

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • JULY 23, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, July 24 –

8:30 – Summer Religious Ed begins

Saturday, July 29

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship



Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THE SRE TEACHER'S BREAKFAST!

The sign-up sheets are almost full! There are just a few items we still need for our teacher breakfasts. This is much appreciated by our teaching staff. Please sign-up today! Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS OF 2ND AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS (2017-2018 School Year)

While the Summer Religious Education program takes the place of a school year religious education program, it is important to note that **Sacramental Preparation for Second Grade (First Reconciliation and First Eucharist) and Eighth Grade (Confirmation) also includes a Sunday morning component during the school year** (roughly October/November through March). The children will receive their grade level formation during the summer program (July 24 - August 4), and the sacramental preparation takes place during the Sunday morning sessions. Both components are required. For more information, please contact Jim Crosby at 561-9431 ext. 113 or jjmc@sjfchurch.org.

FR. STEVE'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Fr. Steve Walter is officially retired as of June 30th, but he will continue to celebrate Mass with us through July until Fr. Del Staigers returns from his sabbatical. In honor of Fr. Steve's service to our parish, we have planned a retirement party immediately following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, August 6th. The party, which will include sandwiches, a variety of side dishes and your favorite items from our fabulous hospitality team, will be held in Pater Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend on August 6th to show your appreciation to Fr. Steve for his dedicated ministry to the St. John Fisher Community.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC

Our annual parish picnic will be on Sunday, October 15th at 4:00 pm. It takes many volunteers to make this a fun event for our community, so please consider helping out! Contact Amy Castellini at amy.castellini@fuse.net.

SCHEDULE CHANGE DURING SUMMER RELIGIOUS ED

There will be no noon Mass on Monday, July 24th or July 31st due to SRE. Likewise there will be no Communion Service on Friday July 28th or Friday August 4th. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration the two weeks of Summer Religious Ed, July 26th and August 2nd. But please feel free to join our SRE students for Mass with Bishop Binzer at 11:30 am on August 2nd.

NEWTOWN 5K – AUGUST 12 (3 weeks away)

Dozens have already signed up to help make the 35th Newtown 5K Walk/Run a success! We need 60+ volunteers, so there is room for you too! N5K sign-up sheets are in the transition area. Your support, prayers & participation help this event build a stronger community, and is a great way to meet and work with other parishioners. T-shirts to wear and posters to place around town will be available soon to advertise the race in July, on bike and walking trails, shopping, etc. Now is the time to register to participate and/or volunteer!

One change this year: packet pickup on Thursday and Friday before the race (Aug. 10 & 11) will be at Buckeye Running Co. on Beechmont Ave.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact the 5K Race Committee thru Rob Tracy at tracy1961@gmail.com.

Thanks for the early volunteer sign-ups! Join us!

HOSPITALITY NEWS

Due to parish scheduling, there will be no hospitality the month of July. See you August 6th.

CAR OR CASH RAFFLE

St. John Fisher's Third Annual Car or Cash Raffle will take place from September 9th to October 15th. The drawing will be at our parish picnic. If you are interested in helping with this parish fund raiser please contact Marty Rauen at mmrauen@gmail.com or 513-232-4350. We need some additional energetic parish members to serve on our committee. Thank you

GIFT BEARER MINISTRY

Have you ever considered being a part of our Liturgical Ministry Team? We need several individuals or families who are willing to bring up the gifts during mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sundays at either 9:00 am or 11:00 am. This is an opportunity to become more fully involved in our community and it is very easy! Please call Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431, extension 113 or email him at jjmc@sjfchurch.org for more information.

LUNCH AND MOVIE!

