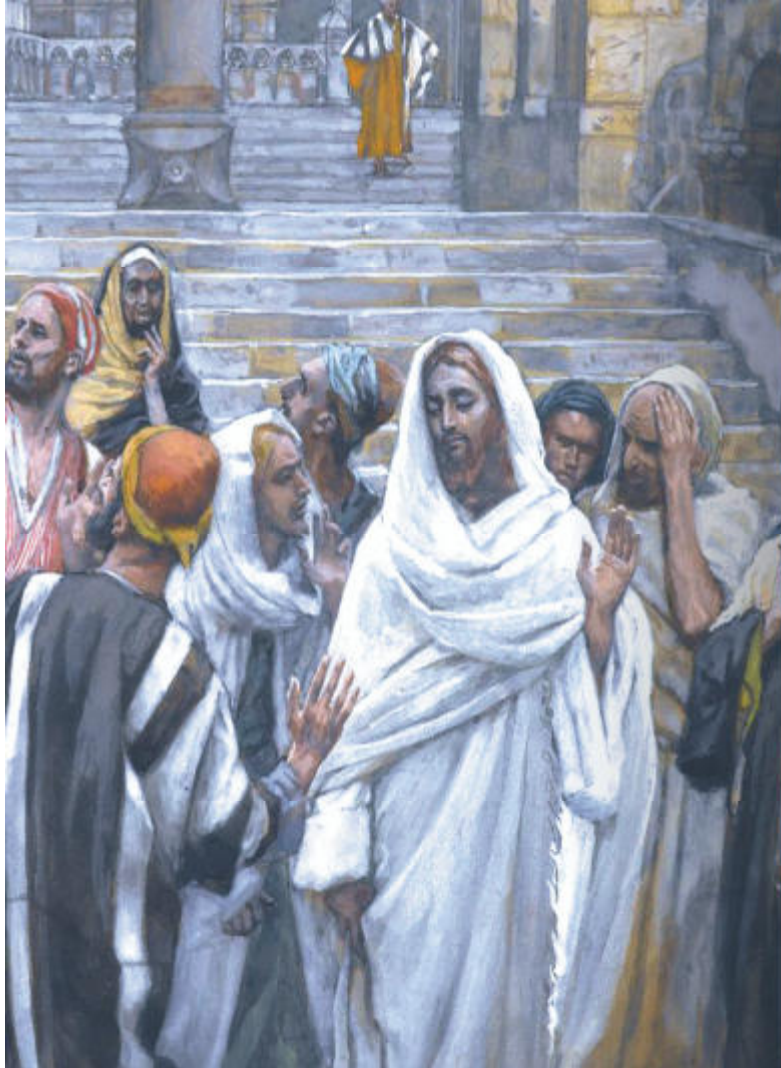




SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

September 26, 2021



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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
Weekend Assistant: Rev. Francis X. Devlin, O.S.A.
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TODAY IS SEPTEMBER 26, THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

THINK ABOUT IT: *“The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.” James 5:4*

ADULTS: St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world’s brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

YOUTH: Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Seminarian Allen Blehl is back at St. John Fisher Parish this semester on Thursdays, and is hosting a morning Bible Study this Fall.

The class features the book of James, one of the most practical books of the Bible on issues face by ordinary Christians in everyday life.

It’s not too late to join in! The class is held on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30am, in the Parish Center.



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 are being sold after all Masses in the Church Hall.

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!



COVID UPDATE

It has been the intent of our parish to follow best practices regarding safety precautions for the COVID 19 virus. Recommendations from the CDC, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and common sense combine for these best practices.

We were hoping that we would not regress in the level of freedoms that have evolved, unless the health situation warranted.

It is now common practice for stores and businesses in our area to follow the CDC recommendation that all patrons are recommended to wear masks in public indoor settings where there is a high or substantial rate of virus transmission, regardless of vaccination status. Delaware County currently is listed as a county with a high rate of the COVID cases.

Our signage has been changed at parish buildings to reflect this updated practice: masks are recommended indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Ministers for Holy Communion will continue to sanitize their hands and wear mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.

Singing will continue at all Masses with the exception of the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday. The 8:00 AM Mass will remain the “quiet” or “simple” Mass with instrumental organ music for the major hymns.

Choirs have resumed with the precaution of choir members wearing masks during this period of high transmission in Delaware County. Masking is needed for choir members, because of higher aerosol breathing associated with singing.

Thank you for your patience and concern for others during these trying times.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN



The Children’s Liturgy of the Word during begins this Sunday, during the 11:30am Mass. Children ages 3-8 are invited up 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

The Parish Business Office is no longer 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.**

SAVE THE DATE: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Join us on **Sunday, October 3, at 1:30pm**, in the Virgin Mary's courtyard, for a blessing of the animals. The custom of blessing animals usually takes place near the Feast of St. Francis Assisi. Although raised in a wealthy family, Francis chose a simple life poverty, humility, and the love of all things God created. There are stories of his special bond with animals, communicating with them as one soul to another. He is often depicted as holding a bird and surrounded by woodland animals.



Parishioners are welcome to bring their pets for a blessing. For the safety of your pet, please use a leash, crate, or cage to protect them and the other animals.

BE A SCOUT! FALL SIGN-UP START NOW

Cub Scout Pack 225 (grades K to 5) and Boy Scout Troop 225 (ages 11 to 18) are chartered by St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Aston. While open to all faiths, the Pack offers unique opportunities for Catholic scouts.



