

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • AUGUST 13, 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 15 – Feast of the Assumption – Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am – Mass for Holy Day

6:15 pm – Mass for Holy Day

Tuesdays @ 10

6:00 pm - Social Action meeting

Wednesday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 19

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, August 20

12 Noon server training



Readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

NEW SERVER TRAINING

New server training will be on Sunday, August 20th after the 11 am Mass. If your child is entering in the 5th grade or higher, please contact Sharon Scott at sascott@fuse.net or 513-232-2044. Training will take about an hour and 15 minutes and will be "hands on" training. If you have a child that is of age, please talk to them about volunteering for this very important ministry.

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 receive their grade level formation during the summer program, 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 jimc@sjfchurch.org.

RECTORY REMODELING PROJECT

The rectory remodeling project is complete and Father David has unpacked and settled in. While we received discounted pricing from many of the vendors we used during the renovations, we would like to give special recognition to the Lowe's in Withamsville. Prior to starting the project we reached out to them to see if they would be willing to help us out since we are a non-profit organization and the store manager didn't hesitate to say yes. Thanks to their generosity we saved over \$800 on the items we needed for the remodel. We very much appreciate their kindness!

DEAR PARISHIONERS

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." These are the words of Jesus to his frightened disciples in the gospel we hear this weekend. Peter, in particular, is filled with fear as he walks on water - and then doesn't. The faith that you and I share gives us with courage to face all of the challenges and difficulties of life, no matter how daunting they may seem to us.

The Scottish philosopher John Macmurray contrasts "illusory" religion with "real religion."

The maxim of illusory religion is: "Fear not; trust in God and He will see that none of the things you fear will happen to you."

Real religion, says Macmurray, has a different maxim: Fear not; the things that you are afraid of are quite likely to happen to you, but they are nothing to be afraid of.

"Macmurray's observation challenges us to understand our fears in an entirely new way.

As we face the challenges in the coming week, may we observe the grace of real religion when God gives us courage to follow his invitation – even if it includes walking on water.

Have a blest week.

Fr. Del

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, ext.113 or email jimc@sjfchurch.org for more information.

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

FR. STEVE PARTY !

Thank you to Pastoral Council and our Hospitality ladies for the great party on Sunday to celebrate Fr. Steve's retirement. The food was scrumptious and the atmosphere was exciting.

Fr. Steve was hardly able to get his food eaten for all the well-wishers surrounding him.

It was a great party! Thank you for coming.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE
August 19th and 20th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Michael & Maria Taylor
Sunday, 9:00 am – Noah Wadell, Mac Castellini,
We need 1 more server, please volunteer
Sunday, 11:00 am – Arlyn Scott, Francesca Damiano,
Alexis Weaver

Day, Mass Time	St. John Fisher	St. Veronica
Aug. 19, 4:00 pm		Fr. Del
Aug. 19, 4:30 pm	Fr. David	
Aug. 20, 8:00 am		Fr. David
Aug. 20, 9:00 am	Fr. Del	
Aug. 20, 9:30 am		Fr. Pat
Aug. 20, 11:00 am	Fr. Del	
Aug. 20, 11:30 am		Fr. Pat

CAREGIVER RESOURCE GROUP

You are a caregiver whether you devote as little as 5 minutes a week or as much as 24 hours a day to providing or supervising the care for a loved one who is disabled, frail, or elderly. Meet others who share your experience to discuss topics like maintaining balance as a caregiver, solving caregiving problems, the guilt/stress of caregiving, and learning to care for yourself. There are groups in your area at Immaculate Heart of Mary (meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 pm), the Deupree House (meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 pm) and the Barrington of Oakley (meets the 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm). These groups are free and open to the public and are here for you! Please call the Caregiver CAREline at 513-869-4483 or visit www.ccswoh.org/caregivers for more information.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING IN ANYWAY?

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then please consider Retrouvaille – a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins September 8, 9,10, 2017. For more information call 800-470-2230 or internet address is Retrouvaille.org. Other weekends and locations are available – call for details

JULY 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$31,261
Electronic Giving - \$10,735
Actual Offertory Received - \$41,996
Budgeted Offertory - \$45,000

During the summer months, busy schedules and vacations often keep our parishioners away from St. John Fisher. Please remember that our electronic giving program allows your donation to be put to good use even while you are not here. It also costs the church less than check processing, it's easy, and you can change the terms at any time. **We would love to include you as one of the dozens of families who have selected this method of giving!** To sign up, please call the parish office at 513-561-9431 x 115.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 14

12 noon – George & Clara Rosen (Mohr Family)

Tuesday, August 15

8:00 am – Janet Leonard (Elaine Leonard)

6:15 pm – Edna Baldwin (Robert Mairose)

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

8:00 am – George & Clara Rosen (Mohr Family)

Friday, August 18

12 noon – Communion Service

Saturday, August 19

4:30 pm – Meghan Mahoney Murphy (Mike & Kay Hohner Stefanics)

Sunday, August 20

9:00 am – Intentions of Catie Castellini on her Birthday (Mom, Dad & Mac)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

HOTEL TOILETRY COLLECTION

We are once again accepting donations of hotel toiletry items. This year the donations split between Tender Mercies and Bethany House. Both organizations support the homeless population in the city of Cincinnati. A container is located in the gathering space.

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Marilyn Dillon,

Jeannie Koepfer, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Fr. Giles Pater, Len Perry, Audrey Rapien, Bob and Dolores Rolfes, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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