The Forever 50 Group is sponsoring a lunch and movie afternoon on Thursday, August 10th! Come join us at noon in Pater Hall for lunch and then view "Leap Year" in our "undercroft theatre"! Cost is \$10 per person. See the poster in the gathering space to sign up for lunch and reserve your ticket for the movie! Deadline is August 5th.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

July 29th and 30th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Olivia Walsh, Maria Taylor

Sunday, 9:00 am – Mac Castellini, Please volunteer – we need 2 more servers

Sunday, 11:00 am – Noah Wadell, please volunteer – we need 2 more servers

INTER PARISH MINISTRY STOMP OUT HUNGER 5K RACE

Lace up your track shoes! The 8th annual Stomp Out Hunger 5K race is set for Saturday, July 29th from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Proceeds from the race will help Inter Parish Ministry fill their shelves and beat summer childhood hunger. STOMP is a family friendly race that even welcomes dogs and begins and ends at Armstrong Chapel on Drake Road in Indian Hill. Registration opens at 7:30 am pre-register is \$30 with t-shirt and \$15 for race only. Day of race cost is \$35 with t-shirt and \$20 for race only. Register online at www.registrationspot.com.

TUITION REDUCTION AT THE ATHENAEUM

50% tuition reduction for lay students: the Athenaeum of Ohio is the school of theology and ministry training for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, offering graduate and non-degree programs in theology, Pastoral Ministry, Catholic Studies and Biblical Studies. Take a course of interest or work toward a degree or certificate. Locations include the main campus in Mt. Washington, and satellite locations for the non-degree certificate in Montgomery and McCartyville. Daytime, evening and Saturday classes fit into busy adult schedules. For more information call the dean's office, 513-231-2223 or Lay Ministry office, 513-231-1200 or visit www.athenaeum.edu. Classes begin in late August with registration now ongoing.

OFFERTORY JUNE 2017

Weekly Offertory - \$33,589

Electronic Giving - \$9,605

Actual Offertory Received - \$43,194

Budgeted Offertory - \$36,000

We ended our fiscal year on a high note as far as our offertory collection goes, having exceeded our budget for the second month in a row. This is 100% attributable to your generosity, for which we are very grateful. As we continue moving through the summer months when weekend Mass attendance is lower than usual, please remember to continue supporting our offertory collection here at St. John Fisher. You've heard it before, but electronic giving is always an easy option; as an alternative, you can also donate stock to the parish as your offertory gift (please contact the parish office if you are interested in either option). A financial annual report will be published in the bulletin in the next few months. Thank you again very much for your generosity!

Monday, July 24 No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, July 25

8:00 am – Antonio & Celia Mello (Donna Mack)

Wednesday, July 26

8:00 am – Intentions of Scott Behrens (Amy Castellini)

Thursday, July 27

8:00 am – Connie Zimmerman (Mike, Kathy, Ro & Marty)

Friday, July 28 No Communion Service

Saturday, July 29

4:30 pm – Caleb Fairley (Lee & Nancy Murrell)

Sunday, July 30

9:00 am – Edna Baldwin (Lee & Nancy Murrell)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

HOTEL TOILETRY COLLECTION

We are once again accepting donations of hotel toiletry items collected during your summer travels. This year we will be splitting the donations between Tender Mercies and Bethany House. Both organizations support the homeless population in the city of Cincinnati. A container marked "Hotel Toiletry Collection" is located in the gathering space through Labor Day weekend. Thank you!!

NEW ON FORMED: BROTHER FRANCIS: THE MASS

Come with Brother Francis as he celebrates the life-changing power of the Mass in this inspirational and instructive presentation! This episode includes: 1) "The Celebration of the Mass": an animated representation of what happens during the Mass and our encounter with Jesus as we celebrate this wonderful gift of God, 2) "With a Heart of Praise": a moving prayer-song that expresses our gratitude to God and 3) "The Parable of the Publican and the Sinner": a moving, animated depiction of Jesus' teaching on humility and forgiveness. Rich in instruction and inspiration, *Brother Francis: The Mass* is a unique way of helping children experience the presence of Christ as they attend Mass.

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 for free. 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: Marilyn Dillon, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Fr. Giles Pater, Len Perry, Audrey Rapien, Mary Roberts, Bob and Dolores Rolfes, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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