

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • MARCH 19, 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 21

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

6:00 pm – Social Action Team meeting

6:30 pm – RCIA

7:00 pm – Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 am – 11:30 am – Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, March 25

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, March 26

9:15 am – Confirmation Class



Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent
First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE – TUESDAY, MARCH 21

We will have a joint celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with St. Veronica Parish. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions during the service.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT- MARCH 25!

Our annual retreat this year will be a Lenten Retreat focused on the Prodigal Son parable. Please consider joining other members of the SJF community to listen, reflect, and share your thoughts about this powerful story. Several presentations will be given by Deacon Tom Gaier, Suzanne Schneller and Jim Crosby, offering reflections and perhaps some new insights into the story and how to connect them to our own lives. We will begin at 10:00 am and finish in time to attend 4:30 pm mass if you choose. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes lunch. For more information, contact Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431 ext. 113 or email jimc@sjfchurch.org

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE THIS WEEKEND

Sale of coffee, tea, candy bars etc. this weekend, March 18th and 19th after all Masses.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual Summer Religious Education (SRE) program will be held from July 24th – August 4th, 2017. The classes are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and are for children entering grades 1-8 in the fall of 2017.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The parish pictorial directories have arrived. If your family participated by having your pictures taken, please pick up your directory in the church office.

EASTER FLOWERS - MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space to donate to this year's Easter flowers in remembrance or honor of a loved one. Please feel free to take an envelope & return it either in the collection or to the church office with your request and donation by Sunday April 9th. Thank you!

RICE BOWL COLLECTION FOR PARISH CHILDREN

ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY Catholic Relief Services teaches young people to be self-sufficient and bring economic opportunities to their community. We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more

THE POWER OF READING – THE POWER OF MUSIC

Local professional musicians will share their talents in a concert to benefit The Literacy Council of Clermont & Brown Counties on Sunday, March 19th at 2 pm at Saint Timothy's. The agency serves adults who need help with literacy skills – more than 20% of the population! – by matching them with trained, one-on-one volunteer tutors. St. John Fisher Parishioner Ron Bona-Hatem's wife, Suzanne, is a flutist and host of the Sunday Baroque radio program on WGUC. She is organizing the concert, which will feature musicians from the CCM faculty and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. CINCINNATI BENGALS Assistant Coach Paul Alexander is Honorary Advocate for the event and an amateur pianist himself, who will "tackle" music by Chopin! SJF Parishioners Maryann Ziemer and Dee Harsham are volunteers for the event, which is at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, 8101 Beechmont Ave. Advance tickets are \$25 (\$15 for children and students) and can be purchased online at ClermontBrownLiteracy.org or tickets can be purchased at the door for \$30.

OUR BULLETIN – DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS

Jim Mazza representing **Diocesan Publications** (our bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertising and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact **Jim** directly at 513-748-3007 or jmazza@diocesan.com. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU** and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

ST. VINCENT MISSION TRIP JUNE 11-16

If you are interested in spending part of a week in beautiful David, Kentucky, helping make home repairs, please contact Jim Crosby. We hope to have a group of energetic St. John Fisher members participate in this adventure. You may select the days to attend and the parish has raised the funds to support you. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help the poor this summer by helping those under the direction of Sister Kathleen's St. Vincent Mission. Thank you..

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 25th and 26th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria & Michael Taylor

Sunday, 9:00 am – Erin & Jordan Fanning, Lilly Sharp

Sunday, 11:00 am – Olivia Walsh, Sage & Aris Remsen

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

This year we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of Saint John Fisher Parish. To mark this occasion and to celebrate this event the SJF Pastoral Council is planning a celebration on Sunday May 21st, 2017.

Following the 11:00 am Mass, we will have our usual May Crowning, which will include the blessing of our new statue of Mary in our Prayer Garden.

That evening, we will have a pot-luck supper. The details of this are still being developed, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

If you have been a parishioner since the founding of the parish, we would appreciate it if you would contact the parish office and let us know. (561-9431, 116 or normaf@sjfchurch.org). We hope you will be able to join us for the celebration. (The *actual date of the founding is May 11, 1947*)

FISHES AND LOAVES HELPERS NEEDED

There are many times that members of our parish need short-term assistance with meals, transportation or visits. If you are in need of this assistance or are interested in assisting a fellow parish member, please contact Marty Rauhen at mmrauen@gmail.com or call 232-4350. We need additional helpers to meet our community's needs. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$30,627

Electronic Giving - \$8,684

Actual Offertory Received - \$39,311

Budgeted Offertory - \$36,000

Thank you for your wonderful response to our 2017 Offertory Commitment efforts! As of March 2nd, we have received commitments from 100 parish families who have agreed to increase their giving level by a total of \$30,689. We have also noticed an increase in offertory from some parishioners who did not formally respond to the letter and want to acknowledge our appreciation to them as well. Thanks to all of you for your generosity!

While these are encouraging results, we have not received responses from approximately 75% of those to whom we sent a letter. We would again ask for your prayerful consideration of a 5-10% increase in your offertory contribution, particularly if you are not a regular contributor. Similar to your family expenses, our parish expenses typically increase every year and your additional support will help us keep up with rising costs. If you have misplaced your letter and would like another copy, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your consideration!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 20

12:00 pm – William Jennewein - (Ruth Jennewein)

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 am – John Ebbeler

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 am – Susan Schroeder

Thursday, March 23

8:00 am – De Lampert

Friday, March 24

12:00 pm – Communion Service

Saturday, March 25

4:30 pm – Diane Schlosser - (Linda Huhn)

Sunday, March 26

9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

11:00 am – Eugene Phelan - (Lee & Nancy Murrell)

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Have you cancelled your land line phone service at home and just use your cell phone? If you have, please call the office at 561-9431 ext. 116 and provide us with the number, so we can bring our records up to date. Thank you!

FORMED – FORGIVEN

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental programs. FORGIVEN explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The entire FORMED website is available free to our parishioners. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register-sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code: B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are all set to use all the great programs on formed.org anytime by simply logging in.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick

and in need of your prayers: Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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