Join Cub Scout Pack 225 this fall! Registration is open all year but we are already planning fall events. Some activities include: Pinewood Derby, Christmas Caroling, Camping and other fun activities...did we mention sleeping in the outfield at the Wilmington Blue Rocks ballpark? For more information, call Cub Master Rob Gailey at (610) 308-9292 or e-mail: Pack225Aston@gmail.com .

Boy Scout Troop 225 registration is always open. The Troop meets in Degnan Hall at St. Joseph's in Aston on Thursday evenings from 7:30 until 9:00. Come and join us for an evening of skills and games! Our program includes monthly outdoor activities like camping, hiking, and other exciting adventures. Check us out on the web at www.BSA225.org or contact Scoutmaster Glen Clark Idocorian@aol.com, or membership coordinator Bill Fendt, wfendt@verizon.net.



FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SEPTEMBER 12:

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|---------------|------------------|
| Total: | \$ 13,762 |
| Number | 320 |

Thank you for your continued support of the parish!

IN APPRECIATION

The folks that attended the parish picnic-block party had a wonderful time on Sunday, September 19!



Thanks to the many picnic goers who brought desserts and salads to compliment the parish supplied roast pork, meatballs, and beverages.

Special thanks to the committee members and servers for their efforts, including Barbara and Deacon Dan Bingnear, Eleanor MacDonald, Bob Curl, Karen Smith, Theresa McGoldrick, Joan Kravitz, Maureen Clendenin, Barbara Tarone, Rose Conte, and Harry Stefchak.

We also want to thank the Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Council for their assistance with setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, and especially for their sponsorship of the Mister Softee Ice Cream Truck.

Thanks to Will Lawler for the use of party tents for the event. The kids had tons of fun, thanks to Meghan Yakas, who provided the exciting Moon Bounce and her extraordinary talents in making animal balloon creations for the youngest participants.

Even the weather cooperated, with a pleasant evening to enjoy an outdoor social with friends and family!

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

Catholic men and women, Ages 52-67, are cordially invited to join the Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests and dine together two times a month. The next event is Sunday, October 24, 5:30pm, at **Jin Ding**, a restaurant located at 1051 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr. Safe seating will be arranged indoors for this event. For more info, call Barb (610) 896-6542.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO 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 years.

ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL SENIORS

St. John's on the Hill Seniors looks forward to welcoming you back to our social events this fall! The next three general meetings are at noon on

October 14

October 28

November 11

The meetings will be held in the St. John Fisher Parish Center Hall. In order to safely enjoy each other's company, St. John's on the Hill is asking you to bring your proof of vaccination card with you in order to attend the event. Masks are optional, but strongly encouraged by St. John Fisher Parish for indoor events. Hope you will join us!

HELP WANTED

Chichester Kinderschool is seeking staff to work in their child care center, full- or part-time. The family-run, non-profit center has been in operation for 45 years, and is located at 3913 Chichester Avenue, right down the street from St. John Fisher.

If you or someone you know might be interested in working with children, please call 610-485-0521 and ask to speak with Jim or Kathi Squadrito to arrange an interview.

ACTIVITIES

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Church

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: Sundays at 10:30 – 11:15am in Church

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: Every other Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

RESURRECTION CHOIR: Sings for funeral Masses. No rehearsals.

MEN'S GATHERING: Mondays at 7:00pm; meetings are held in the "Living Room" in the Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Mondays after the 7:30am Mass until noon in the Church. Concludes with Benediction at noon.

THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY: Daily after the 7:30am Mass

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.): Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Items due by noon on Tuesday. Email them to ReneeDevine@sjf71.org

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets first Thursday of the month

FINANCE COUNCIL: Meets second Tuesday of the month

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY SAVIOUR COUNCIL 13710: Officers' Meeting, first Monday of the month at 7:00pm; General membership meeting, third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Meetings held at Immaculate Conception in the Hall. Contact Harry Stefchak, Grand Knight, at 610-485-2020 for membership information. New members welcome!

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
ELIZABETH SCANLON
through the generosity of
Barbara Tarone.



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

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GEORGE MAZZOLI
MARY SHICATANO**

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Beverly Shinnen, Michael Baglione, Michael Tart, John McGurk, Christine Schweidler, Nikki Zaborowski, Eric Evangelista, Connie McElwee, Joe Stafford, 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, 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, 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 | Sept 25 | Francis X. Kerrigan, Jr. |
| | 4:00 PM | |
| Sunday | Sept 26 | Leo & Betty Host |
| | 8:00 AM | Grace Racine |
| | 9:30 AM | People of the Parish |
| | 11:30 AM | |
| Monday | Sept 27 | Malcolm Zerbe |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Tuesday | Sept 28 | Colleen Brown |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Wednesday | Sept 29 | Bill & Teresa Harding |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Thursday | Sept 30 | Harry John Janson |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Friday | Oct 1 | JoAnne Bissinger, 1st. Anniv. |
| | 7:30 AM | |
| Saturday | Oct 2 | People of the Parish |
| | 4:00 PM | |
| Sunday | Oct 3 | Joe Kane |
| | 8:00 AM | Scott Stone |
| | 9:30 AM | Kenneth A. MacDonald, Sr. |
| | 11:30 AM | |

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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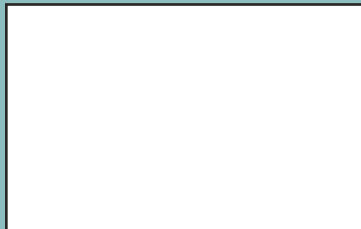
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