

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, April 17

Church Office is closed. No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, April 18

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

6:30 pm – RCIA

Wednesday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 22-

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Fair Trade Coffee Sale

Sunday, April 23

9:15 am – Confirmation Prep and Rehearsal

Fair Trade Coffee Sale after Masses



Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

May you have a Blessed and Happy Easter!
Fr. Steve and the St. John Fisher Parish Staff

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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Kroger has listened to feedback provided to them by their customers and as of April 1, 2017, you will no longer have to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for St. John Fisher! You simply need to select the parish once and you're done. If you have not already done so, please log in to or create your Kroger Plus Card account by visiting krogercommunityrewards.com, find and select St. John Fisher (organization #80718) and click "Enroll." It's that simple! The parish name will then appear at the bottom of your Kroger receipts as long as you have entered your Plus Card number at checkout. This is an EASY way to earn money for the parish, so please sign up today. Feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

EASTERTIDE VESPERS & CHORAL CONCERT

Solemn Easter Vespers will be held on the second Sunday of Easter, **April 23, at 7:00 pm** in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Easter Vespers (Evening Prayer) includes the singing of hymns, psalms and canticles with choir and brass and will include a performance of *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, sung by the Athenaeum Chorale. All are welcome and invited to attend.

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. (561-9431ext 116) We hope you will be able to join us for the celebration. (The *actual date of the founding is May 11, 1947*)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Representatives of the Archbishop Moeller Knights of Columbus will be at our church doors after all Masses the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd conducting their annual fund drive for the benefit of God's Special Children. Local organizations which are supported by this campaign are: Catholic Residential Services, Autism Society, Camp Stepping Stones and Hamilton County Special Olympics. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ARCHDIOCESAN LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

Grow in wisdom, knowledge and skills through spiritual formation and courses in theology and pastoral studies. The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is sponsored by the archdiocese and equips men and women to serve families, communities and workplaces more effectively. We offer both graduate and non-degreed options with classes beginning in August 2017 at the main campus in Mt. Washington and at Good Shepherd in Montgomery. Isn't it time to discover how lay formation can transform your faith life? Call 513-231-1200 for information or to set up an interview.

WELCOME!

Whether you are here for the first time, or it has been a while since you have worshipped with us, we want you to know that we value your presence in our community! If you are not Catholic, or have been away from the church, and would like more information about St. John Fisher Parish, please call Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431x113. If you are already a member and would like to explore ways in which you can become involved, please visit our newly designed website at sjfchurch.org to discover the many liturgical, social and outreach opportunities available. On the home page you may sign up for our new e-newsletter and there is a list of contacts under the "ministries" tab. We are excited to be able to share the many opportunities available to reconnect with your faith!

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

SERVER SCHEDULE
April 22nd and 23rd

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria & Michael Taylor
Sunday, 9:00 am – Mac Castellini, Lauren Sayre, Need 1 volunteer please
Sunday, 11:00 am – Arlyn Scott, Mary Forte, Madeline Fisher

FISHES AND LOAVES HELPERS NEEDED

There are many times when 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 232-4350. We need additional helpers to meet our community's needs. Thank you!

RICE BOWL COLLECTION FOR PARISH CHILDREN ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

Our contributions during Lent through prayers, donations and increased understanding help us to be ready to encounter the risen Christ. We prayed, fasted and gave alms – and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS rice bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space at St. John Fisher by April 23rd.

MARCH 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$34,960
Electronic giving - \$10,075
Actual Offertory Received - \$34,960
Budgeted Offertory - \$36,000

Thank you for your wonderful response to our 2017 Offertory Commitment efforts! As of March 31st we have received commitments from 115 parish families who have agreed to increase their giving level by a total of \$41,028. 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! This is very encouraging, but we would still very much appreciate hearing from those parish families who have not yet responded. Your prayerful consideration of a 5-10% increase in your offertory giving, particularly if you are not a regular contributor, is very much appreciated. As we are sure you understand, our parish expense 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, April 17

No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, April 18

8:00 am – Paul Stikel

Wednesday, April 19

8:00 am – Robert Yeager (Patty & Dennis Murray)

Thursday, April 20

7:00 pm – Edward Kelley (Ann Kelley)

Friday, April 21

12:00 noon – Communion Service

Saturday, April 22

4:30pm – Tom Rohling (Ted & Mary Ann Rohling)

Sunday, April 23

9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

11:00 am – William Smallwood (Bonnie Conley)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome two new families to St. John Fisher;

Megan Layton and her children Hannah, Emma and Maire and Joe and Carrie Rufner and their children Brett and Katie.

FORMED – EASTER AND THE PASCAL MYSTERY

“The Pascal Mystery” is a phrase we hear and use in the Mass and sacramental rites, but do we understand what it means in the greater story of salvation? How could a mere carpenter forgive sins, heal the sick, and raise the dead? Who was the first-century laborer who changed the whole course of history – of eternity? Follow the incredible and breathtaking journey through the streets of Jerusalem to Calvary and the tomb, to the resurrection and Pentecost in the Symbolon series of videos on the FORMED website; it is available free to our parishioners. The Pascal Mystery is Part 1, Episode 6 of the Symbolon series. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You should see the registration box for parishioners. Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now create a username and 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:

Connie Baur, Marilyn Dillon, Carol Donahue, Joe Frede, 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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