

SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

*Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017*

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Office Hours

Mon – Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM (*Summer*)
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
(*Office closed weekdays from 12:00-1:00pm for lunch*)



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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 AND 11:30 AM
Weekday Masses in the Chapel: Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM
HOLY DAYS: Vigil at 7:00 PM; 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
HOLIDAYS: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Celebrated on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 12:45 PM. Pre-Jordan baptismal instruction is held on the Third Sunday at 12:45 PM. Please call or visit the Parish Office to arrange baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):

SATURDAY: 3:00 - 3:45 PM
Other times by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: One party must be a registered member of Saint John Fisher. Couples must make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the intended date. 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.

PARISH ONLINE GIVING: Visit www.stjohnfisherchurch.com and click on the Parish Giving icon to sign up for our Online Giving Program.

LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: If you need a Letter of Eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered member of the parish, a practicing Catholic, and at least 16 years of age. If married, you must be in a valid marriage. Letters cannot be signed by the Pastor 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 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 registration.

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Today is the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading is **Matthew 15:21-28**. **Key Passage:** Jesus said, "Oh woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed. **Adults:** The woman in the Gospel story was persistent in prayer. What is it that you pray for insistently? **Youth:** What do you ask God to give you most often?



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Benefit for Memorial Presbyterian Church

Don't forget the Spaghetti Dinner and fundraiser on Sunday night at 5:00pm in the Parish Center! All proceeds of the dinner and Basket Bonanza will benefit the Memorial Presbyterian Church rebuilding fund. Admission is \$10 for adults and teens, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and children under 4 are free. Raffle tickets for the basket bonanza will be sold after Masses this weekend. There was generous donation of a Golf Outing for Four, complete with green fees and carts, at Penn Oaks Country Club in West Chester. Valued at \$400, the tickets for this basket bonanza are \$10 each for the chance to enjoy a round with friends at a private country club!

This event is an opportunity for us to support our neighbors at Memorial Presbyterian Church as they rebuild after the fire that destroyed their historic Church building. Please join our neighbors for an evening of fellowship.



A crew from Top to Bottom Painting and Renovations spent hours cleaning and staining the exterior of the Parish Center.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

We've been busy with the upkeep of our parish buildings and property over the summer! Perhaps the most visible project is the new stain on the cedar siding of the Parish Center. Years of sun and water damage threatened the longevity of the cedar panels. A contractor was hired to care for and beautify the siding. After hand-washing the panels, a polyurethane stain was hand-painted onto the wood. This care should ensure several years of protection for this beautiful wood siding. Three parish volunteer work days were held in July and August. In addition to smaller projects, the volunteers painted the three classrooms in the Parish Center, painted the ladies bathroom in the Church Hall and painted the walls and trim in the sanctuary of the church. Stay tuned for part two!

FOOTBALL MANIA IS BACK!

Have you returned your FOOTBALL MANIA ticket yet? Join the game for a chance to win every week! Tickets were



mailed to every parish family, or can be purchased in the Parish Office. Guaranteed winners are awarded every week, and grand prizes are announced at the end of the season. Please read the ticket for more details. After filling out the ticket stub, please return it with your **\$25 payment** by dropping it in the collection basket, mailing it using the enclosed envelope, or delivering it in person to the Parish Office during business hours. The deadline to purchase tickets is **Thursday, September 7**.



ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Can you help children in need in our community prepare for school? Just purchase one or two extra school supplies while you are out shopping. Some of the items we are collecting include backpacks, notebooks, erasers, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, folders, glue sticks and pencil bags. Please drop off supplies at the PREP Office in the Rectory, or in the basket by the food collection tables in Church by the weekend of September 3. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

REGISTRATION: Register your children **now** for the 2017/18 for PREP classes that begins this fall, if you have not already done so. If your child is a new student, please download the registration form from the parish website, www.stjohnfisherchurch.com or stop by the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Kathy at the PREP office, 610-485-0581, ext. 5.

CLASS SCHEDULE: The Guardian Angel Club, a Sunday school program offered for **pre-school and kindergarten** children, is held on Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall. **Begins on September 24.**

Grades 1-5, Begin September 5 & 6: Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm; Tuesdays 6:15-7:45pm; or Wednesday, 4:30-6:00pm.

Grade 6 (Confirmation Class), Begins September 6: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:45pm.

BACK TO PREP NIGHT: September 5 & 6 – Parents and students should attend the first day of class together. Please meet in the Church at the regularly scheduled class time to kick off the new PREP school year. We will hear from Father McDermott, and then you will meet your child's Catechist and aide in their classroom.

CATECHISTS AND AIDES: There is a dinner and meeting for all PREP faculty members on **Tuesday, August 29, at 6:00pm**, in the Church Hall.

We are still in need of classroom aides for all sessions. We also are in need of a volunteer who is available a couple of hours two or three times a month to update the bulletin boards. Please contact Director of Religious Education Kathy Aaronson, at 6510-485-0441, ext. 5, to volunteer as soon as possible.



BASEBALL MANIA

The Baseball Mania winner for the week of **August 6** was Joe Dinapoli (listed as July 30 winner last week). The lucky

winner for the week of August 13 is **Paul Smalac** (\$25). Congratulations!!

FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday, August 13:

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| Total for the Weekend: | \$ 12,094 |
| Number of envelopes | 381 |

Feast of the Assumption of Mary: \$ 2,372

Thank you for remembering our parish while you are out of town on vacation. Your consistent support of our parish is greatly appreciated!



Our Lady of Fatima – 100th Anniversary Consecration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima

“God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.” To the three children in Fatima, Our Lady asked specifically for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, but she also promised that Christians who would turn to her in prayer, especially through the recitation of the rosary, would be granted the grace they need to overcome sin and would be led by her Immaculate Heart to God.

