



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

December 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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 - 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.
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)
Communications Secretary: (ext. 2)
Maintenance: Mr. Bill Casey (ext. 7)

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**TODAY IS DECEMBER 26,
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
THE GOSPEL IS LUKE 2:41-52**

Think about it: “Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:51-52

Today’s Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness. Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the “light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families.” While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God’s continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

ADULTS: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

YOUTH: Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars now for the spring blood drive at St. John Fisher Parish - Monday, March 14, from 2:00pm until 7:00pm.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO DONATE!

The highest standards of safety and infection control, including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff, have been implemented to safeguard donors, volunteers, and employees.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 26, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-28//1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24// Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 // Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 // Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 // Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 // Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 // Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27 // Gal 4:4-7// Lk 2:16-21

RESTORE: A WOMEN’S HEALING RETREAT

To be held on January 21-23, 2022 at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA. God longs for us to acknowledge that we are his beloved daughters, carefully created, infinitely loved and valued beyond measure. We often struggle to experience the truth of who we are. Our pain and woundedness distorts the lens through which we look at ourselves and others. Come...and let Him restore you!

Retreat experiences include: small groups, individual healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry. Find the full schedule and register:

<https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat>.

TRIP TO THE CATSKILLS

It is not too early to think vacation. Are you looking to get away for a few relaxing days?

Why not join us on a trip to Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in the Catskills. Dates are June 21 to 24, 2022. Trip includes 3 full breakfast and dinners and 2 lite fare lunches, a complete schedule of daytime activities and nightly shows and entertainment.

Cost is \$625 for a double, \$585 for a triple and \$751 for a single. If interested please contact Barbara Tarone at 610-485-6067. Flyers will be available in the Church Hall and the Parish Office. Deposit check made payable to St. John Fisher Church. Hope you can join us!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Holy Family Alumni Award recipients:

Young Alumni Colleen Betzel Memorial Award: Tom Piraino Jr.

Holy Family Distinguished Alumni Award: Father Kevin Gallagher

Holy Family Leadership Award: Jackie Denning

Presenting the Awards at the Holy Family Winter Ball on December 4, 2021 was Board Chair, Bill DeFeo & Award Committee Chair, Maria Deysher. Holy Family Regional Catholic School is located in Aston, PA & serves parishioners from St. John Fisher, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Charity & St. Francis Parishes.

Photo left to right: Maria Deysher, Tom Piraino Jr., Father Kevin Gallagher, Jackie Denning, and Bill DeFeo.



Holy Day Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1
10:00 AM

Epiphany of our Lord

Vigil Mass; Saturday, January 1 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 2
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Business Office will be closed on the following days so the staff can enjoy Christmas with their families:

Monday, December 27

Closed for New Year's on:

**Friday, December 31 & Monday,
January 3, 2022.**

WITH HUMBLE THANKS...

We are blessed to serve & lead the parishioners of St. John Fisher. Your example of charity and devotion continue to inspire each of us in our vocation. Thank you for your witness of faith in family life. We received many warm expressions for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, & we want to thank you for your thoughtfulness. Thanks, too for the delicious cookies, wonderful treats and other gifts of kindness during the Christmas season. Many blessings in the New Year! -- Fr. Robert McDermott, Fr. Francis Devlin, OSA, & Deacon Daniel Bingnear.

Aid for Friends Meals

Please consider donating your healthy and nutritious leftover meals to those in the parish and community that may not have enough to eat. Food containers can be found next to the meals refrigerator located in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generous donations.

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to early publishing deadlines, the weekend totals will appear after the New Year!

Your generous & consistent support of the parish helps us "keep the lights on" to continue our mission of spreading the Gospel. Thanks for your faith, your prayers and your financial support!

2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 St. John Fisher wall calendar was distributed in church the weekend of December 19. Many thanks to the Pagano Funeral Home for providing the calendars this year.



BREAKFAST BAGS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

PREP is kicking off 2022 with its "Breakfast Bag" service project. Just fill a brown lunch bag with the following: a 100% juice bag/box, granola bar, cheese or peanut butter crackers, applesauce, raisins or fruit cup, or any other non-perishable breakfast food. You can also include a thoughtful note for the recipient or decorate the brown bag if you want. These bags are shared with children in families who are struggling to put food on the table. This is a great family project! It will run through January 31. Please contact Kathy Aaronson at 610-485-0441, ext. 5, if you have any questions.



