



# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

*January 9, 2022*



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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)

### *Pastor Emeritus*

Rev. John Sibel

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**TODAY IS JANUARY 9,  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
THE GOSPEL IS LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22**

**Think about it::** "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved,<sup>1</sup> with you I am well pleased." *Luke 3:21-22*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

**ADULTS:** Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

**YOUTH:** What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 9, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11//Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7// Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8 // Ps 116:12-19// Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20// 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8// Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20// Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11 // Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7 // Mk 2:1-12

**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!



**Masses by Time in Local Area Parishes**

**(Weekdays)**

6:30am St. Joseph Aston (M-F)

7:30am St. John Fisher Boothwyn (M-F)  
St. Katherine Drexel Chester (M-F)

8:00am St. Thomas the Apostle Glen Mills (M, T, W, F)  
Our Lady of Charity Brookhaven (M, T, TH, F)  
Our Lady of Rosary Claymont (T-F)

8:30am St. Francis de Sales Lenni (M, T, TH, F)

9:00am St. Thomas the Apostle Glen Mills (TH)  
Holy Child, Wilmington (M-TH)

**Saturdays**

8:00am Our Lady of Rosary Claymont

8:30am St. Joseph Aston  
St. Francis De Sales Lenni

### Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for (2) Catechists who are receiving special awards next Sunday, January 9th, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

Meghan Yakas– 5 yrs– St. John Neumann Award  
Joyce McQuaid– 25 yrs– St. Charles Borromeo Award

We thank them for all of their dedication and love for our children in helping them learn about the Catholic faith!

### 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.

To sign up, you can go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Click on "Donate Blood" and a new window will open. "Find a Blood Drive" by zip code is located at the top right. Type in "19061" and click 'load more results' until you reach St. John Fisher on March 14th. A window will open where you can choose a time to donate.

If you previously have donated, you may get a call to schedule an appointment time. Call Barbara Tarone, 610-485-6067 if you have any questions.

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

DECEMBER 19:  
 Total: \$ 9,907.00  
 Number # 305

DECEMBER 25:  
 Total: \$ 33,093.00  
 Number # 321

DECEMBER 26:  
 Total: \$ 9,833.00  
 Number # 235

*Thank you for your faithful support!*

### 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, Caring 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 and Youth 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.

### **THANK YOU!**



To the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of the book, "Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelly, that was handed out at Christmas. We thank you for all of your dedication, hard work and thoughtfulness during the year!

## 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.

### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday 1/15</b>	4:00pm	Cantor
<b>Sunday 1/16</b>	8:00am	Instrumental
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Cantor



### Christmas Flower Offering

A supplemental publication of the Christmas Flower Memorial will be put out January 16, 2022. This will include any names that may have come in after the deadline in December. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your generous donations.

### 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 burned the week  
of December 25th for  
Rev. Oscar Frundt  
From Gloria & John O'Donnell



And burns this week for  
Judith Benvenger From Marie Davie

**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](http://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 & 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*

**Anthony Iezzi  
Harry McCarthy  
Molly Remaley  
Rita Woods**

*"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, Paula Davis, Hank Granville, Colleen Hughes, May Graves, Amy Calcagno,

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>	
	4:00 PM	Anna Kravitz
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 9</b>	
	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	9:30 AM	Jim Hanavin
	11:30 AM	Melvin Trujillo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 10</b>	
	7:30 AM	Jen Davish
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 11</b>	
	7:30 AM	Jeanine Gillespi
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 12</b>	
	7:30 AM	Rose Liott
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 13</b>	
	7:30 AM	David Scaggs
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	
	7:30 AM	Rosemary Ershaw
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 15</b>	
	4:00 PM	James Tims
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 16</b>	
	8:00 AM	Jane & Joe Leary
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish
	11:30 AM	Mary Page



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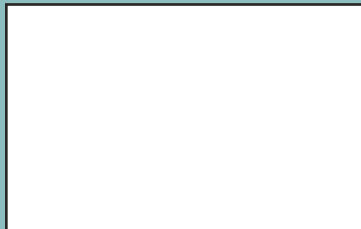
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