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap, will consecrate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima on **Sunday, October 15, 2017** at the 11:00am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. All clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to this momentous event in the life of the Church in Philadelphia.

Traditionally, a 33-day preparation period is observed prior to a consecration to the Blessed Virgin. This would begin on Tuesday, September 12. All are invited to prepare spiritually for this event. Two excellent books can help – *Preparation for Total Consecration*, by St. Louis de Montfort, and *33 Days to Morning Glory*, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Other resources can be found on the website www.archphila.org/fatima.

NEW ADDITION

The people of St. John Fisher rejoice with the families of our newest baptized member: **BRAYDEN JAMES FAGAN**
God bless Brayden and his parents!



DO KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS ILL?

Do you have a relatives, friend or neighbor who is sick? The talented ladies who crochet have made some beautiful shawls which Father has blessed. Feel free to stop by and pick up one for someone who needs a little comfort and warmth. You can add people to our prayer list by calling 610-485-0441, ext. 2.

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!



There will be a Music Workshop for all St. John Fisher music ministers on **Wednesday, August 23**, from 7 to 8 pm in the church. We encourage anyone interested in singing with the choir or playing an instrument

during the celebration of the Liturgy to join us! **New members are welcome to join any or all of the groups!**

Adult Choir resumes rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 30 at 7:15pm**. The Adult Choir practices weekly on Wednesday evening.

Contemporary Choir resumes rehearsals on **Tuesday, September 5 at 7:30pm** (special time). Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings twice a month at 7:00pm in the Church. The Contemporary Choir sings on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass.

Resurrection Choir sings for funeral liturgies throughout the year. There are no rehearsals. New members are needed to share in this important music ministry.

Instrumental Group plays with the choir.

Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus Choir rehearses on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm** at Immaculate Conception Church.

On **August 30 at 6:00pm**, we will be having a Potluck Dinner for everyone involved in music ministry. Please come join us at in the Church Hall! Contact Kathy at 610-485-0581, ext. 5 with questions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Sat., Aug. 20 | 4:00pm | People of the Parish & Visitors |
| Sun., Aug. 21 | 8:00am | Albert Psonak, 30 th Anniv. |
| | 9:30am | Jeanne Motter |
| | 11:30am | Jeanne Motter |
| Mon., Aug. 22 | 7:30am | Massimo Giribaldi |
| Tues., Aug. 23 | 7:30am | George Brill |
| Wed., Aug. 24 | 7:30am | Richard Wayne Bunch |
| Thu., Aug. 25 | 7:30am | Ed Ganster |
| Fri., Aug. 26 | 7:30am | Antoinetta Chresta |
| Sat., Aug. 27 | 4:00pm | Frank Monks |
| Sun., Aug. 28 | 8:00am | People of the Parish & Visitors |
| | 9:30am | Jim Hanavin |
| | 11:30am | Jeanne Motter |

The Sanctuary Candle
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"May They Rest in Peace"

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

– Matthew 11:28

Please Pray for Our Sick

Helen Noonan, Shelly Coluchi and her mother Diane Herley, Silvano Ugrotto, Kenny Seltzer Jr., Taylor Graff, Amy Wilkinson, Jack Leahy, JoAnne Ryan, Denise Carson, MaryAnn and Mike Brennan, Anthony J. Dragoni, Sr., Brian Allison, Judy and Jerry Frezetti, Paula Davis, Pat Oakes, Hank Granville, Colleen Hughes, John Rossi, May Graves, Amy Calcagno, Susan Curl, Marie Barker, Josephine King, Regina & Don Hilbert, Veronica & Joe Egan, Helen Brogley, Judy Giovan, Kevin Neary, Tom O'Leary, Nancy Finn, Barbara Rogers, Miles Owen. *Prayers for the Sick: Names remain on our prayer list for 30 days. If a person needs prayers beyond that, call the parish office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2, or email ReneeDevine@sif71.org to re-add him or her to the list.*

UPCOMING MUSICIAN SCHEDULE

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| Sat., Aug. 26 | 4:00pm | Cantor |
| Sun., Aug. 27 | 8:00am | Cantor |
| | 9:30am | Cantor |
| | 11:30am | Cantor |

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Church
YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: Sundays at 10:40 – 11:10am in Church
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: Every other Tuesday evening at 7:00pm
RESURRECTION CHOIR: Sing for funeral Masses. No rehearsals.
MEN'S GATHERING: Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the 'Living Room' meeting space in Church
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Mondays after the 7:30am Mass until noon in the Chapel. Benediction follows at noon.
THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY: Daily after the 7:30am Mass
OUR LADY OF 7 SORROWS PRAYER MEETING: In the Chapel on the first and third Fridays of every month at 10:00am
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.): Every Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Email items to RDevine@sif71.org by noon on Tuesdays.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets on the first Thursday of the month
FINANCE COUNCIL: Meets on the second Tuesday of the month
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Meets every other Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center; begins September 19.
ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL SENIORS: Second and fourth Thursdays at 12:30pm in the Church Hall
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL 14159: Board Meeting at 7:00pm followed by the regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY SAVIOUR COUNCIL 13710: Officers' Meeting, 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm; General membership meeting, 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Meetings held at Immaculate Conception in the Hall. Contact Bob Curl, GK, at 215-459-0919 for information.

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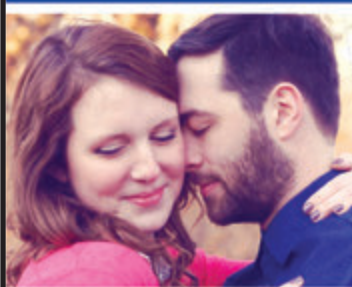
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