IN APPRECIATION

Christmas is a time to be thankful to our God for sharing the gift of His Son with us, and to the many people who share their time, talent, and treasure with our parish. We truly appreciate all that you do! Thank you...

- ◆ To all who helped decorate the church and parish grounds for Advent and Christmas.
- ◆ To all who donated to the Christmas flower fund so we could fill the church with fresh greenery, poinsettias, and floral arrangements.
- ◆ To those who regularly support our food drives, Aid for Friends, and to the Knights of Columbus for delivering food to our neighbors in need.
- ◆ To all who thoughtfully shopped for gifts suggested through the Giving Tree, and those who helped deliver them to the agencies we support.
- ◆ To the Adult, Contemporary, Youth, and Knights of Columbus Choirs who dedicated their time to provide us with beautiful music during the Christmas season, and in particular to the musicians and cantors.
- ◆ To you, for your faithful financial support throughout the year.

NEWS FROM THE PREP OFFICE

The students in the PREP classes celebrated the season with prayer and a party this past week. There will be no PREP classes on December 28, 29. Classes will resume on January 4,5. Enjoy the break!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

RETREAT—The students who will be celebrating First Reconciliation on January 24 are required to attend their Reconciliation Preparation Retreat with one of their parents on Monday, January 10 at 7 PM in the church.

REHEARSAL—A rehearsal for the Sacrament of Reconciliation children will be on Sunday, January 16 at 12:30 PM in church. All children receiving the sacrament must be present.

Sacrament of Confirmation

7th Grade Confirmation students will have their Pre-Confirmation Interviews on Thursday, January 6, 2022.



UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday 1/02	4:00pm	Cantor
	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Cantor

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.

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
Sister Marie Ide
From Larry



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 **WeShare** 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.
Charles Hughes, Principal
Kristy Cobb, Business Manager 610-494-0147
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA
www.holyfamilyaston.org

May They Rest in Peace

Paul Berry

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Emanuel Broomall, Norman Carriero, Emily Meakim, Mary Anne Vail, Lisa Casey, Barbara Manaka, Patti Ruditys, Dot Elliott, Patricia Hunt, Mary Ann Palmer, Kristine Nolen, Dennis Bieryla, John Maguire, Eileen Kirby, Carol Gaska, Ann Thomas, Kevin English, Beverly Shinnen, Michael Baglione, Michael Tart, John McGurk, Christine Schweidler, Nikki Zaborowski, Eric Evangelista, Connie McElwee, Joe Stafford, John Chambers, 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, Lorraine Karpinski, Nicholas Pilch, EllieMae McCreight, Michael McGovern, Gloria Williamson, Kim Cassano, James Mack, Margaret Chaga, Cass Powers, Shawn Bedwell, Scott Moyer, Gail McCafferty, JoAnn Bezold, Linda Johnston, Hazel Neary, Norman Falkowski, Jr., Ruth Jobe, Ruth Ann Moffett, Connie Carney, Billie Hobdell, John Grady, Bryan Snyder, Betty Ann Deshullo, Gladys Kinsler, Frank Breitmayer, Mary Giambri, Pasquale Mignogna, Judy Frezetti, Paula Davis, Hank Granville, Colleen Hughes, May Graves, Amy Calcagno, Susan Curl, Marie Barker, Helen Brogley, Kevin Neary, Mark Lane, Tom Oleary, Nancy Weins

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Dec 26	
	8:00 AM	Mary Dugan
	9:30 AM	Delores Luinn
	11:30 AM	Frank Faramelli
Monday	Dec 27	
	7:30 AM	Eileen Pace
Tuesday	Dec 28	
	7:30 AM	Eunice Porter
Wednesday	Dec 29	
	7:30 AM	Dominick Crawford
Thursday	Dec 30	
	7:30 AM	Michael Lendacky
Friday	Dec 31	
	7:30 AM	Special Intention
Saturday	Jan 1	
	10:00 AM	Carol Connell
	4:00 PM	People of The Parish
Sunday	Jan 2	
	8:00 AM	Sally Davis
	9:30 AM	Mary Page
	11:30 AM	Jerry Cooney



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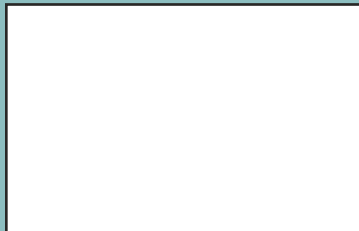
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